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SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

The question discussed at the Central Council meeting with regard to ringing for the Sunday services was emphasised at the Winchester Guild meeting on Saturday, when the Master asked the members to keep the resolution of the Council before them as an ideal. It is difficult to imagine that any ringer with a true love of the art could overlook the fact that his first service should be to the Church. The primary object of church bells, in whatever numbers they are hung, is to call people to worship, and it is to fulfil this purpose that ringers hold their office. We all rejoice at the increasing recognition which is given by those in authority to ringers as church workers, a recognition which has only become general in recent years, through the efforts of the associations. At the same time, however, there is a duty upon the ringers to see that the bells duly take their place in the service of the church. We are convinced that in these days it is only quite a small minority of ringers who fail to appreciate the first call which the bells should have upon them, but while that few remain it is the duty of those who seek to uphold the dignity of the ringer's office, to lose no opportunity of impressing the correct view upon those who for the moment fail to see it. As one speaker at Winchester aptly put it, give Sunday ringing its proper place, and then, if in the week bells can be got for the pleasure of the ringers, they will be justified in getting all the enjoyment they can out of them. This is an eminently sensible view to take. Most ringers gladly give their services in ringing the bells on Sundays, and when they do so they are entitled in return to ring occasional peals for their own interest. That is happily the condition now prevailing in most places, and its absence generally betokens a selfishness on one side or other, either on the part of the ringers who neglect the Sunday work, or on the part of the incumbent who cares nothing so long as the congregation are summoned to worship. Ringers should give of their best when ringing for services. It is a mistake, as the Rev. H. A. Cockey pointed out at the Central Council meeting, to look upon these occasions as merely opportunities for further practice. As a matter of fact those companies who meet and ring regularly on Sundays are generally the best and most useful units of an association. Regular Sunday ringing usually means regular practice nights and a regular attendance, without which progress cannot be made. Thus it is that while furthering the object for which the bells are erected, ringers will also be advancing their own interests if they put their Sunday ringing first.

This is a matter which must not be lost sight of and ringers can do much to maintain their status by keeping the ideal before them.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret, Westminster,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5081 CHANGES;
Tenor 26 cwt.

*Frederick Davis ...	...*Treble*	Frank I. Hairs ...	... 6
Frederick G. Perrin ...	2	Frank Bennett ...	... 7
Alfred Grimes ...	... 3	Ernest Brett ...	 8
Arthur N. Hardy ...	... 4	James E. Davis ...	... 9
Walter G. Matthews ...	5	Samuel Southby ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by James E. Davis.
* First peal in method.

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At Charles' Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

*William Hooper ...	...*Treble*	Walter H. Marsh...	... 6
*Warren Hornbrook ...	2	Ernest W. Marsh ...	... 7
Joseph Woodley ...	... 3	George R. Stroud...	... 8
Arthur F. Shepherd ...	4	William Ford...	 9
Reginald A. Dobson ...	5	Francis Purse ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. Haley, and
Conducted by Ernest W. Marsh.
* First peal on ten bells. Arranged for A. F. Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.
On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Fred G. May ...	...*Treble*	William White ...	... 6
Charles Perry...	 2	Gilbert Wiltshire ...	7
Albert Storbell ...	... 3	Alfred E. Reeves...	... 8
Fredk. W. Wade ...	... 4	Henry Howell ...	... 9
Norris Way ...	 5	Isaac Long ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Fred G. May.
This peal was rung on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties, King George V and Queen Mary, to Bristol, to open the new wing of the Bristol Royal Infirmary.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael, Garston,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

J. William Rawlinson ...	...*Treble*	George R. Newton ...	5
John Allen ...	 2	George Woodhall ...	6
*Thomas Jennion ...	... 3	John Turner ...	... 7
Henry Fyles ...	 4	Edward Caunce ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and
Conducted by George R. Newton.
* First peal in the method. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. Robert Singlehurst, a great benefactor to the above Church.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Robert H. Hayward ...	...*Treble*	Frederick J. Howchin ...	5
Charles E. Borrett ...	2	Albert Rought ...	... 6
George Howchin ...	... 3	Benjamin S. Thompson...	7
Bertie J. Howchin ...	... 4	Albert G. Warnes ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and
Conducted by Albert G. Warnes.
Rung on the Gabriel ring of eight.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Robert E. Stavert ...	...*Treble*	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	5
Thomas L. Simmons ...	... 2	William Hewitt ...	... 6
Frank T. Martin ...	... 3	Christopher Murray ...	7
Bertram Prewett ...	... 4	Walter B. Bennett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Bertram Prewett.
Arranged for C. Murray who hails from Dublin.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

Walter Prior ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Watts...	... 5
William Watts ...	... 2	Thomas Jordan...	... 6
George Jordan ...	... 3	William T. Prior ...	7
Frank M. Butler ...	... 4	Arthur Jordan ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank M. Butler.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*Thomas Hill ...	...*Treble*	George Smith ...	... 5
*Edgar T. Smith ...	2	*Edwin J. Tyler ...	6
George Hughes ...	... 3	William Fisher ...	7
*George Peate ...	... 4	Thomas J. Elton ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and
Conducted by George Hughes.
* First peal of Double Norwich. First peal of Double Norwich on the bells. Mr. George Smith was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Tom Wilson ...	...*Treble*	William E. Wilson ...	5
Emmanuel Duteson...	... 2	John Watson ...	... 6
William Briggs ...	... 3	*Arthur Tomlinson...	... 7
Frederick Hindle ...	... 4	James Ashton ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Tomlinson.
* First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Wilson, and Samuel Tomlinson, father of the conductor.

WORCESTER.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Helen,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 18¾ cwt.

Ernest E. Barber ...	...*Treble*	Joseph Brettell ...	... 5
§Abraham Winterton ...	2	William C. Jones ...	... 6
*George Hinton ...	... 3	William Page...	 7
*Albert Hill ...	 4	*William H. Johnson ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. Reeves, and
Conducted by W. Page.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal of Treble Bob Major in Worcester for 48 years, the last known record being Feb. 7, 1864.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 18¾ cwt., in E.

*WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD	*Treble*	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ERNEST WHITING	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	3	GEORGE POINTZ	7
JAMES MOTTS	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal in the method upon the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	*Treble*	THOMAS HORTON	5
JOSEPH WOOLLEY	2	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
HARRY WHITTLE	3	FRANK JOHNSON	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	H. ROBERT COBBIN	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to Mr. Neville Widdowson. S. Wesley's 200th peal.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

THOMAS J. BARKER	*Treble*	SYDNEY CARTER	5
*ALBERT A. HUGHES	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	*JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
GEORGE SPENCER	4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

BAMPTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK BRANCH.)
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

NOBLE SPINDLOW	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	5
ALBERT BROOKS	2	JOHN MONK	6
ERNEST BROWN	3	JOSEPH GARDNER	7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	4	JOHN TANNER	*Tenor*

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Gardner and Tanner.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS MACFARLANE	*Treble*	JOHN G. HALL	5
GEORGE W. ATKINSON	2	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE	6
†WILLIAM LETTY	3	WILLIAM J. JACKSON	7
WILLIAM HOLMES	4	THOMAS METCALFE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN G. HALL.

* First peal and first attempt. It is only twelve weeks since T. Macfarlane first commenced to pull a bell. † First peal on an inside bell.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, KINGSDOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM H. WERRETT	*Treble*	HENRY HOWELL	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	*HENRY B. BURT	6
FRED G. MAY	3	ISAAC LONG	7
FREDK. W. WADE	4	*FREDK. PEPWORTH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal in any method. Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. F. Glanville, who had been away to recuperate his health.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
*JOHN CAPP	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung on the Patronal Festival. Messrs. Grimes, Hewett, Hairs and Pike were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT BISHOP RYDER'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

S. COLEY	*Treble*	J. T. PERRY	5
G. A. TAYLOR	2	†A. T. SCRIVENS	6
J. B. COLLETT	3	W. G. ELLIS	7
W. F. WEBB	4	*T. PEARCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. T. SCRIVENS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor, and to whom this peal was rung as a birthday compliment. T. Pearce was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

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

Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs., in E.

BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	*Treble*	ALBERT G. WARNES	5
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	7
ALFRED FUNNELL	4	WILLIAM STEELE	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM CLOVER	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROSE	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	3	ALBERT G. WARNES	7
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

WALTHAMSTOW, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE B. LUCAS, Junr.	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr.	2	GEORGE DENT	6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON	3	GEORGE A. CARD	7
GEORGE H. JAYE	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by GEORGE CONYARD, and Conducted by G. R. PYE.

HUNSDON, HERTS.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE A. BLACK	*Treble*	GEORGE FAULKNER	5
GEORGE RADEY	2	GEORGE DENT	6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON	3	GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr.	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	GEORGE CARTER	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

This peal and the peal of Double Norwich at Walthamstow were rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. G. B. Lucas, Senr., G. R. Pye, G. A. Black and G. Carter.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN	*Treble*	ALPHAEUS BERRY	4
*ERNEST F. POPPY	2	LEONARD LAST	5
*WALTER LAST	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal of Minor.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, College Exercise, Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ROBERT C. CLIFFORD	*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY	4
WALTER J. HORTON	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

BISHOPS CASTLE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, June 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

*CHARLES MINTON	*Treble*	HARRY HALL	4
*EMMANUEL BEDDOES	2	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	*CHARLES DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. C. Minton and E. Beddoes belong to the local band. First peal on the bells, which have been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. The "go" is splendid.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*EDWARD PUGH	*Treble*	J. P. HYETT	4
†JOHN N. VIZOR	2	EDGAR R. JONES	5
LEONARD LEWIS	3	THOMAS TURNER	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. JONES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal as conductor. Rung to commemorate the first visit of King George and Queen Mary to South Wales.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, June 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS	*Treble*	FRED BRACE	4
THOMAS J. SALTER	2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE DUFFIELD	*Treble*	GEORGE PIGGINS	4
STANLEY ANDREWS	2	HORACE BANHAM	5
THOMAS HAINES	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

First 5,040 by the ringers of 1, 2 and 4, and first on tower bells by all. R. Narborough's first peal as conductor. This is believed to be the first peal ever rung on these bells, which have lately been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough, the "go" being excellent. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Haines. S. Andrews was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, June 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, New London Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*JOSEPH ROOTE	*Treble*	†HENRY W. KIRTON	4
PERCY LETCH	2	WILLIAM ALLEN	5
JOHN WOOD	3	ARTHUR EDWARDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Kirton.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Friday, June 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

HORACE W. FOULGER	*Treble*	OLIVER BULLMAN	4
FRANK J. LEVITT	2	FREDERICK DEWELL	5
R. WILDING	3	CHARLES WOODCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. FOULGER.

BLO NORTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

FRED CHAPLIN	*Treble*	SOLOMON MOULE	4
FRED SALTER	2	WILLIAM MEARS	5
ALFRED MACRO	3	SIDNEY ANNISON	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. ANNISON.
First peal as conductor.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
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. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH... ...	*Treble*	ALFRED SOUTH	4
HAROLD FINCH	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	5
FRED WHITE	3	FRED CHALK	*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.
Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. E. A. Fitch, J.P., who had been churchwarden of the above church since 1874.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise and Woodbine, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

CHARLES NUNN	*Treble*	ALPHÆUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	ARTHUR BAILEY	5
GEORGE BAILEY	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Monday, July 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kent, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, Woodbine, College Exercise and Oxford. Tenor 8¼ cwt.

ALBERT HILLS	*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	4
JOHN AKEHURST	2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ...	5
PERCY F. WELLER	3	ALBERT ELLIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT ELLIS.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)
On Monday, July 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Single Oxford, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 15 cwt.

H. V. FLETCHER	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. FARR	4
REV. C. J. STURTON	2	GEORGE R. TRUSS ...	5
JOHN B. HALLIFAX	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.
Rung to celebrate the recovery of J. B. Hallifax from the accident which befel him in February last.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, June 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S ODD-BOB ONE-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: T. W. and S. RADFORD, and W. E. MAULDEN.
This is the first time this composition has been rung by the Winchester Guild and in Surrey. All the bobs and course ends were checked by the umpires.

ENFIELD.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION.

WILBY J. HAZELL ...	1—2	MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	JAMES PARKER...	7—8

Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.
Umpire, WALTER J. BOWDEN.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Wiveliscombe, on June 22nd, was Robert Scott, and not Herbert, as printed.

AN INQUIRY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I ask through your columns if No. 12 4th's place Delight Minor Method in the 'Collection of Legitimate Methods" has been rung and named? If not, a band who rang it last Saturday would call it "Didsbury" from the place at which it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

June 28th, 1912. A. T. BEESTON.

FROM STEDMAN CINQUES TO DOUBLES.

It has been argued, we believe, that a man who can ring Stedman Triples can ring Stedman Cinques. Be that as it may, it sounds a bit queer to learn of regular Stedman Cinques ringers getting into difficulties over Stedman Doubles. Yet that is what occurred at Shirley. The incident happened during a "missionary" outing by some members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. Mid-week excursions of this kind have just been inaugurated, and at Shirley the visitors found a nice peal of five with tenor just over 6 cwt. After the bells had been raised, Mr. W. Short was installed as ringing master, and two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles were rung to the delight of the local men. "Then," writes our correspondent, "'go, Stedman,' was called by the conductor. 'Wait, a bit Bill,' said the Cinques men, 'What about this single?' After explanations by the worthy Bill, off we went, but oh! that single. We did manage a couple of 120's, but we hope to do better another time. Here let me extend my sympathy to the five-bell ringer, and add the opinion that a peal of 5040 on five deserves as many points as a peal of Cinques."

After a touch with the local men, the visitors (Messrs. Short, Walker, Shepherd, Neal and Russam) made tracks for home, well pleased with the outing, which they hope to be the first of many to neighbouring towers. They wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness. By-the-way, there is no truth in the statement that a five-bell band intend visiting St. Martin's on a missionary tour to instruct some of the Cinques ringers in Stedman Doubles.

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PRESENTATION TO A LANCASHIRE SECRETARY.

MR. G. MARIES' WORK RECOGNISED.

The monthly meeting of the Fylde District Branch of the Lancashire Association took place at Singleton, near Poulton-le-Fylde, on Saturday week. Singleton is usually called the garden village of the Fylde, and is situate inland, about four miles distant from Blackpool. The bells of the Parish Church were placed at the disposal of the members, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. C. Strange), who has recently been appointed to the living, which was rendered vacant by the death of the Rev. L. C. Wood, who passed away at the ripe age of 93 years. The bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, London, were kept going during the afternoon by members and friends from St. John's, Blackpool; the R.C. Church of the Sacred Heart, Blackpool; South Shore Parish Church, St. Annes-on-the-Sea; Lytham, and Singleton.—Tea was served at the house of Mr. Fisher, about sixteen sitting down to an excellent repast. The Vicar of Singleton presided, and also took the chair at the subsequent meeting which was held in the garden. The Vicar extended a very hearty welcome to all, and in the course of his remarks, contrasted the present day belfries with those in days gone by, when the belfry was not considered as being part of the church.

It was decided to postpone another peal attempt until September.—The Rev. C. Strange was enrolled an honorary member, and Mr. Frank Hill, of South Shore, a performing member.

At the conclusion of the business, the Chairman announced that he had a very pleasant duty to perform, viz., on behalf of the clergy and ringers of the Fylde branch, to present to Mr. George Maries, the branch secretary, a 400-day timepiece, as a token of respect and esteem, for his labours as committeeman for 20 years and as secretary for seven years. In making the presentation, he expressed the hope that when looking at it, it would be to Mr. Maries a reminder of that day's event, and of the many happy hours which he was sure the ringers of the Fylde branch had spent together, at the monthly meetings and on other occasions.—Mr. Maries, in acknowledging the gift, said he was somewhat taken by surprise, but thanked the Vicar for the kind remarks that had been made, and the clergy and ringers of the Fylde branch for the gift of the beautiful timepiece. His work in connection with the branch had been to him a labour of love, and he was thankful that he had given satisfaction to all.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and for the use of the bells. The ringers afterwards returned to the belfry, where a 720 of Kent Treble Bob brought one of the best meetings of the branch to a close. The bells are a nice light ring of six, and all the ringers expressed their satisfaction with the "go," etc., and with the work carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel foundry.

NORTHIAM BELL RESTORATION FUND.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

A further sign of the activity being displayed in order to secure sufficient funds to restore the peal of six at the Church of St. Mary, Northiam, East Sussex, was in evidence on Wednesday evening in last week, Col. E. Frewen, C.B., D.L., J.P., C.C., having kindly granted permission for a promenade concert to take place in the picturesque grounds of his Elizabethan mansion, Brickwall Place. This historic house was visited by "Good Queen Bess," who, by accident or design, left behind her a pair of shoes, which are in the mansion at the present day. The arrangements for the concert were in the capable hands of Mr. G. A. Wenban, the organist at Beckley Church, and the proceedings commenced with several selections by that gentleman's Silver Star Band. In addition to those selections, a long and attractive programme was presented. The band took a prominent part, and all the items, both vocal and instrumental, were much enjoyed. Among those who contributed were a group of the Northiam Church Sunday School children, who were sweetly attired, and carried baskets of roses. They sang the flower girls' song, "Who'll buy my roses," and subsequently sold the flowers, the proceeds going towards the funds A tug-of-war took place between the Brede and Northiam ringers, the former being victorious. Col. Frewen acted as referee.—Mr. G. A. Wenban moved a vote of thanks to the colonel for placing his grounds at their disposal; to those who had contributed to the programme, and to the general public for their patronage.—Cheers were given for Col. and Mrs. Frewen.—The Colonel briefly replied, and thanked Mr. Wenban for arranging the concert.—The undertaking was a great success, and the profits must have amounted to a good round sum.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT COLLINGHAM.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Collingham, on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Holbeck, Headingley, Rothwell, Shipley, and Tadcaster, and the local company. Touches were rung on the bells in the afternoon and evening by the visitors.—The business meeting was presided over by the President.—Mr. A. Sharman, of Headingley, was elected a member of the society, and the arrangements for a peal attempt at Calverley on July 27th were left in the secretary's hands.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Collingham, and to the local company, was carried, on the motion of Mr. G. A. Jowett, and seconded by Mr. A. Sharman. The tower bells and handbells were afterwards utilised.

RUTLAND COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT BELTON.

The quarterly meeting of the above was held at Belton on Saturday, St. Peter's Day (Saint Peter being the Patron Saint of the Church) by invitation of the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. Pattison. The proceedings commenced early in the day with an attempt for a peal by the following band, who are also members of the M.C.A.: John Grocock, junr., 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, W. G. White 4, J. J. Jackson (conductor) 5, Alban Jarman 6. The peal, however, was unfortunately lost after an hour and forty minutes' good ringing, and during which 720 Oxford Treble Bob, two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Bob were successfully brought round.

A short service was held in the church at 4 o'clock, when the Rev. — Jones, of Riddington, gave a suitable address. There were ringers present from Oakham, Uppingham, Billesdon (Leicestershire), Ridlington, Preston and Braunston, in addition to the local band, and these, with friends, numbering altogether about 50, sat down to an excellent meat tea at the Vicarage, kindly provided by the Rev. G. J. and Mrs. Pattison.—After a smoke and a chat in the beautiful vicarage gardens a return was made to the church, and ringing continued until 8.30. During the day, touches of Bob Singles, Doubles and Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Double Court were brought round.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. and Mrs. Pattison, to whom the success of the meeting was entirely due, was proposed by Mr. G. H. Towell, Oakham, seconded by Mr. G. Wright, Uppingham, and heartily supported and endorsed by all,

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on Saturday week. There was an excellent muster from Ormskirk, Aughton, Walton, Standish Crossens, Southport, Crosby, Bootle, Sefton, Tuebrook, Wigan and Grassendale. Several of the ringers took a delightful stroll through the Rectory grounds, which were in excellent condition, whilst others were ringing on the tower bells.—A short service was held in the Church, the prayers being read by the Venerable Archdeacon Spooner, and an excellent address given by the Rev. C. Wright. The members were afterwards entertained to tea by the Archdeacon. The business meeting followed, the Archdeacon presiding, supported by the Rev. W. T. Bulpits, E. C. Collier, M. W. Larcombe, B. H. Watts, F. A. Bartlett, C. Wright, and several other honorary members. The Archdeacon gave the Guild a hearty welcome to Walton, and expressed regret at the absence of the warden, Canon Howson, and the treasurer (Mr. J. Martin), through indisposition.—The Rev. W. T. Bulpit and E. C. Collier also addressed the members.—Several new members were admitted, and the usual votes of thanks brought an excellent meeting to a close.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The seventh meeting of the year was held at the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Appledore, on Saturday. Representatives attended from Ashford, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower, and a good practice, consisting of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, was much enjoyed.—The President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), Vicar of Appledore, presided at the business meeting held in the belfry, and intoned a suitable prayer before the members discussed the items on the agenda.—It was decided that the annual outing of the Guild should take place at Eastbourne on the third Saturday in July.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) referred to the excellent financial condition of the Guild, and considered they could allow 2s. to each member attending the outing. He moved that allowance be made.—Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and it was agreed to.—It was also decided to attempt two peals of Grandsire Triples, one at Tenterden on Wednesday, 10th July, and the other at Appledore on the 13th July. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the President for presiding, also for granting the use of the bells that evening, and for the peal on the 13th inst.—The Vicar suitably responded, and several more short touches were rung, after which the bells were lowered in peal, and the proceedings concluded.—The Vicar readily consented, on being approached, to become an hon. member of the Kent Association, and his name will be submitted at the next meeting of the Ashford Division.

BISHOPS CASTLE BELLS REHUNG.

The ring of six bells at Bishops Castle, Shropshire, have been entirely rehung on modern principles, with steel headstocks, oak wheels, and all new fittings. The framework has been strengthened with new timber and long vertical bolts, and a massive steel girder has been placed under the centre of the floor which carries the bell frame. The work was placed in the hands of Mr. Alfred Bowell, bell founder, of Ipswich, who has completed the contract to everyone's satisfaction. On Sunday week the bells were opened with a peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles, recorded in another column. The peal was conducted by Mr. W. Short (instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild of Bellringers), and was the first ever rung on the bells. Mr. Bowell's patent for lubricating is an excellent appliance, and the ringers are greatly pleased with the easy and smooth running of the bells.

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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.
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—ST. PAUL'S, LONDON.

By J. R. Jerram.

Very little is known about the bells of old St. Paul's before the Great Fire of 1666. Stow, in his "Survey of London," mentions a fire caused by lightning which



The North-East Tower of St. Paul's Cathedral, which contains the famous peal of twelve.

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occurred June 4th, 1561, and destroyed the spire and bells. He also mentions a bell-house standing in the east end of the churchyard. He says that it contained four bells, and adds: "These were called Jesus' bells, and belonged to Jesus' chapel, but I know not by whose gift: the same (*i.e.*, the bell-house) had a great spire of timber covered with lead, with the image of St. Paul on the top, but was pulled down by Sir Miles Partridge, Knight, in the reign of Henry VIII. The common speech was that he did set a hundred pounds upon a cast at dice against it, and so won the said clochiard and bells of the king; and then causing the bells to be broken as they hung, the rest was pulled down. This man was afterwards executed on Tower Hill for matters concerning the Duke of Somerset, the 5th of Edward VI."

When the present Cathedral was completed after the Great Fire only one *service bell* was provided, and hung in the north-west tower, which I shall describe more fully later on. This bell did duty alone up to 1878, when the present peal of twelve was put up.

About the same time the old *Great-bell* was brought from Westminster to be hung in the south-west tower. But as it was passing under Temple Bar it fell off the trolley, and was so much damaged that it had to be recast. This was done by Philip Wightman. The old bell weighed 82cwt. 2qrs. 21lbs., and after recasting only 73cwt. 3qrs. 1lb. It was then inscribed as follows:—

TERCIVS APTAVIT ME REX EDWARDQVE VOCAVIT
SANCTI DECORE EDWARDI SIGNANTVR VT HORÆ.
MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN 1708
BROVGHT FROM
THE RVINES OF WESTMINSTER.

From this inscription it will be noticed that the original bell was given to Westminster Hall by Edward the Third for the clock to strike upon, and was dedicated to St. Edward. After being recast by Philip Wightman it proved such an abominably bad bell that Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel Foundry, was employed to recast it a second time. This he did, and it now weighs a little over five tons, and measures 6 feet 10½ inches in diameter, Note A. It is simply inscribed:—

RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME. 1716.

About the same time Phelps cast two quarter-jack bells for the clock, each of which is inscribed thus:—

RICHARD PHELPS MADE ME. 1717.

The smaller one weighs 13 cwt., being Note A, an octave above the Great Bell; and the larger one weighs 35 cwt. being Note D.

The old service bell in the north-west tower is 49½ inches in diameter, and weighs about 21 cwt. She still hangs there, above the present peal of twelve, and is used as a call-bell. The inscription on her is:—

MADE BY PHILIP WIGHTMAN. 1700.

The above were all the bells the Cathedral possessed till 1878.

In the year 1876 a proposal to have a heavy peal of twelve was considered. The Lord Mayor and Corporation promised to give the tenor, and several of the City Livery Companies, together with Baroness Burdett Coutts, the other bells. It ended in the work being entrusted to Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, who have certainly produced a magnificent peal of twelve with a tenor in B flat, 69 inches in diameter, and weighing 62 cwt. Considering that the founders were pestered with many critics and advisers, most of whom knew nothing about bell-founding, the work does them great credit. The inscriptions are as follows:—

On each bell except the tenor J. TAYLOR AND CO FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH. 1878. Also:—

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PETER ROLT ESQ: MASTER
UNTO GOD ONLY BE HONOUR AND GLORY
D X (Arms of Dean and Chapter). ▽ (Arms of Draper's Co.)

Second.

[The same as on the treble.]

Third.

PRESENTED BY BARONESS BURDETT COUTTS AND THE TURNERS' COMPANY
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BY FAITH I OBTEIGNE.
D X B[]C (Arms of Burdett Coutts). ▽ (Arms of Turners' Co.).

Fourth, Fifth and *Sixth.*

[The same as on the third.]

Seventh.

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SAL SAPIT OMNIA.
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ALL WORSHIP BE TO GOD ONLY
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MY TRUST IS IN GOD ALONE.
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D X ▽ (Arms of the Grocers' Co.).

Tenor.

J. TAYLOR AND CO FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH.
DOMINE DIRIGE NOS
D X (Arms of the Dean and Chapter). ▽ (Arms of City of London).
THIS TENOR BELL WAS PRESENTED BY THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF LONDON, THE RIGHT HON: W. J. R. COTTON, M.P., LORD MAYOR. SEPTR. 14th, 1876.

The bells were dedicated on All Saints' Day, November 1st, 1878, when a touch of Stedman Cinques, was rung by members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

In 1882 *Great Paul* was hung in the south-west tower. This bell, the heaviest in England, was brought from Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry at Loughborough to London by road, drawn by two traction engines; the railway companies having refused the responsibility of carriage by rail, and the diameter of the bell being too great for any ordinary railway truck, viz.: 9 feet 6¾ inches, the weight being nearly 17 tons. Note, lower E flat. It is inscribed as follows:—

JOHN TAYLOR AND CO, FOVNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH
MDCCCLXXXII D X (Arms of Dean and Chapter)
VÆ MIHI SI NON EVANGELISAVERO.

The bell is rung about half up for the last five minutes before service on Sundays and great festivals.

ODD CHANGES.

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The attempt for the 14,336 Bob Major on handbells at Norwich, unfortunately failed after only 3,000 changes had been rung.

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What a lot of Georges there are among ringers. "George" peals are not quite a novelty, but it is certainly unusual to have to record two in one week. They were scored on Saturday and Sunday, and twelve ringers took part in them. The Johns, who are also numerous, will have to look to their laurels. We hear they have an interesting performance in view.

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The King has subscribed £25 towards the restoration of the tower and bells of the ancient Portsmouth Church of St. Thomas à Becket. The church contains a peal of eight, tenor 27 cwt.

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Any ringer about to spend a holiday in the neighbourhood of Tenby should communicate with Mr. R. Jenkins, Trafalgar Street, Tenby, who will be glad to arrange for any ringing.

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Mr. H. R. Cobbin, of the St. Peter's company, Nottingham, an amateur swimmer of more than local fame, has just been elected to the committee of the Nottingham Forest Football Club.

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Recently, Mr. Sam Thomas, the popular conductor of the Ranmoor Society, Sheffield, lost his father, who passed away at the age of 78 years. Mr. Thomas, senr., had a record which it would be hard to beat. For something near 70 years he was a chorister at Wath-on-Dearne, and for over 50 years sexton and clerk, in addition to being conductor of a band of prize ringers in the '60's.

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At Cookham, Berks, where at present only "stony" is rung, Dr. Batchelor is endeavouring to get the local men to take up change ringing. Recently, to provide an object lesson, he invited a small party of Oxford Guild ringers to the tower. A 720 Plain Bob and other touches were rung, and the Cookham men enjoyed the ringing. The visitors, who included the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, and Messrs. Hibbert, G. Martin, A. Walker, C. Smith, J. Eldridge and L. W. Copsey, were entertained by Dr. Batchelor, and it is hoped that "the method" will now find its way into Cookham tower.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.—CHANGE OF SECRETARY.

"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

The annual festival of the Winchester Guild, at Winchester, on Saturday, brought together a representative gathering of ringers from all over the extensive diocese, which covers Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, and a large portion of Surrey. Members began to assemble during the morning, when ringing took place on the fine peal of ten (32 cwt. tenor). The Guildford contingent were early on the scene, having travelled the 40 odd miles between the county towns by motor. Among those who participated in the ringing were Miss Stilwell, the President's daughter, and Mr. John Heathorne, the Guild's oldest member, who is in his 89th year. The methods rung varied from Grandsire to London Surprise.

The business meeting was held at the Town Hall, the President (Mr. J. P. Stilwell) being in the chair, supported by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester). The last-named presented the balance sheet and report. The financial statement showed a balance in hand on the general fund of £57 8s. 1d.—an increase of £12 0s. 2d. on the year—and a credit balance of £22 5s. 2d. on the special purposes fund.

The report stated that the balance sheet showed that financially the year had been most satisfactory. The result of the new rule, that members attending annual district meetings receive 1s. for tea, could not be estimated until next year. There were now 52 life, 119 honorary, 905 ordinary, 160 compounding and unattached members in the Guild, making a grand total of over 1,230 members. The hon. secretary, on account of an increased amount of parish work, felt compelled to resign office, and offered his hearty thanks to all the officers and members of the Guild for their hearty co-operation which had made his work in the Guild easy and happy. The report of the Recorder of peals showed the good work that had been done in ringing in the past year. They had a right to be proud of their conductors, by whose genius they had attained the highest place in the ringing world in the past year. The number of peals rung was 123. — The report and balance sheet were adopted.



THE NEW SECRETARY OF THE GUILD—MR. G. WILLIAMS.

Mr. J. P. Stilwell was re-elected President, and the Rev. C. E. Matthews, Master.

REV. W. E. COLCHESTER'S RESIGNATION.

The Master, in explaining that it was necessary to make a change in the secretaryship, said their sincere thanks were due to Mr. Colchester for his past services (applause). They had had several secretaries during the foundation of the Guild, but he thought he might say that no secretary had filled the office more worthily or had taken more pains and trouble over the general work of the Guild than Mr. Colchester. The suggestion had been made that they should divide the offices of secretary and treasurer, and if they decided to do so Mr. Colchester was willing to continue to act as hon. treasurer (hear, hear).

The Rev. W. E. Colchester said he felt keenly giving up the secretaryship. He took up the work, knowing that there was something to be done, and he had tried to do what he could. The demands of his parish work were now so much increased that if he continued in the secretaryship he would have to neglect the work of the Guild, or leave undone some of the work in the parish. He also felt that they ought to have a secretary who could attend the district meetings, and as these were generally and rightly held on a Saturday, it would be difficult to get a clergyman to act as secretary, who could do this. With two sermons at least to preach on a Sunday, a clergyman needed a quiet Saturday to prepare for the next day. For the sake of his parish work and for the sake of the work of the Guild, he felt he could not keep on with the office any longer, but if they elected him he would be ready to go on with the work of treasurer. This would enable him to keep in touch with the central work of the Guild and to do what he could for it (applause).

On the motion of the Rev. F. G. Hume, it was decided to separate the offices of secretary and treasurer, and the Rev. W. E. Colchester was elected treasurer.

Mr. J. Hunt (Guildford) moved the election of Mr. George Williams as hon. secretary. Mr. Williams, he said, had had some splendid experience as one of the district secretaries of the Sussex Association, and he was a first class change ringer, which was essential if a secretary was to carry on in a capable manner the work of a Guild of that size. Clergymen had carried on the work very well indeed in the past, and he much regretted that Mr. Colchester could not continue, but at the same time the clergymen as a rule did not stop long with them.—Mr. W. H. George (North Stoneham) seconded, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. H. White (Basingstoke) was re-elected hon. auditor, and Mr. A. M. Kennett (Camberley), hon solicitor. Two names were submitted for the office of Peal Recorder, viz., Mr. T. W. Fairey (Camberley) and Mr. C. Wiltshire (Guildford), and the former was re-elected, with thanks for his past services.

It was decided to hold the next annual meeting on the last Monday in June, 1913, the place, Winchester, being fixed by rule.

A GENEROUS GRANT.

The Central Committee recommended a grant of five guineas to the fund for rehanging the bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford.—The adoption of the recommendation was moved by Mr. J. Jones (Guildford), who said that the Holy Trinity band had themselves got together £23, while the members of the C.E.M.S. had raised about £40. Men who worked like that deserved help. There was a sum of £425 to be raised, and there had been very heavy calls in Guildford lately, so that money came in slowly, and five guineas would be very acceptable.

Mr. A. H. Pulling (Guildford) said the Rector of Holy Trinity had announced that he had promises of £50 and £25, on condition that he got another £50 by a certain date. He, therefore, appealed to the Guild to vote this sum, as it would help the fund immensely. There could be no doubt that since they had been unable to ring Holy Trinity bells, tower bell ringing had gone down in Guildford.

Mr. H. White seconded the recommendation, which was carried, Mr. Pulling thanking the Guild.

The Master brought forward a matter which had been before the Central Committee, namely, that of a band going to Winchester, claiming their railway fares, and then going on to spend the day at the seaside, without attending the annual meeting. Under the rules they were only entitled to the money when they attended the meeting, and if the district secretaries did not ask the different bands a lot of questions, it was simply because they were men of honour themselves, and trusted to the honour of the other members. It would be a very sad thing if they had "rotters" daring to take the money practically under false pretences, because that was what it really amounted to (hear, hear).

It was suggested that only those who signed the roll at the meeting should be entitled to draw expenses.

THE RINGER'S IDEAL.

The Master reported on the Central Council meeting, which was attended by himself and Mr. J. Whiting, representing the Winchester Guild. They had a long and interesting meeting, and a very full and excellent report had been published in "The Ringing World." Under the circumstances, he felt there was only one subject upon which he need to say a word, and that was the question of ringing the bells for service. He hoped there were not many towers in the Winchester Diocese where the bells were not rung on Sundays for service. Bells were placed in the churches for the honour and glory of God, and speaking for himself, and, he hoped for many of the members present, he considered that the tone of any band of ringers a very poor one where the bells were merely used for practice on week-nights and only chimed on Sundays. The bells should be rung and not chimed, and he hoped the members would keep that before them. It was not always possible to get a band for every service, and it was not always possible, perhaps, for the men to attend the services for which they rang, but they should have an ideal.

Mr. Pulling said it seemed a peculiar thing that this motion should have been brought up the first year the Winchester Guild got to the top of the Analysis. So far as Guildford was concerned, the bells were rung at both towers on Sundays so long as the bells were ringable.

The Master said, in making his few remarks, he had not the slightest suspicion he was going to say anything to effect anyone in the Winchester Guild. He brought it forward as the most interesting subject at the Council meeting, so far as it related to them as churchmen. The

resolution was held up to everyone as an ideal, and he thought every Guild should adopt that ideal.

The Rev. F. G. Hume (Oakley) spoke in support of the resolution adopted by the Council, emphasising the fact that bell ringing was distinctly a part of their church work. They all looked with admiration on the success of those who studied intricate methods of ringing. They knew what a fascination it was, but they must all recognise that the real object of their bells was for the Worship of God.

Mr. A. T. King (Southsea) endorsed what the Master had said. Mr. Pulling could disabuse his mind of there being any sort of reflection on anything which the Winchester Guild had done. Personally he would not belong another hour to an association which did not think of Sunday ringing in the proper way. He had said so to his own colleagues before, and they were quite in agreement with him that their first duty was to the Church, to ring for service on Sunday, and then on a week-day, if they could get a clergyman to let them have the use of the bells to ring for their own pleasure, he thought they were entitled to ask for the permission. He was sorry to say that in the neighbourhood where he came from was a church where six bells were "clocked" on Sundays, and when he spoke to the churchwardens about it they replied that they did not see there was any difference in ringing and that which they had always been accustomed to. Really, added Mr. King, amid laughter, the specific density of some churchwardens is immeasurable.

Mr. Ingram (Portsmouth) disagreed with Mr. King as to the "clocking" of six bells, but hoped there would soon be great alterations at the tower alluded to, and that it would before the next annual meeting be affiliated to the Guild (applause).

The Rev. W. E. Colchester said the committee had had before them a resolution that they should consider the advisability of a benevolent fund for assisting necessitous members of the Guild, and report to the next annual meeting. The committee would go into the matter, and would like the district secretaries to have the matter discussed at the district meetings, so that the committee might know the views of the members when they met in February.

The business concluded with a vote of thanks to the President for presiding.

Afterwards the members attended the Cathedral service, at which Canon Vaughan was the preacher.—At the tea, which followed in the Town Hall, about 120 sat down, and votes of thanks to the Dean and Chapter for the use of the bells and to the officers for their services, were carried.

Mr. A. H. Pulling writes: At the annual meeting of the Winchester Guild, on Saturday last, I stated there were several printer's errors in the Annual Report. I have since seen the copy which he received, and find it was not the printer's fault, so I take the first opportunity of apologising to him.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

The Warwickshire Guild visited Polesworth for the first time on Saturday week. The bells—a musical ring of six in good order, with a tenor about 15 cwts.—were raised soon after 3.30, and touches in various methods were rung until a halt was called for tea at 6 o'clock. A beautiful spread, kindly provided by the Rector (Canon J. G. Trotter) awaited the members, and on the proposition of the Master (Mr. James George), seconded by Mr. Hessian, the reverend gentleman was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his hospitality. About fifteen ringers were present, the places represented being: Nuneaton, Tamworth, Sutton Coldfield, Rugby, and the local company. Several of those present expressed a desire to become members of the Guild, and their names will be put forward for ratification at the annual meeting.—After tea, courses of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major were rung on handbells belonging to the local company, and the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going till after eight o'clock. The methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Several of those present had the opportunity of ringing Minor for the first time.

THE LINCOLN GUILD.

A meeting of the Eastern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Algarkirk on Saturday week, when members attended from Stickney, Freiston, Boston, Skirbeck, Frampton and Kirton, together with the local band. Service was held in church at 4.30, when the office for the Guild was used, and a valuable address given by the Rector, who took for his text, "Walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with long-suffering, forbearing one another in love; endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," Eph. iv, 1—3.—After service, tea was provided by Mr. S. Chamberlain, of Market Place, Boston, on the Rectory lawn, and was much enjoyed.—Afterwards a short business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. W. T. Jennings), Rector of Skirbeck, taking the chair.—Touches of Grandsire Stedman, Plain Bob and Canterbury were rung in the evening. Some of the members visited the adjoining Church of Kirton, where there is a ring of eight. The members wish to thank the Rector of Algarkirk for the use of his grounds and bells, and the Vicar of Kirton also for the use of the bells at his church.

NEW PEAL OF EIGHT AT WALDRON.

SUSSEX VILLAGE BELLS DEDICATED.

Four founders of different periods had a hand in casting the peal of eight, which until recently hung in the tower at Waldron, Sussex. Five of the bells were originally cast by Richard Phelps in 1732, but the tenors were recast in 1887 by Messrs. Warner and Sons to commemorate Queen Victoria's Jubilee. The 3rd and 6th were castings by Thomas Jannaway in 1773, and the treble and 2nd came from the Whitechapel foundry in 1780 and 1779 respectively. The whole lot, forming an indifferent peal, have now passed through the melting pot, and, with added metal, have come out of the moulds a ring worthy of their place in any village tower. Messrs. John Warner and Sons have carried out the renovation, and have hung the bells in a new steel frame, the whole of the work being a lasting credit to the firm. Owing to the little time available in which to carry out the contract, the work had to be much expedited, and although some of the bells, which, by-the-way, are splendid examples of the founder's art, did not leave the foundry until the previous Monday, all was in perfect readiness for the dedication which took place on Thursday in last week. The Bishop of Lewes performed the ceremony, and the old-world village was en fete. The church would not contain all who sought admission, and to many, even beyond the walls, the pealing of the new bells sent a thrill of pride in the new possession. The Rector's daughter was one of the local band who rang the first rounds on the bells. The service included the hymn:—

Now once more our bells are lifted
To their hallowed place on high,
To fulfil their sacred mission
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

The Bishop gave an impressive address on the message of the bells, and the concluding hymn was: "Mid desert wanderings sore, the trumpets silver call."

After the service, touches in various methods from Grandsire to Superlative were rung by members of the Sussex Association from Brighton, Lewes, Buxted, Mayfield, Rotherfield, and other neighbouring towers, visitors from London also taking part, as well as three of the foundry staff.

The Bishop and clergy, who had taken part in the service, together with a large number of congregation, afterwards attended a garden party at the Rectory, and from the lawn heard to advantage the pealing of the bells, upon which ringing was kept up during the afternoon and evening. Mr. Robert Warner, who represented the founders, received many congratulations upon the admirable way in which the firm had carried out the work of restoration.

The new peal, which have been tuned according to modern methods, have the old inscriptions reproduced upon them. The bells are now worded as follows:

Treble (new inscription):
I call the living, mourn the dead,
I tell when days and years are fled.
(old inscription). Cast by subscription. William Mears, London, fecit.

2nd (new inscription):
For grief and gladness, prayer and praise,
To heaven a tuneful voice I raise.
(old inscription). Cast by voluntary subscriptions. Mears, fecit. 1779.

3rd (new inscription): Glory be to God on High. (old inscription) The Rev. Wm. Delves, Rector. Jno. Thatcher and Henry Johnson, Churchwardens. 1773. Thos. Janaway fecit.

4th (new inscription):
Ad vivos clango
Nuptias pango
Defunctas plango
(old inscription). Richard Phelps made these five bells 1732.

5th (new inscription): Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep. (old inscription) Richard Phelps made me 1732.

6th (new inscription):
Vox ego sum vitae
Voco vos, orate, venite.
(old inscription): The Rev. Wm. Delves, Rector. Jno. Thatcher and Henry Johnson, Churchwardens, 1773. Thomas Janaway fecit.

Each of these six bells is also inscribed: "Recast by John Warner and Sons, London."

7th. Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887. Recast 1912. (old inscription). This and the tenor bell cast 1732, were recast 1887 in commemoration of Queen Victoria's Jubilee. W. J. Humble-Crofts, Rector. J. A. Warner, Curate. N. Kenward, J. G. Boucher, Churchwardens. (New inscription): Vivat rex, floreat grex.

Tenor. Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1887 and 1912
(Old inscription):
Joy and sorrow, joy and sorrow,
Yesterday, to-day, to-morrow.
(New inscription). W. J. Humble-Crofts, Rector. P. R. Ferris, Curate. N. Kenward, C. F. Francis, Churchwardens.

WINCHESTER.—At the Cathedral, in one hour, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: Rev. W. E. Colchester (first in the method) 1, G. Noice 2, W. C. Lampard 3, F. Smith 4, J. W. Elkins 5, W. H. Crute 6, C. H. Russell 7, C. Russell 8, W. Andrews (conductor) 9, D. Froome 10. Rung on the 70th birthday of Mr. D. Froome.

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 July 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. — 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 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.—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. 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.— A. Markwell, District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Potton, on Saturday, July 6th. Bells available from 5 to 9 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom.—F. Blood, Branch 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.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The monthly practice will be held at St. Martin's on Wednesday, July 10th, at 8 o'clock. There will also be ringing on Sunday morning, July 7th, at 10 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross.

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 Ashtead 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.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingly (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, 6d. each to members. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, the 9th inst.—George H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, 132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LAVENHAM.—The re-opening of the Church Bells takes place on July 17th. Tower open for ringing, 7 a.m. till 7.15 p.m. Dedication Service 7.30.—A. Symonds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. —Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Service in the church at 5 p.m., tea (free, by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30 to members notifying me by July 17th.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

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?

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

WANTED at once a WHEELWRIGHT, one just out of time. Change ringer preferred.—Apply, stating age, reference, etc., to W. Bagguley, Town End, Bolsover.

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.

At various times a number of books have been published to aid the beginner, and one of the most useful is that known as Troyte's "Change Ringing." Published originally in 1869, it has gone through four editions, and been brought up to date each time. It was penned in the first place, because at that time there was no work which in simple language elucidated the mysteries of the Art for beginners. It is still to-day just the book to be in the hands of the novice, for it begins with teaching him how to handle a bell and to strike it in rounds, and carries him on through the simplest instances of change ringing, viz., on three or four bells, to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples, Bob Minor and Major, and Treble Bob Minor and Major. Each is lucidly explained, so that the veriest tyro can understand. In addition there is a chapter upon "in and out of course," and conducting. Several compositions of peals are given, and an index and glossary is also provided. The beginner will find all he requires to enable him to become proficient in the standard methods, and it is a volume that ought to be in every ringer's library. It is published by Messrs. Eland Bros., of High Street, Exeter, at 2s. 6d. in cloth covers, the section up to and including six-bell ringing being also obtainable in paper covers at 1s.

"W. M." recently inquired for the figures of some methods of Doubles. One of them was "London Doubles." This is exactly the same as Grandsire ringing, with the plain lead work substituted for the bob leads and vice versa. Thus at a plain lead a Grandsire bob is made and when a bob is called a Grandsire plain lead is rung. Singles are the same as in Grandsire, and the calling of the 120's is the same.

CONDUCTOR.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EAST TYTHERLY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Saturday, June 1st, at the Church of St. Peter, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major: L. Harris 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, J. S. Rumming 3, C. H. Russell 4, L. H. Page 5, G. Williams (conductor) 6, W. H. George 7, W. T. Tucker 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for peal of Treble Bob.

STOCKTON-ON-TEES.—Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association. — On a recent practice night, the following touches were rung: 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Letty 1, W. Newton 2, J. G. Hall 3, R. Greenwood 4, T. Stephenson (conductor) 5, T. Metcalfe 6. The tenor is 27¾ cwts. 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, W. Stephenson 2, R. Alcock 3, J. G. Hall 4, T. Metcalfe 5, R. Greenwood 6, T. Stephenson (conductor) 7, W. Newton 8.

WORCESTER.—Worcestershire and Districts Association.—On Monday, April 29th, at the Cathedral, 725 Grandsire Cinques: B. S. Hill 1, G. Hinton, junr., 2, B. Hill 3, J. Hill 4, W. Page 5, G. Hinton, senr., 6, W. Banks 7, W. C. Jones 8, J. Morris 9, A. Hill (conductor) 10, W. H. Johnson 11, J. R. Newman 12. Longest length of Cinques, by G. Hinton, junr., and W. Banks.—On Sunday, May 12th, at St. Helen's Church, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Page (conductor) 1, G. Hinton, senr., 2, G. Hinton, junr., 3, W. C. Jones 4, W. Ranford 5, J. Brettell 6, A. Hill 7, E. Watkins 8. Also 288 Oxford Treble Bob.

BATHWICK.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, May 12th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: R. J. Cousins 1, R. E. Waterson 2, J. H. Odey 3, A. E. Alexander (conductor) 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, C. Densley 6, A. E. Seers 7, H. Davis 8.

KEA, CORNWALL.—On April 22nd, at the All Hallows' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Chegwidden 1, W. Greet 2, W. Darey 3, H. Harris 4, A. D. Sowell 5, P. Harfoot 6, J. Thomas (conductor) 7, C. Gallehawk 8.

HARLOW COMMON.—On Sunday, May 19th, for morning service, 688 Bob Major: L. Cordell 1, W. Morris 2, G. Dent 3, C. Peacock (longest touch in the method) 4, W. Wheeler 5, H. Bottrill 6, J. Cordell 7, H. Smale 8. For evening service, 352 in the same method conducted by G. Dent; and 576 Kent Treble Bob Major, with J. Wheeler standing in.

GUISELEY, YORKS.—On May 26th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Dixon 1, A. Hardwick 2, C. E. Waite 3, W. B. Smith (conductor) 4, C. Stephenson 5, J. B. Jackson 6.

BELTON, RUTLAND.—720 Double Court, the first in the county by a local band.—On May 26th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob. After service, 720 Oxford Bob: J. Grocock 1, C. Reeve 2, F. Bindley 3, T. Atkins 4, J. Jackman (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6.

LEICESTER.—At 4, Keythorpe Street, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells: W. Willson 1—2, W. Shepherd, Hersham (conductor) 3—4, S. Cotton 5—6, A. Mason (first quarter in hand) 7—8.

WORKSOP.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, C. E. Peck 6, J. S. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. First quarter-peal by all except the conductor.—On May 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Haigh (conductor) 1, Miss Evelyn Steel 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, T. Bartholomew 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Wilson 7, F. Hind 8. First quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung by Miss Steel on an inside bell.

LITTLE HEATH, ESSEX.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, for morning service, on May 26th: *C. Weaver 1, A. Pye (conductor) 2, *L. Pye 3, *A. Stroud 4, W. A. Pye 5. *First quarter-peal.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.—For evening service, on May 26th, 688 Bob Major: G. Thompson 1, J. Sinclair 2, W. Addison 3, R. Chisholm 4, N. Addison 5, G. Cattle 6, N. Kidd 7, J. H. Pinkney 8.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.—On Whit-Sunday, 546 Grandsire Triples: J. Campin 1, W. Heard 2, G. Tatum 3, A. Perry (first touch) 4, C. Lee 5, W. Lee 6, C. Clarke 7, W. Cross 8. Also 820 Grandsire Triples, with A. Scott 3.

ISHAM.—In memory of John Mitchell, for many years sexton, 720 Bob Minor, followed by whole pull and stand: R. T. Buswell 1, G. A. Blaxley 2, A. E. Fourt 3, F. H. Talbutt 4, J. Forby 5, E. M. Atkins (conductor) 6.

HENBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Busby 1, H. Harvey 2, W. White 3, E. Devenish 4, J. Martin 5, F. Pepworth (first quarter) 6, J. Gould (conductor) 7, C. Jeffries 8.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: H. Watts 1, A. Snell 2, A. J. Barker 3, W. Bennett (conductor) 4, H. J. Hole 5.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—At St. Martin's Church, on May 19th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Romaine 1, H. C. Marsh 2, S. Macey 3, L. Harris 4, G. Neale 5, R. P. Knight 6, F. Precey (first as conductor) 7, J. S. Rumming 8.

URCHFONT, WILTS.—On May 6th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Romaine 1, S. Macey 2, F. Precey 3, L. Harris 4, J. S. Rumming 5, A. F. Martin Stewart 6, R. P. Knight (conductor) 7, G. Webb 8. First 504 Stedman on the bells.

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MODERN WORK.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Our article last week upon the subject of Sunday service ringing has brought forth a letter which we have no doubt a large number of ringers will read with interest and with which, doubtless, many will agree. The writer suggests that, just as peal ringing is to receive encouragement by the handsome cup given by Messrs. Warner and Sons, there should also be something done by the various associations to encourage service ringing. We incline to the view that the spirit of duty and privilege should be a sufficient incentive to regular ringing for the Sunday services. The very *raison d'etre* of the ringer's office is that the bells may be properly used to summon worshippers to church and to inform all who hear them of the fact that service is about to be held. The importance of the ringer's duty, which is, we are glad to say, being increasingly appreciated, should be an ample stimulus to any band who follows the Art, not only for the Art's sake, but with a full sense of the responsibilities of the office they occupy.

At the same time there can be no reason why the voluntary and regularly-performed duties of a band should not be recognised, for recognition of one's efforts does sometimes add just that extra bit of stimulus required to keep a man up to a standard. This idea of encouraging Sunday ringing is not new. It has been carried out for some ten years in the Durham and Newcastle Association, and, we believe, the Middlesex Association are now considering something on the same lines. The scheme adopted in the northern dioceses, is that each belfry keeps a record, on printed forms supplied by the Association, of all touches rung for morning and evening Sunday services, and points are allotted for these touches upon a properly prepared scale. The maximum number of changes that count for any one service is 1,088, and the minimum number 360 on five or six bells and 300 on eight or ten bells. In ringing on seven or more bells only the last touch brought round before service counts. If a breakdown occurs all ringing that precedes the breakdown, whether a complete touch or not, is reckoned as lost. A value in points per 1,000 changes is allotted to each method, and the points scored by each belfry is calculated by referees. Certificates are awarded annually to the three leading belfries, to be held for the ensuing twelve months, and a certificate becomes the property of the belfry which wins it three times in succession or three times in five years. There can be no doubt that this scheme encourages the regular practice of change ringing for services, and last year no fewer than 21 out of 34 companies in the Durham and Newcastle Association made returns. An extension of the idea among other similar organisations might have equally satisfactory results.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*EDWIN WOOD ... ...*Treble*	JAMES HOPKIN 6
JOHN JENNINGS 2	JOHN CORRIGAN 7
JAMES JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
ALBERT T. SCRIVENS ... 4	MORRIS J. MORRIS 9
WILLIAM H. JONES 5	CHARLES ALLEN ... ...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

FRED G. MAY ... ...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
FRANCIS S. WILSON 2	HENRY HOWELL 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN ... ...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

The peal was arranged for Mr. Wilson, of Ludlow, whose first peal of Stedman Caters it was.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(MANCHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE LANCELOT ... ...*Treble*	CHARLES SEDDON 5
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2	DAN HOWARD 6
THOMAS LINGARD 3	THOMAS HOWARD 7
ALBERT WALLWORK 4	JOHN EDGE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS HOWARD.

Rung with the bells muffled in memory of the late Mr. James Wilson Drew, who for many years was ringer and sidesman at the church.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...*Treble*	GEORGE ROBERTS 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WAITHMAN 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
JOHN JENNINGS 4	JAMES REYNOLDS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Quickest peal on the bells, and rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Bloore on the anniversary of their wedding.

WEDNESBURY.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, July 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PEATE ... ...*Treble*	*ALFRED PLANT 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	THOMAS HILL 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
BERT HORTON 4	AMOS COOPER ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 3, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS ... ...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS 5
FREDERICK G. PERRIN ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
HAROLD BURTON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs., in A flat.

CLEMENT J. MORE ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ... 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
CHARLES MILLS 3	GEORGE ARCHER 7
WILLIAM ROSE 4	JOHN SOUTER ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
ALFRED FUNNELL 2	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 6
BERTIE J. HOWCHIN 3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 7
EDWIN WHITING 4	WILLIAM STEELE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rector, the Rev. Canon A. C. W. Upcher, for the use of the bells.

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

On Thursday, July 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, UPPER CLAPTON,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*STANLEY H. COOPER ...*Treble*	†WILLIAM J. KEMP 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES PARKER 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 4	GEORGE A. CARD ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 6½ cwt.

RICHARD LANE ... ...*Treble*	ERNEST ABBATT 5
*ERNEST LESLIE 2	JOHN OLDHAM 6
HARRY WHITTLE 3	EDWARD READER 7
WILLIAM SMITH 4	WILLIAM THORLEY ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke, Bromley Common,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

George Durling ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Edwin Barnett, Junr. ...	2	William J. Jeffries ...	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	James E. Davis	7
Isaac Emery	4	Alfred W. Grimes	...*Tenor*

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

First peal of Major on the bells. Mr. A. W. Grimes' 150th peal, and the conductor's 50th peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

William Orsler ...	...*Treble*	John C. Self	5
E. Hobart Smith	2	Henry F. Cooper	6
Robert H. Hayward ...	3	George E. Symonds ...	7
George Wightman	4	Peter Laflin	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by George E. Symonds.

Arranged for Mr. H. F. Cooper, who hails from Chelmsford.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

Sidney Macey	...*Treble*	John S. Rumming	5
Harry E. Marsh	2	Oliver Sippetts	6
*Albert Harman	3	George Williams	7
Lionel H. Page	4	Leonard Harris ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Williams.

* First peal of Stedman. Messrs. Sippetts and Harman, for whom this peal was arranged, were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

CHISWICK, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	*Reuben Sanders	5
Isaac G. Shade...	2	Harry F. Dawkins ...	6
George R. Pye...	3	Ernest Pye	7
Charles T. Coles	4	William Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

PENSHURST, KENT.
MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¾ cwt.

Wilby J. Hazell ...	...*Treble*	Edward F. Cole	5
Miss E. K. Parker	2	George A. Card	6
Walter J. Bowden	3	James Parker	7
John Thomas	4	George Paice	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by Miss E. K. Parker.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Sir A. P. Heywood's Irregular Six-Part, No. 1.
Tenor 16 cwt.

*John R. Moger	...*Treble*	William T. Powell ...	5
Frank R. Cundale ...	2	Joshua Woodhead	6
George A. Jowett	3	Percy J. Johnson	7
James R. Kemp	4	Richard H. Howland	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Percy J. Johnson.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the Rev. Walter John Smith to the living of Holbeck, and also as a wedding compliment to Miss J. Boshell and Mr. S. Padgett, who were married at the above church on the same day.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*George Usher...	...*Treble*	Harry Dawson	5
James Tarbun	2	†Alfred Tarbun, Junr. ...	6
Arthur Speller	3	Arthur Edwards	7
Arthur Head	4	Alfred Tarbun, Senr.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Edwards.

* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Rector (the Rev. Thurlow) and his warden (Mr. Gepp), who have been taking a holiday in Germany to recuperate their health.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

MEOPHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

John Avis	...*Treble*	Richard Smith	4
John Burles	2	Frederick Hayes	5
Guy R. Ambrose	3	Frederick M. Mitchell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick M. Mitchell.

First peal on the bells. This peal was arranged for seven methods, but one of the band was unable to attend, R. Smith filling the vacancy. The band wish to thank the Rev. Owen for the use of the bells.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Friday, July 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*Henry Walker	...*Treble*	Rev. E. V. Cox	4
*Charles A. Wakelin ...	2	Albert H. Harber ...	5
*W. Henry Pickett... ...	3	William D. James...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William D. James.

* First peal. Rev. E. V. Cox's 100th peal.

TWYWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

Robert Black	...*Treble*	G. Henry Patrick... ...	3
Charles Cooper	2	Matthias Hobbs	4
Edgar Read...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by Matthias Hobbs.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Double Court.

*WILLIAM STOCK ... ...*Treble*		GEORGE LINES	4
HENRY W. GAYTON ...	2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ...	5
CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

* First peal in seven methods. It was also the 50th peal by H. W. Gayton. Mr. G. Lines was elected a member of the Association before starting for the peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford, Plain. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*REX T. BUSWELL ... ...*Treble*		WALTER T. WILSON ...	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	ARCHIE HENMAN	5
GEORGE LINES...	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing Treble Bob methods.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Friday, June 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK DEWELL ...	1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER... ...	3—4	FRANK LEVITT...	7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire: J. SPARROW.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

JAMES HUNT	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER... ...	3—4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 7, 1912, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 8099 CHANGES;
Size 11, in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8

FRANK BENNETT ... 9—10

Composed by the late JOHN NELMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: F. G. WOODISS.

This is the longest length in the method rung in hand and the longest peal in which a lady has taken part.

The peal of Treble Bob at St. Helen's, Worcester, should have been published as 5088, and the ringer of the 3rd was George Hinton, Junr.

In the peal rung at Bampton, on June 29th, the ringer of the 7th bell should have been J. Lardner, and the weight of tenor 25 cwt., not 26 cwt.

LATE PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, TUEBROOK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

*JOSEPH TWIST ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM F. TWIST	5
HENRY FYLES	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	6
THOMAS JENNION	3	EDWARD CAUNCE	7
GEORGE WOODHALL	4	*OSCAR J. WALKER ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. The above was rung after meeting short for Major. This was the tenor ringer's first attempt for a peal and great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang his bell.

RUMBURGH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes;
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 six-scores each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles and April Day, and 12 six-scores of Grandsire Doubles. Tenor 10 cwt.

E. AUSTIN HEAD ... ...*Treble*		ALFRED BOWELL	3
FREDK. C. LAMBERT	2	THOMAS CRANE	4
LIONEL HAMMOND ... ... *Tenor*			

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich. Supper was kindly provided for the band, at the close of the peal, by Mr. & Mrs. Head, of the Abbey Farm.

MR. C. H. HATTERSLEY'S FALSE PEAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my previous letter in your issue of June 28th, as to the false peal of Treble Bob Major, I find it has also been rung by the Yorkshire Association, see Report 1908-9, No. 1832, which I sincerely regret. For safety I shall feel obliged if you will publish this letter and the figures of the false peal, No. 1, and also the true peal marked No. 2. No. 1 will not run true in Treble Bob or Bristol, whereas No. 2 will run true in either method.

No. 1 (false).

23456	M	W.	H.
26354	2		1
65324		2	
26543	2	2	2
23645	2		1
34256	2	2	

No. 2 (true).

23456	M.	W.	H.
26354	2		1
23564		1	2
36524		2	
23645	2	2	2
34256	2	2	

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch was held on Saturday week, at Binfield, members being present from Hurst, Sandhurst, East-hampstead, Wokingham (All Saints'), and the local band. The Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) was also present, and some good touches of Kent, Oxford, College Single, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Forward and Plain Bob were rung. The Vicar kindly supplied refreshments during the evening.

STAMFORD HILL.—On June 2nd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: A. Keay 1, T. Ringrose 2, T. Shearman 3, T. Scarlett 4, F. Gerkin 5, H. Stubbs 6. Also 360 of Bob Minor.

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BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

SPLENDID PROGRESS RECORDED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING.

PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

The annual dinner and meeting of the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association was held at Yeovil on Saturday week. The dinner took place at the Half Moon Hotel, the Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) presiding, supported by the Rev H. C. Sydenham, Vicar of Yeovil, the Rev. J. H. Burn, Merriott; the Rev. Llewellyn Edwards, Kington Magna; Messrs. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth, Templecombe; Arthur Hughes, London; and others. About 20 towers were represented by some 70 members. After dinner, the loyal toasts were given from the chair, and "The Church" was proposed by Mr. T. Doble (Taunton), who laid great stress on the critical time the Welsh Church was passing through. He hoped all churchmen and churchwomen would make their voice heard against the very unjust Bill which was at present before Parliament.—Mr. Prescott seconded, and the Revs. H. C. Sydenham and C. C. Parker responded.—Mr. Prescott proposed "Other Ringing Associations," and to this the Rev. J. H. Burn and Mr. Arthur Hughes responded.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Master moved the following resolution: "That this meeting records its strong protest against the Government's proposal to dismember the Church, by cutting off from the province of Canterbury the four Welsh Dioceses, and to divert to secular uses endowments given for, and devoted to, the service of God, and urges on all Christian people, irrespective of political party, to unite in uncompromising resistance to the Bill which embodies these proposals." The motion was carried unanimously, the secretary being instructed to send a copy to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Somerset members of Parliament.

ASSOCIATION'S RAPID GROWTH.

The Master read his report, in which he said he was glad to be able to state that the progress of the Association had been steady and continuous. They was now a large body of Churchmen whose influence, he thought, ought to be felt beyond the range of the ordinary affairs of the Association, and to extend to the interests of the Church at large. A total of 40 peals had been rung during the year. They had added 12 honorary and over 100 performing members, and during the year 17 new towers had become affiliated. The increase in towers and members reflected great credit on the work of the local secretaries, whose efforts on behalf of the Association deserved their warmest thanks.

The balance sheet showed a net profit on the year's working of £6 1s. 11d., the receipts being £56 7s. 4d., and the expenditure £50 5s. 5d.—The balance sheet was adopted, and an honorarium of £10 10s. was voted to the secretary, on the proposition of Mr. Taylor (Ilminster), seconded by Mr. Speed (Midsomer Norton).

The vice-presidents were re-elected, with the addition (subject to his consent) of the Dean of Wells. — The Master (the Rev. C. C. Parker) was re-elected with acclamation.—Mr. Parker, in returning thanks, remarked that he was pleased to say he had been able to attend the whole of the Association meetings during the past year, and would do his best for the Association during the coming year.—Mr. E. E. Burgess was re-elected secretary, and briefly replied.—The Rev. A. J. Hook was re-elected auditor, with thanks for his past services.

Two honorary and 30 performing members were elected, bringing the total membership to over 1,400.—Midsomer Norton was chosen for the next meeting.

Hearty votes of thanks were accorded to the Rev. H. C. Sydenham for the use of the bells at Yeovil, and for arranging the service; to the Rev. E. Powell, East Coker, and the Rev. R. L. Cotter, West Coker, for the use of their bells.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding brought the meeting to a close.

The service was afterwards held in the parish church, the Vicar officiating, and giving an excellent address.—A move was then made to the tower, where a tablet, containing the record of the performance and the names of the members who rang a peal of Stedman Caters on the bells a few months ago, was unveiled by the Rev. H. C. Sydenham, with a few well-chosen remarks.—Mr. Burge, of St. Mary's, Taunton (the members of which tower rang the peal) thanked the Vicar for unveiling the board.—During the morning and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters and Bob Royal were rung. — Several members also visited East and West Coker in the morning, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly ringing meeting of the West Wales Association was held at Baglan, on Saturday last, when ringers from Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Cadoxton, were present. Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon. A splendid tea, provided by Miss Llewellyn at Baglan Hall, was much enjoyed, and afterwards the tower was again visited, when Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob were rung, the local lady ringers also ringing 120 of Grandsire Doubles.

The ringers take this opportunity of thanking Miss Llewellyn for the kind way in which she entertained them, and also the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HERE AND THERE.

The ringers of Goole district are doing some excellent work by combined practices. The last one was at Fishlake, where the local men were got through the plain hunting course, and where, it is hoped, the practice of ringing set changes will not again come into being. After tea at the Hare and Hounds, Mr. Ludkin, the instructor, explained the Kent Treble Bob method at some length, the Goole men having taken an improvised blackboard to enable the lesson to be illustrated. Subsequently Kent Minor was rung on the tower bells by some of the visitors, and later on courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells. Among the 30 ringers present were representatives from Goole, Thorne, Hatfield, Snaith and Fishlake. This kind of "missionary" enterprise is bound to bring its reward.

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In order to ring a wedding peal for Mr. F. Bowtell, who was married at Elmdon on the 29th ult., six members of the Ickleton company visited Elmdon, but the peal came to grief. As the bells are not in first-class order, only 720 Bob Minor was afterwards rung: A. Carder 1, H. Carder 2, P. Webb (conductor) 3, E. Webb 4, J. Webb 5, A. Lilley 6.

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The bells of Ardingly, Sussex, have recently been augmented to six, by the addition of a treble. The first 720's of Treble Bob on the bells were rung on Saturday week by: F. W. Rice, A. Ellis, O. Sippetts, J. Rice, A. Mitchell, G. Illman and A. Harman, the methods being London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. The conducting was shared by the four first-named ringers.

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The third cycle run of the season, in connection with the Society of the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held last Saturday, when the village of Pattingham was visited. There is a nice ring of eight bells in good going order. About a dozen ringers took part in the ringing, which included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Bob Major, the following towers being represented: Bloxwich, Rushall, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton (2), and Wombourn. The next run will take place on Saturday, August 17th, notice of which will appear in "The Ringing World."

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The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancs Association was held at Newhey, on Saturday, about twenty members being present from Rochdale, Bolderstone, Walsden, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, Milnrow, Middleton, Moorside, Oldham Parish, etc.—Mr. W. Crabtree presided, and Middleton was selected for the next meeting.—The usual votes of thanks were accorded, and afterwards the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

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Ringers spending a holiday in Portsmouth can be accommodated with a pull at Portsea Parish Church. Ringing on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.; practice on Tuesdays at 8 p.m., or at any time to suit visitors' convenience by sending to E. J. Harding, 76, Carnarvon Road, Buckland, Portsmouth.

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"Kington Magna, Dorset.—On Saturday, 6th July, at the Rectory, on handbells, 120 Grandsire Doubles: J. Ralph 1—2, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards 3—4, B. Read (conductor) 5—6. This is the first six-score yet rung in the parish, and is believed to be the first ever rung double-handed in North Dorset."

Thus runs a report sent us for publication. As a rule a six-score of Grandsire Doubles is not much to talk about, but in this case it is noteworthy, for it shows the introduction of change ringing into a part of the country where, to all intents and purposes, it is a new thing. Some twenty years ago, the brothers D'Aeth taught a local band to ring Bob Doubles. That was, we believe, the first effort at change ringing in the county. When, however, the band lost one or two members, change ringing disappeared for many years, until the two gentlemen named began teaching their men Grandsire a year or two ago. Meanwhile, a few other Dorset towers have taken up change ringing, but ringing on handbells, double-handed, is still quite a novelty. It is noteworthy that the beginning recorded above, has been made in a village with four bells and a population of less than 400.

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RINGING FOR CHURCH SERVICES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read with interest the discussions at the Central Council meeting, also your excellent article on the above subject, I trust you will kindly allow me a little space to give my own opinions. Recently, Messrs. Warner and Sons offered a magnificent cup, to be won by the Association scoring the most peal points. If this will encourage peal-ringing, why not encourage service ringing in the same way. Every ringer or band of ringers would thus have an opportunity of competing, whereas in connection with the Warner trophy, fully half of the ringing fraternity will be outside the competition, and, therefore, will not have any interest in it. I should like to suggest that each Association should honour, in some way or another, the band which could make the best returns for the year of service touches. Church service ringing must be our first object, and, therefore, ought to be encouraged first and foremost.

Goole. H. LUDKIN.

FINCHLEY BELLS REDEDICATED.

The peal of six at St. Mary's, Finchley, tenor 9 cwt., have been retuned and rehung in new bearings, and the frame strengthened with iron girders. The work has been carried out in a most satisfactory manner by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd., and the bells were re-dedicated on Sunday by the Bishop of Willesden, at a special service in the afternoon. There was a large congregation, and the Middlesex Association was represented by the Master and hon. secretary of the North and East District (Messrs. J. Armstrong and C. T. Coles). The service opened with the special dedication hymn, "Enter with thanksgiving," written by the Rector of Finchley (the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne). Psalm cl. was chanted, and the lesson was taken from Numbers x. During the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God," the choir, clergy and bishop, accompanied by the churchwardens, moved in procession to the belfry, where the Bishop, standing in the midst of the ropes pronounced the dedicatory prayer. Standing then in the doorway of the church he prayed for blessings upon all who rang the bells and all who heard them. While the procession returned to the chancel, the local ringers rang a few rounds on the bells.

The Bishop, in the course of a striking sermon, mentioned that in years gone by ringers had a reputation owing to their behaviour in the belfry, but thanks to the work of the Associations all over England, and in the great Diocese of London, this had all been altered. Proceeding, he drew a lesson from the rehanging of the bells. The bells, he said, had been out of tune. So it was with their lives. They were often out of tune one with another, and often out of tune with God. As the bells were retuned, so could they be retuned. By what process the bells were retuned he did not know, but their lives could be retuned by repentance, by seeking God's grace, through prayer and the Holy Sacrament.

During the hymn, "Angel Voices ever singing," a collection was made towards the restoration fund. The service closed with the hymn, "O God, our help in ages past," and the Blessing, pronounced by the Bishop.

After the service a substantial tea was partaken of at the Institute, day, a 720 Bob Minor was brought round in 24 minutes by: G. Webb, W. H. Tubb, F. S. Tubb, W. Webb, C. T. Coles, J. Armstrong (conductor).

A meeting of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild has been arranged at the tower for July 27th.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

One of the most pleasant and successful meetings of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association took place on Saturday week at Avening. Twenty-four ringers were present from Bisley, Minchinhampton, Avening, Painswick, Stroud, Horsley, Stonehouse, Tetbury and Coaley. During the afternoon some good ringing took place, including a well-struck 720 of Bob Minor. A special service was held in the church, which was well attended, the Rector, the Rev. E. W. Edwards, preaching an excellent sermon.

After the service a substantial tea was partaken of at the Institute, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, the Rector and Mr. Rowlands being present. A business meeting followed, at which the Rev. Edwards presided, and an interesting discussion took place on "How to make the Association more effective." Two new members were elected, and Painswick was chosen for the July meeting.

Mr. W. Hale proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and churchwardens for their kindness, and also to the organist and the local ringers, and all who had helped to make that meeting so successful.—Mr. H. Smith seconded.—The Rector and Mr. Rowlands responded, and expressed their pleasure at being able to welcome the Ringers' Association to Avening.

Three courses of Grandsire Triples were then rung on the local company's new peal of handbells. The fine old church was again visited, and touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman were rung, all enjoying the excellent "go" of the bells, and appreciating the hearty welcome they received at Avening.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT VISIT HISTORIC CHURCHES.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester district was held on Saturday week at Eastchurch, Isle of Sheppy, but was rather poorly attended, the towers represented being Tunstall, Queenboro', Boxley, Gillingham, Chatham, Rochester, and Sheerness. The lack of interest of the local ringers is regrettable, as not one turned up, the two members of the band who belong to the Association being away on business. The bells are a good ring of six, tenor 12½ cwt., in G, and have been recently rehung in a new frame, with new fittings; until last year there was only five. During the day 720 of Kent Treble Bob and touches in other methods of Minor and Doubles were rung. The tower has a little romance attached to it, in that it was built by Delamark Banks, Esq., of the stone from the old London Bridge, which, built in 1176, was taken down in 1832. The business meeting was held in the tower, when one new member was elected, and St. George's, Gravesend, selected for the annual district meeting. On the return journey five members visited Minster Abbey Church, and rang Grandsire Doubles on the five bells there; these sadly need repairing. The old Abbey Church has the honour of being the oldest Christian Church. It was founded and built by Queen Sexburga in the year A.D. 664 (St. Martin's, at Canterbury, is older, of course, but was originally a Pagan Temple). Few vestiges of the original building remain, but there are the Saxon walls and partial remains of the windows.

BOXLEY BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Maidstone district was held at Boxley on Saturday, when 45 members of the Maidstone and Rochester districts accepted the kind invitation of the Rev. J. R. Hale. The Association's form of service was used for the first time in the district, and was conducted by the Vicar, who afterwards invited the ringers, together with the Vicars of Bearsted and Leeds, to tea on the Vicarage lawn, where a splendid spread was awaiting them.—After tea, the Rev. H. R. Hughes paid a warm tribute to Mr. Hale for the pleasant way he had entertained them.—In replying, the Vicar spoke of the pleasure it had given him to have them at Boxley. After that night, he added, the belfry would be closed, as the bells were going to be rehung. He gave them all a hearty welcome to the opening ceremony when the work was finished.—This suggestion met with the approval of all the members, who thought it would be a splendid opportunity for some kind donor to add the two trebles, which would put the finishing touch to an already beautiful peal of bells—one of the finest in Kent.

Two new members for Boxley were admitted into the Association.—It was decided to hold the half-yearly meeting at Wrotham, on Saturday, October 12th.—Mr. S. Hayzelden, of East Farleigh, in a witty speech, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the ladies for the charming way they had looked after the wants of the company.—The Vicar replied on behalf of the ladies, and invited the visitors to look over his gardens.—A touch of Grandsire on the handbells brought the proceedings to a close, and the ringers then made their way back to the tower, where some good striking was heard. A 720 of Plain Bob was rung at 8.30 p.m., being the last on the bells in their present condition.

NORTHAMPTON RINGER GOES TO AUSTRALIA.

INTERESTING PRESENTATIONS.

After 25 years as sexton of St. Peter's, Northampton, and being for more than 30 years a ringer at that church, Mr. A. G. Smith sailed, with his wife and three sons, on Friday last for Australia on the ss. "Orama." An attempt for a farewell peal of Grandsire Triples was made on the previous Saturday, but it unfortunately came to grief, after an hour's ringing. Afterwards, Mr. Smith was presented by the ringers with an enlarged photograph of themselves, while the wives gave Mrs. Smith a silver jam dish. On the following day, the members of the congregation presented Mr. Smith with an illuminated address and purse of gold. The esteem in which Mr. Smith was held was also manifested in speeches that were made at the annual meeting of the society on Monday week, by Mr. J. Wade (churchwarden), and Messrs. W. Sturgess and G. D. Handscombe, who expressed regret at Mr. Smith's departure, and wished him every success and the best of luck in his new home across the seas. Mr. Smith was for 21 years hon. secretary of the band, and he will be much missed.

The ringers, with their wives and sweethearts, assembled at the railway station on Friday morning at six o'clock, and gave Mr. Smith and his family a hearty send-off. Several courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells on the platform, Mr. Smith taking part.

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The upper group is of the Winchester Guild officials, taken by Mr. F. E. Dawe at the annual meeting on Saturday week. Back row (left to right): E. J. Harding (Portsmouth District Representative), J. Hunt (Guildford District Representative), W. Andrews (Winchester District Representative), G. Miles (Yorktown District Representative). Second row: J. W. Whiting (Portsmouth District Secretary), J. W. Elkins (Winchester District Secretary), C. Willshire (Central Council Representative), G. Preston (Christchurch District Secretary), H. White (Auditor), G. B. Edsar (Yorktown District Secretary), J. J. Jones (Guildford District Secretary). Seated: T. W. Fairey (Recorder of Peals), Rev. F. G. Hume (Basingstoke District Secretary), Archdeacon Fearon (Vice-Patron), Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P. (President), Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), Rev. W. E. Colchester (Hon. Treasurer and late Hon. Sec.).

The upper portrait is that of Mr. J. Ellsmore, who has just completed 30 years as a "Cumberland."

The lower group is that of the Kirkheaton Parish Church band, who won the annual six-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association at Heptonstall. Standing (left to right): Norman North, Joe Rangely, Joe Bottom. Seated: Harcourt Hanson, Frank Hardy (conductor), Wright Swift.

The lower portrait is that of Mr. George Stadon, the "father" of the Bristol and district ringers. Mr. Stadon, who is 76 years of age, has been verger at St. John's Church for 56 years, and to celebrate his birthday six members of the Ancient Society of St. Stephen's ringers rang 720 of Cambridge Surprise: G. Naylor 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, J. Burford 3, C. H Horton 4, W. Knight 5, W. A. Cave (conductor) 6. A six-score of Grandsire Doubles was also rung, in which Mr. Stadon rang the treble. The photograph is by Mr. C. H. Horton.

THIRTY YEARS A "CUMBERLAND."

REMINISCENCES OF MR. MATTHEW ELLSMORE.

An interesting ringing career has been that of Mr. Matthew Ellsmore, of Winchester, who on Sunday completed thirty years' membership of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and whose photograph appears on page 25. Born at Edmonton, Middlesex, in 1850, Mr. Ellsmore has always leaned to the Church, and been interested in bells and organs. At the age of 15 years he commenced going to Tottenham belfry to chime for service, and learnt to master a bell by "tolling in." At that time he had a mate, named Harry Barnett, whom he induced to go to the belfry. Mr. Barnett became a well-known ringer, and he and Mr. Ellsmore took part in the first peal on Tottenham bells, when, in 1882, they were augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles, given by the parishioners as a mark of esteem to the then Vicar. Mr. Ellsmore has met and rung with all classes, and in his younger days travelled miles for his favouriate pastime. On one occasion he covered 40 miles on foot—and felt none the worse for it. He has rung in 142 different towers (including all the twelve-bell towers in London), and visited over 400 churches. He recalls with a jest an uncomfortable experience he once had. It was in 1886, and while walking from Hertford to Bishops Stortford (fourteen miles) for a peal, was suddenly brought to a halt in a country lane by a bull. There happened to be no one else near, so Mr. Ellsmore had a warm 20 minutes trying to elude the bull, which was eventually driven off by a keeper who came up. What with the hurry necessary to get to the church in time, and the "hunting" (by the bull) and the "dodging" and "place-making" (by Ellsmore), it was hard work to ring the peal, which was 6384 Grandsire Major, rung in 4 hrs. 12 mins. Mr Ellsmore owns that his back began to bend in the last thousand.

Mr. Ellsmore went to Bishops Stortford on another occasion, for a peal of Grandsire Caters, in the month of November, and started for the peal about three o'clock in the afternoon, having forgotten to "light up." When darkness came on, it came with "a rush" disheartening. However, the ringers were all determined to stick to it, and, by so doing, got the peal in 3 hrs. 29 mins.; but, for the last three-quarters of an hour they rang in total darkness, nothing being visible but the white shirt-sleeves going up and down. He rang in a peal of Grandsire Caters at St. Peter's, St. Albans, to celebrate J. R. Haworth's fiftieth year as a member of the College Youths, Mr. Haworth ringing the treble. This was a Hertfordshire Association peal. On this occasion the tenth man was nearly forty minutes late, to the great annoyance of the other nine. Mr. Stephen Knight and Mr. Ellsmore were the only two from Hertford: yet, although they knew the last train left St. Albans for Hertford before they could finish the peal, if successful, they set to work to have the peal, lost the train, and got home between two and three o'clock in the morning (Sunday), after a twelve-miles walk in the fog. What wont ringers go through for a peal?

He called Holt's Original so far back as 1889, and, in this peal, the late Canon Wigram, by some means, sprained a wrist. Mr. Ellsmore used to do a lot of six-bell ringing in a great variety of methods. He has rung with a large number of clergy, and often with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, with whom he rang in sixteen peals, two in one day (Stedman and Double Norwich), and five in a week. Among other clergymen he has rung with may be mentioned the Revs. G. F. Coleridge, H. A. Cockey, C. D. P. Davies, the late Canon Wigram, F. J. O. Helmore, C. W. O. Jenkyn, T. L. Papillon, W. E. Colchester, C. W. Scott, M. H. Pimm, J. F. Hastings, C. Buston, H. W. Parker, J. R. Keble, W. R. H. Arundell, T. Urmson, J. C. M. Mansel-Pleydell, C. E. Matthews, W. S. Willett, E. W. Carpenter, and the brothers H. L. and E. B. James.

Among the laity with whom Mr. Ellsmore has rung are such names as Squire Proctor and his fine band of Bennington ringers, namely, Warner, Kitchener, Chapman, Shambrook, Hobbs, and last, but not least, Sam Page. It was with this band, and at Bennington Church, that Mr. Ellsmore learned to ring Surprise. Other old names with whom he has been associated are: Haley, Cox, Wood, Pettit, Muskett, Mash, and Jemmy Dwight.

Mr. Ellsmore's family numbers eleven children, six girls and five boys; and he has had the pleasure "many a time and oft" of sitting in church and hearing his boys, clad in cassocks and surplices, sing—

> "Whene'er the sweet church bell
> Peals over hill and dell,
> May Jesus Christ be praised."

Mr. Ellsmore is now in his 63rd year, and, though he does not take so active a part in the belfry as he used to do, yet he is as keen as ever in listening to a bit of good striking. His peals have been as follow:—

Grandsire Triples	31
Grandsire Major	1
Grandsire Caters	4
Bob Major	6
Kent Treble Bob Major	5
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1
Stedman Triples	14
Stedman Caters	3
Double Norwich Major	2
Superlative Surprise Major	2
Cambridge Surprise Major	1
In seven different methods on six bells	2
Total	72

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Another attempt is to be made for the ladies' peal, and the band will meet at Cubitt Town on Saturday, July 20th, starting about 3 p.m.

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Mr. F. Blood writes: With reference to the letter from the Rev. A. T. Beeston respecting the Fourth's Place Delight Method, No. 12, I wish to inform him that this has already been rung, and named Wragby Delight by the Yorkshire company of that place.

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For the proposed new tower and spire for St. Mary's Church, Southampton (long associated with the name of Wilberforce) £2,562 has now been raised, exclusive of the £1,000 promised for a peal of bells.

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Congratulations to the band that on Sunday scored the 8099 Grandsire Caters on handbells, and particularly to Miss Elsie Bennett, who rang 1-2. Miss Bennett is making a splendid record in handbell ringing, and this latest achievement is a capital performance. The peal is the longest length in the method rung on handbells.

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The following interesting record is from a manuscript by the late Mr. T. Post (the tenor man in the peal) and now in possession of his son: "On Monday, May 4th, 1846, a select band of the undermentioned ringers in this tower rang a true and complete peal of Bob Major, consisting of 13,440 changes, being 120 courses, the extent with the tenors together, and obtained by the first effort, and at the time the greatest number of changes ever rung in the county by one set of men; conducted by J. Friend, and accomplished in seven hours and fifty-five minutes. The performers were on the occasion: C. Fowler treble, H. Down 2nd, J. Harrison 3rd, J. Stokes 4th, J. Chappel 5th, J. Friend 6th, E. Hyder 7th, J. Post tenor. At the Parish Church, Hythe, Kent." There is a peal board in the tower recording the performance.

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It is interesting to note that Mr. Post was the youngest of the band, but he lived the longest, and died at the ripe age of 87. Our correspondent (Mr. A. Pye) says he understands that all the others exceeded the allotted span of three score and ten years. A band of the College Youths, who occasionally visited Hythe at that time, wanted Mr. Post to go to live in London, offering to find him employment, but no inducement could persuade him to leave the green fields of his native county for the bricks and mortar of the metropolis.

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The new work done in the tower of Sonning, Berks, will be dedicated on Sunday, July 14th, at morning prayer at 11 a.m. On the following day (July 15th) the tower will be open for ringing from 7 till 9 p.m. The Vicar kindly offers light refreshments on Monday evening to ringers who attend.

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LINCOLN GUILD MEETINGS.

An excellent meeting of the Southern Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Colsterworth on Saturday, when upwards of 25 members were present, including the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, President of the branch; the Rev. H. L. James (Master of the Guild), Vicar of Surfleet; and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston Notts. The bells, a musical ring of six, recently overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., were kept going all through the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Stedman, and a well-struck 720 of Cambridge Surprise, conducted by the Master.—A special service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. G. Mahon), who gave a most inspiring address. After an excellent tea at the George Inn, provided by Hostess Rippin, the usual business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter. Several new members were added, the Vicar of Colsterworth becoming an honorary member.—It was decided that the next meeting be held at Falkingham and Billingboro', about the middle of October.—The Guild wish to thank the Rev. G. Mahon for granting the use of the bells, and for the very hearty reception given to every member.

GRIMSBY DISTRICT.

A meeting of the Grimsby district was held at Ulceby, on Saturday, under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. H. Mowson). Although only a five-bell tower, it was pleasing to see a good number turn up, about 24 members sitting down to the tea, which preceded the meeting. Ringers were present from Grimsby, Barrow, Thornton Curtis, and Waltham, together with the local men.—Five new ringing members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Ulceby for the use of the bells, etc., and to the Rev. MacDougal, Vicar of Bonby, for the interesting address he had given at the service.—The Vicar, responding, said he hoped that at Ulceby they would not be long before they followed their neighbours at Thornton Curtis, and increased the number of their bells from five to six. A fund had already been opened for the purpose. In concluding, he welcomed the ringers to the village.—The members were then photographed, and afterwards adjourned to the tower, where several 120's of Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles were rung, and touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples on handbells brought round.

"MISSIONARY" WORK IN ESSEX.

With the object of extending the art, meetings are being arranged in various country districts in Essex by the County Association. The first of the kind included visits to Fryerning and Shenfield. The party were entertained to tea by the Rector of Shenfield (the Rev. G. N. Gresley), a party of 32 sitting down to a bountiful repast served on the lawn. In addition to the Rector and churchwardens, there were also present: Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. Edwards (Boreham), District Master; Mr. H. F. Cooper (district secretary), Messrs. Elliott and Beckwith (Coggeshall), Black (Wanstead), Lincoln (Writtle), Green (Fryerning), etc.—At the close, Mr. Howard explained that the meeting was the outcome of a suggestion that the Association should hold meetings for the purpose of spreading the Art, and that meeting was the most successful they had had.

For a great many years they had been making an attack on Brentwood and district, but did not seem to make much headway. They seemed now, however, to be on the road to improvement. He was pleased to find that already change ringing had got quite established among the local ringers, and he hoped that Shenfield would take the place Brentwood ought to occupy as the centre of the district. He thanked the Rector for the kind way in which he had received them, and felt sure the Shenfield ringers had at their head a man who would do all in his power to help them.—The Rev. G. N. Gresley replied that he was very pleased to welcome the Association. As they perhaps knew, the ringers at Shenfield had had a fillip given to their ringing, by having the peal brought up to six bells. It was due to the energy of Mr. H. P. Landon, the churchwarden, that the addition had been carried out, but credit was due to another gentleman who had provided the money for the bell. It was a beautiful peal of bells, and the more he heard them the more pleased he was with them. The additional bell had stimulated the ringers to do their best. They must remember that ringing the people to church was a part of a work for God, but the ringers must not forget to come in too.—Mr. H. P. Landon also briefly spoke.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness, and he (Mr. Landon) and Mr. J. Turner were enrolled as honorary members of the Association.—New ringing members were enrolled as follows: Messrs. H. Oliver, P. Hasler, A. Brackley, F. Stanley (all of Shenfield), and W. D. Leggatt, A. Boote (Fryerning), Messrs. C. Brackley, A. Monk and A. Hurrell, were elected as probationers.—A touch of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells by Messrs. Richell, Kirton, Edwards and Lincoln. Miss C. Playle, of Dagenham, the only lady member of the Association, was present with her father, and took the treble, many members grasping the opportunity of ringing for the first time with a lady. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung, while some of the party visited Hutton, where Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung on this peal of five.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The usual monthly meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held on Saturday, at Bolsover, in ideal weather. About 35 members were present, the towers represented being Beighton, Chesterfield, Derby, Eckington, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, Treeton and Worksop. The bells are a beautiful peal of eight, and during the afternoon touches of Plain and Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative, Yorkshire, Bristol and London Surprise, Cambridge and New Cambridge, were rung on them, the striking on the whole being of a high standard. A pleasant and encouraging feature of the meeting was the attendance of the Minor ringers, who acquitted themselves creditably in the Major methods.

A respected and esteemed member of the Society, in the person of Mr. W. Gosling, had made the journey from Mansfield to be present, and, despite his 85 years, took part in a touch of Stedman Triples, enthusiastic as ever. An invitation from the Vicar to have tea was an agreeable surprise, and needless to say, the "cup that cheers" proved very refreshing, the members sitting down to a substantial repast in the Vicarage.

The business meeting was held in the belfry during an interval in the ringing, Mr. J. P. Tarlton occupying the chair. Fifteen new members were elected—a very encouraging sign, and one that proves the popularity of these monthly meetings, which afford the younger and inexperienced members an opportunity of climbing the campanological ladder.—The usual votes of thanks to the Vicar for his kindness in providing tea, and for granting the use of the bells on this and former occasions, and to the local company for making all arrangements for the comfort of the visitors, were accorded.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradford-on-Avon, on Saturday.—The chair was occupied by the Rev. H E. Tilney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (of Devizes), the hon branch secretary.—Ringing members were present from Trowbridge, Steeple Ashton, Bradford, Southbroom, Westbury, Bath, Devizes, Poulshot and Beechingstoke. The bells of Holy Trinity Church were kept going in various methods during afternoon and evening. A party of 20 sat down to tea, and afterwards a short business meeting was held, at which Mr. S. Hillier presided, as the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett had to leave early.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Keevil and Steeple Ashton on August 3rd; the following one at Hilperton and Trowbridge on September 7th; and the next quarterly meeting at Melksham on October 5th.—The Captain of the Bradford ringers (Mr. F. J. Moore) applied for the services of the Diocesan Instructor for change ringing, the secretary, Mr. H. B. West, promising to make the necessary arrangements. There would doubtless have been a much larger attendance, but many were prevented from coming owing to hay-making being in full swing.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Bradford for the use of the bells brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade branch of the Beds Association was held at Potton on Saturday, when members attended from Sandy and Clifton, together with the local band. The meeting was held in the schoolroom, kindly lent by the Rev. Skillito, who presided, and was elected an honorary member of the Association.—It was decided to hold an annual general meeting of the district at Biggleswade at Christmas to elect officers for the following year. The next monthly meeting will be held at Southill.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for the use of the bells and room concluded the meeting. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the day.

WORCESTERSHIRE MEETING AT MARTLEY.

A quarterly meeting of the Western branch of the Worcestershire Association was held at Martley on Saturday. About 20 members arrived by cycle and motor 'bus, passing through a beautifully wooded country, where hay-making was in full swing. The bells of St. Peter's, the parish church, were raised in peal, and set going to Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. Service was held at 4.30 p.m., and being fully choral, was much appreciated. The Rector, who is also clerical secretary of the Association, gave the history of the bells, which were cast in 1673, and are supposed to be one of the oldest complete rings in existence.—Tea was taken on the Rectory lawn, after which the business meeting was held under a shady tree.—Apologies were read from several members. While everyone was thankful for the glorious weather, it no doubt prevented several members from attending, as they had literally to make hay while the sun shone.

Strensham was selected for the next meeting, the quarterly peal to be attempted at Martley, and to be conducted by Mr. R. G. Knowles.—After a vote of thanks to the Rector, organist, choir and ladies, had been passed, the Rector invited the members to look round the garden, a privilege which was much appreciated.—A move was then made to the church, where Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were rung. The ringing, however, was cut short by peals of thunder, and, none too soon, tracks were made for home.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SKIPTON-IN-CRAVEN, YORKSHIRE.

On Saturday week, the Skipton ringers had their annual outing, and, accompanied by four ringing friends and their wives from the Keighley company, visited the Lake district, Messrs. Cook and Son, the tourist agents, having charge of the arrangements. The party, numbering 22 in all, left Skipton Station by the 7.20 a.m. train for Langwathby. After undergoing the "snapping" process, the party drove to Penrith, where breakfast was waiting at the Crown Hotel. Little time was taken in getting ready for the main objective—Lake Ullswater—and at 12.30 p.m. the excursionists were aboard the steamer at Pooley Bridge. As they steamed along splendid views were obtained of the rugged mountain scenery on either side of the lake, with Hellvellyn the outstanding feature. A two and a half hours' stay in Patterdale enabled the party to see many beauty spots. On the return journey the members of the Barnoldswick Prize Choir (winners in the International contest in Paris recently) delighted their hearers with a few selections. After the drive from Pooley Bridge full justice was done to a very good dinner at the Crown Hotel, Penrith. Permission having been obtained, the members then repaired to the belfry of the Penrith Parish Church, where touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob were rung. Skipton was reached at 11.30 p.m., and the party were unanimous that they had had a most enjoyable day's outing.

BLACKBURN.

The Blackburn Parish Church company held their annual outing on Thursday, June 20th, when Chester was visited. On arrival a capital breakfast was done full justice to at the Bull and Stirrup Hotel, and the party then circled the city walls. Afterwards they were driven round to the most interesting and historic parts of the City, arriving at the Cathedral by twelve o'clock, where the Vicar (the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A.) having obtained permission for a short time on the bells, the visitors were met by Mr. Sconce, the chief ringer, who put everyone at ease by his kindness and hearty welcome. The bells were set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and the visit to the belfry was much appreciated.

After dinner the party proceeded by boat to Eccleston for Eaton Hall, the river scenery and Eaton being much admired. After tea a visit was paid to old friends at St. Mary's, Handbridge, Mr. Channel having everything in readiness.—A touch of Stedman Triples was lost, after some good striking, but 504 of Grandsire Triples was brought round. The party wish to give their best thanks to ringing friends, and the Cathedral and Church authorities who so largely contributed to make the outing so enjoyable and the success it was.

In connection with their recent visit to Worksop, the Staveley ringers wish to thank the Vicar of the Priory Church for the use of the bells, and the Worksop ringers for making the necessary arrangements.

HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON.

The ringers of Halesworth and Chediston united for their annual outing on June 24th, and spent a most enjoyable day among the Suffolk towers. Starting from Haslesworth at 8.30 a.m. with a pair-horse van, the party, numbering 18, and including the Rector, made their first call at St. Mary's Church, Bungay, where several touches were rung on the eight bells, in some of which the Vicar of St. Mary's and two of the local men took part. They next proceeded to Ditchingham and Woodton (both six bell towers) piloted by Mr. C. Woods, of the former parish, where further touches were rung, and the churches inspected with much interest. Loddon was reached shortly after two o'clock, and here at the Swan Hotel (where Oliver Cromwell once slept) Host Hodges had prepared a most substantial repast. The chair was taken by the President (the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A.), who, after dinner, gave the usual loyal toasts. These were heartily responded to, and votes of thanks passed to the reverend gentleman, and to those members of the congregation who had so kindly subscribed the necessary funds to enable the outing to be carried through. Thanks were also accorded to the various clergymen who had placed their bells at the disposal of the visitors and last but not least, to the host and hostess for providing such a capital spread. Lodden bells (8) were then rung for an hour, and the party proceeded to the old home of the Rector, Kirby Cane. Touches were rung on the bells (5), and the ancient Norman Church with its interesting memorials to the Berners and Upcher families inspected. After a walk round the Rectory garden, Ellingham was reached just in time to escape a sharp thunderstorm and a drenching rain. Here the Rector, the Rev. Aston, gave the party a cordial welcome, and kindly entertained them to tea. This was much enjoyed, and the bells (5) were afterwards set going in various touches, courses of Grandsire being also rung on the handbells. —A hearty vote of thanks and cheers were accorded to the Rector of Ellingham for his kind hospitality, and the party started on the return journey to Bungay. Here in the evening, more ringing was accomplished with the local company, who were practising. Leaving at 9.45, home was reached shortly after 11 p.m., one and all having spent a most enjoyable day in the country, which is now looking at its best. The ringing during the day included touches of Kent Treble Bob Major and Minor, Plain Bob Major, Minor, Triples and Doubles, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Doubles.

During the day, the business meetings of the two bands were held. In each case the secretary's and treasurer's reports were presented and passed.—Mr. F. C. Lambert was re-elected secretary, and Mr. J. Howard, treasurer of the Halesworth company, and Mr. H. Pratt, secretary of the Chediston band. All were accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for their past services.

BEVERLEY.

The ringers of Beverley Minster had a most enjoyable outing on Saturday week, when Messrs. Taylor's bell foundry at Loughborough was the venue of the annual excursion. The party left Beverley by the 5.20 a.m. train, and on arrival at Loughborough they proceeded to the bell foundry, and had a ring on the foundry peal. After dinner, which was partaken of at the foundry, Miss Taylor rang a few tunes on the carillon, which were greatly enjoyed. The company afterwards indulged in a ring on the bells at the Parish Church, and subsequently left Loughborough at 7 p.m., and arrived at Beverley about midnight.

ST. CHAD'S, SHREWSBURY.

St. Chad's ringers, accompanied by some friends and ringers from St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury spent a very enjoyable day at Blackpool, on the occasion of their annual outing on Saturday. By kind permission of the Rev. Father Moss, they rang three short touches of Grandsire Triples and two courses of Stedman Triples on the bells at the Church of the Sacred Heart, and, to add to their pleasure, they met and rang with ringers from Sheffield, Bolton, and other places, who were attracted by the sound of the bells. The ringers wish to thank, through "The Ringing World," the Rev. Father Moss for granting them the use of the bells, and Mr. Whiteside for arranging for them.

NOISY BELFRIES.

MORE SUGGESTIONS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I would like to recommend "Tenor" to a recent patent appliance for attaching to the clapper of a bell which would take off all the noisiness he complains of. The above-mentioned arrangement has been in use on a peal of bells at Sedgley (Staffordshire) for some time, and the difference between the bells now and before the appliance was put on is remarkable. The loudness is conspicuous by its absence, and the result gives one the impression of the soft pedals on a piano. I would like to add that there has not been any complaint at Sedgley, which is a small country place, and the bells I am pleased to say are appreciated by the inhabitants. I regret I am unable to tell "Tenor" anything regarding the reduction of weight to the clappers, but should be pleased to put him in communication with the patentee of the above-mentioned appliance who, I might add, is a ringer of long standing.—Yours truly,

"CHANGE RINGER."

Dear Sir,—I have read with interest "Tenor's" letter re noisy bells, and with your permission will give him my experience as to methods of deadening the sound outside. We in Worcester have a church situate in the centre of a thickly populated district, where the tower is rather low, and the noise outside was a perpetual cause (real and otherwise) of annoyance, complaints being very frequent. Eventually the louvres were boarded up to the bottom of arch with closely fitting boards. Since then complaint is very rare. I can assure "Tenor" that the effect is very marked. At another tower, about two miles outside the city, where the bells were very noisy outside and complaints strong, the louvres were felted up as an experiment. The effect was such that nothing else has been done. If the authorities at "Tenor's" church would try the effect of well filling in the louvres, say, with a double row of one inch boards fixed, for preference, two or three inches apart, and made into a complete air-tight box carried right up to spring of arches, or, if the church possesses a spire or lantern tower entirely closing them in, then I think complaints would be rare, at any rate from reasonable people.—Faithfully yours,

W. PAGE.

Dear Sir,—Another very simple and effective remedy for the nuisance referred to by "Tenor" is to nail a broad strip of felt right over the belfry windows inside. I discovered this fact by an accidental circumstance. Standing outside a five-bell tower in Somerset, I was much struck with the exceptionally soft and mellow sound of the bells as heard from the churchyard. Investigation brought to light the fact that strips of felt had been fastened over the openings of the belfry. The actual object in placing them there was to keep out the draught, but incidentally they produced the effect that I had observed. Although the sound is so decidedly softened down in the immediate vicinity of the church, I heard the same bells quite clearly on New Year's night at a distance of six miles.—Yours truly,

Kington Magna Rectory. F. Ll. EDWARDS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.—At the residence of Mr. J. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, on handbells, 518 Grandsire Triples: Mrs. G. Williams 1—2, Miss E. K. Parker 3—4, G. Williams (conductor) 5—6, J. Parker 7—8. Also 336 in same method, J. George ringing 7—8, and conducting

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WILLENHALL. — On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Peate 1, E. T. Smith 2, E. Marlow 3, C. Wallater (conductor) 4, W. Pardoe 5, F. W. Perrins 6, *C. Beech 7, *J. Adams 8. * First in the method.

EVESHAM.—At the bell tower, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes): R. Young 1, J. Hemming 2, Frank Cook 3, H. Jordan 4, J. T. Dyke 5, H. Middleton 6, F. Jordan 7, H. Phipps 8, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 9. W. Workman 10.—On handbells, a course each of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters.

PRESTBURY.—On Whit-Sunday, 630 and 462 Grandsire Triples, in which the following took part: T. Compton, J. Major, C. Tovey, W. Shercliff, W. Yeend, R. Court, J. Harrison, T. Pendry, A. P. Wakley, J. T. Dyke, the last two-named conducting.—On handbells, 720 Bob Minor: A. P. Wakley 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5—6.

TONBRIDGE. — On Whit-Sunday, three quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were rung, the following taking part: C. Cooke, C. Corke, A. E. Headey, A. Lawrence, G. H. Stonestreet, W. Steed, H. Milner, W. J. Wolfe and S. Corke.

BARMOUTH, NORTH WALES.—Archdeaconry of Stafford Society. —At St. John's Church, on Whit-Monday, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Pagett 1, G. Griffiths 2, W. Peart 3, F. Bendall 4, T. Taylor 5, S. Woodhall 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, E. Pagett 8.

BURSTOW.—As a welcome to the new Rector, 720 Bob Minor: F. Harman 1, T. W. Bond 2, J. Sherlock 3, G. Illman 4, P. Etheridge 5, F. Sadler (conductor) 6. Also 240 Stedman Doubles.

OLDHAM.—At St. Thomas' Church, Moorside, on Whit-Monday, a date touch of Grandsire Triples: F. Wild 1, J. Ogden 2, F. Chapman 3, Herbert Barlow 4, S. Stott (conductor) 5, L. Hampson 6, C. Platt 7, J. Garlick 8.

SOUTHSTOKE, OXON. — On May 24th, 2520 changes Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 30 mins.: S. Kew 1, J. Smith 2, Miss E. O. Nind 3, W. Geall 4, W. Goodenough 5. Longest length by all, and rung at the first attempt.

LEEDS. — At St. Chad's, Far Headingley, on May 29th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Drake 1, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 2, *F. Hutchinson 3, *D. Poyser 4, W. Child 5, A. E. Sharman 6. * First 720.

HALLOW, WORCESTER.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton 2, W. Rouse 3, T. Bullock 4, W. Page 5, G. Checketts 6, A. Winterton (conductor) 7, J. Pardoe 8.

BRIDGEND.—On Whit-Sunday, for 7.0 a.m. service, 910 Grandsire Triples: R. Gregory 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, J. Evans 5, R. James 6, J. Cox 7, J. Fisher 8.—At 11 a.m., 700 Grandsire Triples; at 3 p.m., 504 Grandsire Triples; at 6.30 p.m., 700 Grandsire Triples.—On June 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Gregory 1, R. Bunstone 2, T. J. Evans 3, A. J. Stanley 4, W. Smith 5, R. James 6, J. Cox (conductor) 7, B. Toby 8.—For evening service, 700 Grandsire Triples. Also two courses Stedman Triples.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Whit-Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, 1248 Bob Major: F. Forsyth 1, E. Waters 2, F. Phillips 3, T. Green 4, C. Forfitt 5, A. R. Macdonald 6, W. Kerley 7, C. Goodenough (conductor) 8.

SHEFFIELD. — At St. Maries R.C., a quarter-peal of Little Bob Major (1344 changes), in 50 mins.: G. O. Dixon 1, G. Lewis (conductor) 2, J. Atkins 3, T. G. Sarel 4, T. O'Hara 5, J. Evinson 6, S. Palmer 7, W. Collier 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Evinson. First quarter-peal in the method in Sheffield.

WARWICK.—On May 28th, at St. Nicholas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: C. Hall 1, W. Lynes 2, A. J. Hobbs 3, T. Male (conductor) 4, H. Fathers 5, T. Harris 6.

HULL.—At All Saints' Church, 433 Grandsire Triples: H. S. Webb 1, H. Jenkins 2, M. Hedges 3, T. Harrison 4, C. Jackson 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. H. Chamberlain 8.

BECKENHAM, KENT.—On June 2nd, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: G. Wickens 1, J. Town 2, G. Clarke 3, F. King 4, F. Terry 5, A. Miller (first in the method) 6, W. Smith (composer and conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

EXETER.—At the Cathedral, on Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 329 Stedman Caters: E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, C. Carter 2, T. G. Bartlett 3, W. Richardson 4, W. Drake 5, C. R. Lilley (Taunton) 6, E. Sargent 7, J. Moss 8, F. Davey 9, W. Acreman and W. Rowden tenor (73 cwt.).

LYMINGTON.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Hughes 1, E. C. Elliott 2, W. Harrison 3, J. E. Figgures 4, G. W. Arnold 5, H. F. Elliott 6, J. Edwards (conductor) 7, S. Clarke 8.

CARDIFF.—St. John's Guild.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), in 45 mins.: *H. Day 1, *W. B. Biss 2, *E Coles 3, *C. O. Hobbs 4, *S. Dawe 5. A. E. Morgan, Newport (conductor) 6, W. Bolton 7, C. Oram 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE. — On Whit-Sunday, two 308's of Grandsire Triples and 784 Bob Major: J. Ballard 1, W. Martin 2, W. Hecton (longest touch) 3, T. Chapman 4, T. Dickens 5, E. Stone 6, J. Clarke, senr. (conductor) 7, J. Clarke, junr., 8.

ROTHWELL, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.—On Whit-Monday, a course each of Bristol and London Surprise: A. Aldham 1, A. Perkins 2, J. Ward 3, J. Garratt 4, J. Houghton 5, W. German 6, W. Perkins 7, A. Tyler 8. Also two courses of Double Norwich, Mr. Aldham ringing the tenor.

HARBORNE, STAFFS.—On Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: A. Beacham 1, J. W. Tilley 2, G. Hitchman 3, H. Pratt 4, H. Grosvenor 5, A. T. Hyland (conductor) 6, A. J. Cartwright 7, J. Such 8.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.—336 Stedman Triples: E. Bartram 1, G. H. Towell 2, J. J Jackson 3, W. E. White 4, F. C. Towell 5, H. Burbeck 6, R. H. Bartram (conductor) 7, R. W. Baker 8.

WELLINGBOROUGH. — On the King's birthday, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. Wood 1, F. Underwood 2, G. M. Ette 3, W. H. Ette 4, J. Leamark 5, E. West 6, F. Wood (conductor) 7, H. Pettett 8. Also a quarter-peal: W. Wood 1, F. Underwood 2, G. M. Ette 3, W. H. Ette 4, E. West 5, H. Pettett 6, F. Wood (conductor) 7, A. Tomkins (Finedon) 8.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.—On May 30th, 560 Bob Major: A. Absalom 1, G. Weller 2, G. Walder 3, W. H. Packham 4, T. Gaston 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Vincent 7, W. Walder (conductor) 8. This is the longest length in the method by the local branch, and by all the band.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Monday, June 3rd, at St. Vigar's Church, 720 Bob Minor: A. E. Austin (first 720) 1, E. Webb 2, H. Badcock 3, W. Scotcher 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE. — On Whit-Sunday morning, 360 Canterbury Pleasure, and for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Summers 1, H. Marklove 2, J. Gwynne 3, E. Summers 4, Walter Poston 5, Will Poston (conductor) 6.

ANSTON, YORKS.—On May 21st, 720 London Surprise Minor: W. Platts 1, H. Turner 2, Miss E. Steel 3, R. Smith 4, S. Smith 5, C. Fowler (conductor) 6.—On Whit-Sunday, 720 Cambridge Surprise, and 720 College Pleasure by the same band. On previous dates, 720 Woodbine, 720 College Exercise and 720 Cambridge Surprise.

ROYSTON.—An attempt for a peal of Minor, in seven methods, was lost on May 25th, after 4320 changes: P. Webb 1, E. Bonnett (conductor) 2, W. J. Croft 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King 6. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. L. Darlow, one of the local ringers, to Miss Garner, of Willingham, Cambs.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 1st, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of 723 Stedman Caters: E. Bartram (first touch of Stedman Caters) 1, G. Holmes 2, L. Allen 3, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 4, R. H. Bartram 5, T. L. Allen 6, A. Pettit 7, Jos. Morris 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

DEPTFORD.—On Sunday, June 2nd, at St. John's, Deptford, 1248 Bristol Surprise Major: F. Hairs 1, *G. H. Daynes 2, J. Emery 3, J. A. Trollope 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. Hewett 6, A. W. Grimes 7, *W. J. Jeffries 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.—On June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: G. R. Simmonds 1, T. G. Deal 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, W. Daynes 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On June 2nd, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Jones 2, W. H. Jones 3, J. Hopkins 4, F. Bennett 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. —On June 9th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, J. Carter 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, W. Saunders 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, H. Aston 10.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On June 9th, for Matins, 720 changes Double Oxford: T. Parsons 1, T. J. Salter 2, E. Perkins 3, R. Matthews (conductor) 4, W. Bretherton 5, C. F. White 6.

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 July 18th at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd; 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, Edgeey Road, Clapham, 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 2s. each.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting at Ashtead 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.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chiddingly (8 bells) on Saturday, July 13th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Service 5 p.m. Tea 5.30, 6d. each to members. —George H. Howse, Honorary Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, 132, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Halewood on Saturday, July 13th. Bells ready at 4. Meeting at 6.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

LAVENHAM.—The re-opening of the Church Bells takes place on July 17th. Tower open for ringing, 7 a.m. till 7.15 p.m. Dedication Service 7.30.—A. Symonds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The annual meeting will be held at Craston on July 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting. A good attendance is specially requested as business is important.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

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, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. —Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Restaurant, High Street, at five o'clock. Meeting at Vestry after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 17th inst.—J. Whiting, Divisional Secretary, Fareham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday, July 20th, 1912. 3 p.m., bells available (6); 5.15, service at S. Andrew's Church, preacher, the Rev. Canon Leighton Grane, M.A., Vicar; 6, tea at the Running Mare Hotel. Paper by Mr. C. Willshire, "A Journey to Winchester on a Motor Char-a-banc." Canon Grane will be pleased for members and friends to view the Vicarage gardens. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West Division.— The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector of Woodford, followed by tea (free, by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30 to members notifying me by July 17th.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District).—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar). Tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half railway fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne, free to those who notify me by the 24th instant.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8), All Saints', Emscote (8). Tea (usual charge) at the Globe Hotel after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available all afternoon. Tea at the Church Tavern 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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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MODERN WORK.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

There were many points of special interest in the annual festival of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Oxford on Saturday. One of the things that was most manifest was the keen interest taken by the members in the affairs of their organisation and from all the corners of the widespread diocese they came to participate in this pleasant reunion. The Guild has always been fortunate in having its concerns well-managed, and the conduct of the actual business meeting was a pattern to some of the other associations. It is often said that parsons are not business men, but this is a description that certainly does not apply to the present Master of the Guild. The Rev. Cyril Jenkyn is no mere figure head, and he handled the meeting as well as he handles a rope—which is saying a good deal. The Oxford Guild was certainly extremely happy in selecting him to follow the late lamented Rev. F. E. Robinson in the chief office. Mr. Jenkyn's whole heart is in the Guild, and he spares himself neither time nor trouble in furthering its objects, and assisting its members in reaching that high ideal which should be the aim of all ringers. Little wonder, therefore, that he was re-elected to the office by acclamation, for no ringing society was ever served by a more devoted officer. One has only to mix with the members to find how much real work he does and how much his efforts are appreciated.

But not only in their Master is the Guild fortunate. Other officers have rendered invaluable service, and it was pleasing to see recognised the long labours of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who during 22 years as honorary secretary did so much to build up the fortunes of the Association. The work so cheerfully and ungrudgingly done must have a lasting effect, and although Mr. Hart-Davis has now sought retirement from the onerous secretarial duties his labours will not be readily forgotten. It is to gentlemen such as the Master and the late Honorary Secretary of the Oxford Guild, that the Exercise owes so much. To the influence of such as these is largely due the uplifting of the status of the ringer, and all the while there are men of this type to shape the destinies of our ringing organisations, there need be no fear of a decline in the position of the Exercise.

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FREDERICK E. SMITH	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	8
GEORGE DAVIES	4	BART MITCHELL	9
CHARLES DRAPER	5	FRANK JACOBS	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung to commemorate the birthday of Ven. Archdeacon Crosse, Vicar of Chesterfield.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

ALGERNON P. G. STONE	*Treble*	GEORGE BULL	5
REGINALD G. STONE	2	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7
WILLIAM J. SMITH	4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

Rung with the bells half muffled, in affectionate memory of the late George Robinson, for twenty-eight years member of this Society.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

JAMES PAGETT	*Treble*	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	5
CECIL J. BAKER	2	HENRY FLETCHER	6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	JAMES F. GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER (No. 9), and
Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRID,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

*CHRIS STEPHENSON	*Treble*	CHAS. E. WAITE	5
WALTER POPPLEWELL	2	*WILLIE BOOCOCK	6
JOHN B. JACKSON	3	WILLIAM B. SMITH	7
STANLEY WALKER	4	JOSEPH BROADLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*THOMAS H. GREEN	*Treble*	†HARRY O. WHITE	5
ERNEST J. OLIVER	2	JOSEPH B. FENTON	6
*SAMUEL POOLE	3	WALTER MALINS	7
*ARCHIBALD J. ROSS	4	WILLIAM J. TILCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER MALINS.

* First peal. † First in the method on tower bells. The ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 8 belong to the local band, the rest hail from Rugby Rung in honour of Bishop Ingham's visit to Lutterworth.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS	*Treble*	GEORGE ROBERTS	5
CHARLES WAITHMAN	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
BERNARD CLAYDON	3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM	7
GEORGE PARSONS	4	JAMES REYNOLDS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Jennings. The band wish to thank him for his generous entertainment after the peal.

TEWKESBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

HERBERT JORDAN	*Treble*	CHARLES CAMM	5
FREDK. JORDAN	2	GEORGE DOLPHIN	6
THOMAS SHEPPARD	3	FRANK COOK	7
WILLIAM READ	4	SIDNEY ANNIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

First peal on the bells since being rehung.

BERKELEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CAMPANILE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK KING	*Treble*	ALBERT GOULDING	5
OLIVER THOMAS	2	GEORGE CAPEWELL	6
THOMAS BALDWYN	3	FREDERICK OAKHILL	7
SIDNEY CORNOCK	4	JOHN W. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWYN.

Rung on the occasion of the Annual Festival of the Gloucester Union of the C.E.M.S., which was held at Berkeley.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	CHARLES T. COLES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

GEORGE H. HEAD ...	...*Treble*	ISAAC CREED	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	THOMAS W. CREED	6
CHARLES R. LILLEY... ...	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
ALBERT E. COLES	4	JOSEPH FOWLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Major on the bells, also by all except the ringers of treble and 3rd. First peal on eight by T. W. Creed. The band were kindly entertained to tea after the peal by Mrs. Osmand, sister of Messrs. Creed, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to her for her kindness, and also to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

WROTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs., in E.

RICHARD GOODBOURN	...*Treble*	ALFRED JAMES	5
JACK BURLES	2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	6
REGINALD BROUGH	3	WILLIAM HEWETT	7
ARTHUR T. VERRALLS ...	4	ISAAC EMERY	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

First peal of Major on the new bells, and the conductor's 150th peal. For calling, see K.C.A. Report, 1905, p. 68.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD, AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM A. COOPER...	...*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	5
THOMAS HUGHES...	2	JESSE SCREEN	6
DANIEL JONES	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the Parish Church Sunday School treat, and is the first peal of Stedman for the newly-constructed Dudley Guild. The above band represents eight church towers in the above Archdeaconry.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER ...	...*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE...	5
CHARLES DICKENS	2	GEORGE PIGOTT	6
WILLIAM SHORT	3	GEORGE F. SWANN	7
JOHN BASS	4	JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

This is the first composition in the method ever rung other than C. Middleton's. Rung on the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Swann, and also as a birthday compliment to the only son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickens.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT PAGETT ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS TAYLOR	5
WILLIAM PEART	2	REUBEN HALL	6
ARCHIE CADDICK...	3	ALBERT MILLS	7
GEORGE GRIFFITHS	4	*THOMAS FIELDHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

CHARLES WOODCOCK ...	...*Treble*	PERCY FORDHAM	5
FREDERICK SALTER	2	SYDNEY ANNISON	6
ALFRED MACRO	3	THOMAS FITZJOHN	7
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	4	CHARLES CARTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN E. BURTON, and
Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

EDMONTON.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES GEORGE	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	*WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN THOMAS	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS TURNER ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN WHITING	5
DAVID COLLINS	2	WALTER LAST	6
ERNEST F. POPPY	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
JAMES BETTS	4	PETER LAFLIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Mr. Poppy has now rung peals in this steeple in eight different methods, on eight different bells, those of Major being all different lengths.

HAILSHAM, SUSSEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK G. BLOW	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. HOWSE... ...	5
*JOSEPH F. CHATLEY ...	2	LEWIS A. GOODENOUGH ...	6
*CHARLES JEFFS...	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
†ERNEST RANDALL	4	HORACE E. C. GOODENOUGH	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of the following methods—Violet, Woodbine, Rusper, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8 cwt.

W. Denman, Junr. ...	...*Treble*	G. Lucas	4
T. Adams	2	J. Bowell	5
H. Turrell	3	W. Denman, Senr. ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Denman, Senr.

Arranged for H. Turrell, the rest of the ringers coming from the neighbouring parish of Shipley.

ECKINGTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 18 cwt.

*Charles Holford ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Edwin	4
Harry Colley	2	James Hemming	5
Hubert Salisbury	3	Ernest Gibbs	...*Tenor*

Conducted by James Hemming.

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

WHILTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Wilfred Sharpe ...	...*Treble*	John Metherall	4
Bertie O. Soden	2	Fred Hopper	5
Fred Wilford	3	William Rogers ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Rogers.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob.

George Fuller	...*Treble*	Andrew Marshall	4
Walter Marshall	2	Harry Price	5
Albert Relfe	3	Edwin Lambert ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Price, after being elected a member of the above association. The conductor hails from Horsmonden, the rest belong to the local company.

TALGARTH, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Gwendoline,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

William Pritchard ...	...*Treble*	Robert E. Sparkes ...	4
Fred R. Sparkes	2	William D. Griffiths ...	5
Louis S. Griffiths	3	William Woodhouse	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Louis S. Griffiths.

The above are all members of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows Friendly Society. The ringers of the treble, 3rd, 5th and tenor belong to the "Loyal Glanenig" Lodge, Talgarth, and the ringers of the 2nd and 4th to the "Loyal Prince Llewellyn" Lodge, Builth Wells. The band wishes the Manchester Unity every success. This is the first Oddfellows' peal in Wales, the first peal by the ringer of the tenor, and the conductor's 50th peal.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 21 six-scores of Grandsire and 21 six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

Ernest Fisher	...*Treble*	Wilfrid Allen	3
William Adcock	2	Edgar Hunt	4
Herbert Mason	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. Mason.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

Edwin J. Pannett ...	...*Treble*	Ernest E. Bish	4
James Parsons	2	Robert J. Dawe	5
George Piper	3	Albert E. Edwards	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert E. Edwards.

First peal on the bells which have recently been augmented in memory of the late Sir William (Justice) Grantham. First peal of Minor by all the band. The conductor was elected a member previous to starting and the peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. J. Dawe.

NETHERBURY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(West Dorset Branch.)

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

42 Six Scores. Tenor 22 cwt., in E flat.

Frank Bugler	...*Treble*	John Zealley	4
William Oates	2	T. Hervey Beams	5
Ernest Powell	3	W. S. B. Northover	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. Hervey Beams.

First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. At the commencement of this peal (6.55 p.m.), the thermometer in the tower registered 72 degrees.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At George IV, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1—2	Bertram Prewett ...	5—6
William Pye	3—4	Ernest Pye	7—8
Alfred W. Grimes ...	9—10		

Composed by John Carter, and
Conducted by William Pye.
Umpire: R. Sanders.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At Commercial House,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Maurice Smither	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
James Hunt	3—4	Septimus Radford ...	7—8
Frank Blondell	9—10		

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to S. Radford. Mr. W. E. Maulden umpired the last half of the peal.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF M. W. H_ EN, LOWER STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. This is the first peal of Treble Bob "in hand" to be rung by the Association.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, July 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

WILBY J. HAZELL... ...	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	3—4	JAMES PARKER	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. GEORGE HOWCHIN, 42, WYMER ST.

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. CROSS ...	1—2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	5—6
GEORGE H. CROSS... ...	3—4	BEN S. THOMPSON... ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

HALIFAX, YORKS,

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(LEEDS AND DISTRICT AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT SOCIETIES.)

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. SALMON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FRANK R. CUNDALE ...	1—2	JAMES COTTERELL	5—6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ...	3—4	FRED SALMON	7—8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.
Attested by JONAS AMBLER.

This is the first handbell peal by the Halifax and District Society, and first handbell peal in Halifax. First handbell peal by the ringer 7—8, and his 50th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	MAURICE SMITHER	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL 9-10

Composed by J. SEGAR, Junr., and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.
Witness: F. K. S. WILSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Blake, a member of the Barking Society, late of Clandon, near Guildford, and also to Mr. Blondell's youngest son. This composition is now rung for the first time and contains 12 courses with 5th in 5th's place, and the 6th in 2nd's, and 2, 4, 6, 8's in the tittums and 24 courses in the hand stroke home position with treble in 2nd's place.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, July 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
MAURICE SMITHER... ...	3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

The above was the first peal rung on the handbells which belong to Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow, for whom this and the following peals were arranged. This was his first peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	*FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER... ...	1—2	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: S. RADFORD, W. E. MAULDEN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Blondell.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, July 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	1—2	JOHN THOMAS...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANCIS S. WILSON ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: J. HUNT and F. BLONDELL.
Witnesses: W. E. MAULDEN, M. SMITHER, S. RADFORD, and G. OLIVER.

Through the medium of "The Ringing World" Mr. F. S. Wilson wishes to thank Mr. A. H. Pulling and all those ringers who helped to make his short visit to Guildford an enjoyable and successful one.

DEATH OF A LEICESTER RINGER.

On Wednesday week there was rung at St. Saviour's, Leicester, a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Alfred Millis, a well-known local ringer, whose remains were laid to rest in the old cemetery during the afternoon. The deceased, who was in his 70th year, had had a long career among the bells and bellringing, and had also served for 33 years in the then local Volunteer Forces, retiring with the rank of sergeant and the long service medal. In ringing circles he had many performances to his credit. His first peal was rung at St. Mary's in 1864, and he also took part in the first peals rung upon many modern church bells. He was accorded a ringer's funeral, being borne to the grave by six of his ringing brethren from various towers, while at the close of the service, a course of Caters was rung over the coffin. The following members took part in the quartr-peal: W. P. Cooper (S. Margaret's) 1, A. Briggs (S. Saviour's) 2, W. Wiltson (S. John the Divine), conductor, 3, J. S. Needham (S. Saviour's) 4, J. Morris (S. Margaret's) 5, E. E. Smith 6, A. Martin (S. Martin's) 7, T. Taylor (S. Martin's) 8. A floral wreath, in which a bell was worked in purple flowers among the white, was laid on the coffin as a tribute from the local society, with whom the deceased had rung about 65 peals, among which was the silent peal of Stedman Cinques in hand.

DEATH OF MR. GEORGE ROBINSON.

It is with extreme regret that we record the death, which took place on July 1st, of this well known ringer, who for 28 years has been a member of the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent. Born at Whittlesea, in 1855, he commenced to learn to ring at the early age of 13. Having been apprenticed to a cooper, he came to Burton in 1875, and soon after joined the band of ringers at the Parish Church. Peal ringing at this time was very rare, and it was not until December 9th, 1882, that he rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled, in memory of the late Archbishop Tait, at Coleorton, Leicestershire, under the then Derby and District Association. This Association was the following year altered to the present Midland Counties Association, of which the deceased was an "original member." Having joined the St. Paul's Society in 1884, it was not until August 18th, 1886, that he rang the tenor to a peal of Stedman Triples at St. Paul's Church. On September 29th, 1887, he rang the treble in a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, in honour of the marriage of Mr. John Austin, and on January 12th, 1888, he rang the treble in a peal of New Cumberland Surprise, the second ever accomplished in the method, and the conductor's (Mr. Joseph Griffin's) 100th peal. On the 26th of the same month, he rang the treble to a peal of Superlative Surprise Major, and on Feb. 9th the sixth in his first peal of Stedman Triples with an inside bell. He continued to ring the treble in all the Major methods rung by the St. Paul's company at this time, including London Surprise Major. On April 5th, 1889, he rang the fourth in his first peal of Double Norwich, and on October 23rd, 1890, his first peal of Duffield Major.

His first peal of Superlative Surprise away from the treble was rung on January 15th, 1891; his first peal of Cambridge Surprise with a bob bell, on April 9th; while on October 2nd, at the Parish Church, Wrexham, he rang his first peal of Stedman Caters—the first rung in Wales. He added London Surprise to his list of methods with a bob bell on February 25th, 1892, and on November 5th rang in the first and only peal of Union Triples rung by the St. Paul's Society, at Hanbury-on-the-Hill, Staffordshire, and on December 15th, 1892, the first peal of Double Oxford Bob Major. A week later he rang his first peal of New Cumberland Surprise with a bob bell. His first peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at the Cathedral Church of St. Chad, Lichfield, on January 7th, 1893. He also rang the third in the peal of Stedman Triples, at St. Andrew's, Derby, on April 1st, 1907, rung by eight of the "Original Members" to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Midland Counties Association. The following is a full list of the peals rung by this celebrated ringer:—

Bob Minor	1
Minor in 3 methods	1
Grandsire Triples	19
Grandsire Caters	2
Union Triples	1
Stedman Triples	73
Stedman Caters	4
Bob Major	1
Double Oxford Bob Major	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	1
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	15
Duffield Major	9
New Cumberland Surprise Major	3
Superlative Surprise Major	21
Cambridge Surprise Major	8
New Cambridge Surprise Major	2
London Surprise Major	24
Total	186

He was most genial and unassuming, and a better colleague no society ever possessed. Very steady and reliable in peal ringing, an excellent striker, and always willing to oblige his conductor, he will be greatly missed by his sorrowing colleagues, who rang a muffled peal to his memory on Saturday, July 6th, 1912.—R.I.P.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, one of the most successful meetings of the N.W. Division of the Essex Association was held at the pretty little village of Wenden Ambo, about 30 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Rickling, Littlebury, Harlow Common, Bishop Stortford, Braintree, Great Totham, Elsenham, and Stapleford, with the local company. The members were entertained to tea by the Vicar of Wenden (the Rev. F. Berry) who is himself a change ringer, the party of about 30 sitting down to a bountiful repast served on the lawn. —Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided at the meeting which followed, supported by Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, Association secretary; and Mr. W. Watts, district secretary. The following new ringing members were enrolled: Mr. F. Potter, Stansted; Messrs. F. Banfield, D. Jolly and C Law, Rickling; Messrs. C. Cain, H. Reeve, A. Farnham, W. Pledger and W. Gilbey, Wenden; and Harold J. Pitstow, probationer, of Saffron Walden.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Bishop Stortford. —The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for kindly providing tea and for the use of the bells.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicars of Clavering, Rickling and Littlebury, which towers were visited in the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Stedman and Old Doubles, Treble Bob and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SURREY ASSOCIATION MEETING.

BOOKING FEE ABOLISHED.

A quarterly meeting of the Surrey Association was held at Ashtead on Saturday last. The ring of eight at St. Giles' Church was kept going nearly all the afternoon and many good touches were brought round. Owing to the absence of the Vicar, the short service, which had been arranged for, had to be abandoned. A company, numbering nearly 60, sat down to a knife and fork tea in Matten's Tea Gardens, the meal being nicely laid out in a large summer-house. After ample justice had been done to the repast, Mr. J. D. Drewett was voted to the chair for the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary reported that during the quarter seven peals had been rung, four on tower bells and three on handbells.—The Chairman said he was sure every member would be glad to hear that the peal book was now completed up to the end of 1911, and he wished to remark that this was due to the kind and generous work of Mr. Beams, who had written up all the arrears. Mr. Beams had written in 231 peals, and had only charged the Association 6s., the cost of the materials used. A great undertaking like this deserved a very hearty round of applause, and he asked the company to show their thanks by so doing.—This was done, and Mr. Beams briefly replied.

Five new members were elected, including the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, of Cambridge.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. J. Wyatt for their kindnesses, concluded the business of the ordinary meeting.

A special meeting was then held, at which the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Cyril F. Johnston) formally proposed that rule 10 (with regard to peal booking fees) be rescinded. He said he felt very strongly on the subject of peal fees, and he thought this rule requiring every member to pay 3d. on ringing a peal was putting a "stopper" on the Association. The very fact that most of the large Associations had done away with peal fees proved over and over again that it was undersirable. Moreover they wanted to encourage the new southern branch, and he knew that many ringers would join them if this rule were rescinded.—Mr. G. Gigg seconded.—Many questions were then asked and answered, after which discussion took place on the subject.—Mr. Brooker said while he did not want the southern branch to meet with any rebuff, he felt, at the same time, that the members ought to sacrifice something for the good of the Association.—Mr. W. S. Smith said that it was at Hersham where they objected to the booking fees, for only five peals had been rung in that tower by that band during the past 10 years.—Mr. W. Shepherd said that while the Hersham ringers did not object to the booking fee, they objected to the principle, for they always liked to feel that when they were ringing a peal for an Association they were ringing a peal for a society that wanted them, but when a charge was made for peals to be rung it was like saying that peals were not wanted.—On the motion being put to the meeting, it was carried, only five voting against it.

After the meeting, handbell ringing took place on the lawn, Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and Treble Bob being rung, while many returned to the tower, where the bells were again utilised.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Markham on Saturday last, and with the object of extending the Art, by the kind permission of the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, a "missionary" meeting was held as a preliminary at Tuxford. Contingents from Retford, Gainsborough and Worksop met the Vicar, along with the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, in the churchyard, and after a chat on points of interest connected with ringers and ringing generally, the Vicar very courteously decided to become an honorary member, and to have a meeting of his ringers to discuss the advisability of becoming affiliated to the Association. A visit to the belfry followed, and in the presence of the Vicar, who seemed quite interested in change ringing, some nice touches of Kent and Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire were brought round, the Vicar of St. Orston taking part.—After the best thanks had been given the Vicar of Tuxford for his courtesy and for the use of the bells, a hurried departure had to be made for East Markham, where the ringers were heartily welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Buggs).—Tea at the Queen's Hotel was capitally served by Host and Hostess Chapman, and the business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. A. E. Buggs. The names of the Rev. F. D. Arblay Burnay, Vicar of Harworth the Rev. Walter Smith, Vicar of Tuxford, as hon. members; and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, as a non-resident member, were submitted, and carried with acclamation. Two performing members, Mr. F. Blagg, of Ordsall, and Mr. S. C. Clarke, of Worksop, were also elected.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of East Markham, for the use of the bells and for presiding over the tea and meeting, the Rev. A. E. Buggs responding in a very humorous speech.—Ringing was indulged in until a late hour, and some good touches of Kent and Oxford, College Single and Plain Bob were successfully brought round. The following towers were represented: Ordsall, East Retford, Worksop, and East Markham, whilst others from Gainsborough, Laughterton, and West Stockwith were also present, making the gathering number 25. As the weather was tropical during the day, the drive home in the evening through the Dukeries was not the least enjoyable part of the programme.

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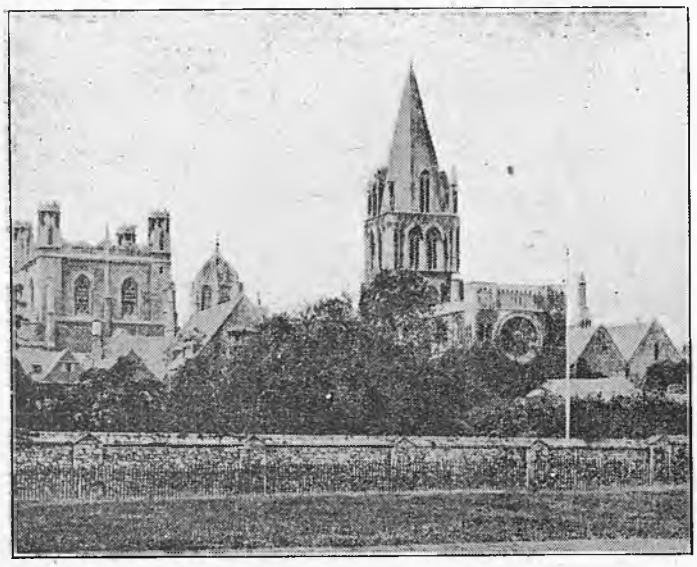
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—OXFORD.

By J. R. Jerram.

According to Hearne's account there were originally six bells, named respectively "Hautclere," "Clement," "Austin," "John," "Mary," and "Gabriel," which were brought from Oseney Abbey. Possibly the present ninth and tenth (from the inscriptions thereon) may be the fourth and fifth of the above mentioned. For many years the peal consisted of ten bells, which hung in the central steeple of the Cathedral. Hearne, in his diary, mentions a visit to Oxford of a party of London ringers who walked all the way from London, and arrived at Oxford on Whit-Sunday, 1733. On the Wednesday following they attempted a peal at Christ Church, but after ringing for over two hours, the gudgeons of the tenor broke, and so put an end to the performance.



The Tower of Christ Church, Oxford,
With the Tower of "Great Tom" in the distance. Neither is a consecrated building. The cathedral is the College Chapel.

He also records a peal of 5040 Grandsire Caters rung by the Oxford men on New Year's Day, 1734. He says: "The Oxford ringers made many mistakes, so that 'twas expected they must have given over several times. I did not hear them till they had been at it about three-quarters of an hour, but afterwards I heard them quite out till they had done, and I observed fifty-two faults in the ringing, nine of which were considerable ones. However, take it altogether, 'twas excellent ringing, and they may glory of it. The most considerable fault was occasioned by Dr. Gregory, Regius Professor of Modern History and Student of Christ Church, who yesterday broke in upon the ringers, to their great disturbance."

In 1872 the bells were removed to the tower near the dining hall. The present ringing chamber is somewhat dark and inconvenient.

In 1897 Messrs. Mears and Stainbank added two trebles to make a peal of twelve, recasting the eighth at the same time. The two new bells were given by the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Ringers.

The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1897 IN HONOREM DEI SEXAGESIMUM JAM ANNUM REGNANTE VICTORIA, D. D. COLLEGIUM CAMPANISTARUM HUJUSCE DIŒCESEOS.

Second.

(The same as on the treble).

Third.

ABRA: RVDHALL GLOVC: BELL FOVNDER 1698.

Fourth.

GOD PROSPER THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND.
A 🔔 R 1698.

Fifth.

A 🔔 R 1747.

Sixth.

PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS.
A: R 🔔

Seventh.

THE GRACE OF OVR LORD. 1640.

Eighth.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1897 INSCRIPTA OLIM W.+Y. 1611. RECUSA EST A.D. MDCCCXCVII. DET SONITUM PLENUM DEUS ET MODULAMEN AMŒNUM.

[The former bell was by William Yare. The above inscription does not complement him on his ability as a bell-founder.]

Ninth.

+ In Multis Annis Resonet Campana Iohannis ▽ [shield charged with a chevron between 3 trefoils.] [All the capital letters are crowned.]

Tenth.

Stella Maria Maris Succurre Piisima Nobis
▽ ▽ [shields charged with chevron between 3 lave-pots, and chevron between 3 trefoils.]

Eleventh.

PROSPERITY TO THIS COLLEGE. A:R. 1640 [N.B. the date, 1640, is evidently that of a former bell which this one replaces.]

Tenor.

TRINITATE SACRA FIAT HAEC CAMPANA BEATA. W.I. : M.H. ꝏ * ꝏ Ao 1589 [The asterisk and two ornaments represent a Tudor Rose, crowned, supported by two lions passant.]

There is also a *Ting-tang*, with no inscription. The tenor was weighed in 1897, and found to weigh a little under 33 cwt. Notwithstanding the weight on two old peal boards is put as 42 cwt.

I cannot conclude these notes on Christ Church Cathedral bells without some mention of "Great Tom," which hangs over the college gateway. According to an MS. in the Bodleian Library the original bell was inscribed:—

IN THOME LAUDE RESONO BIM BOM SINE FRAUDE.

"In 1680 it was recast; but it miscarried three times. Twice it wanted metal to make out the cannons, and the third time it burst the mould and ran into the ground. So that poor Keen, the Woodstock bell-founder, whose ill luck it was therein to fail, was half beside himself, and quite undone, till the college made him amends. At last it was

brought to perfection by Christopher Hodson, a London bell-founder."

The inscription on *Great Tom* is as follows :—
MAGNVS * THOMAS * CLVSIVS * OXONIENSIS * RENATVS * APRILIS * VIII * ANNO * MDCLXXX * REGNANTE * CAROLO * II * DECANO * IOANNE * OXON * EPISCOPO * SVBDECANO * GVL * IANE * SS * TH * P * THESAVRARIO * HEN * SMITH * SS * TH * P * CVRA * ET * ARTE * CHRIST * HODSON. **

The diameter is 7 feet 1¼ inches. Thickness of sound bow 6⅛in., weight 7 tons 11 cwt. Note A.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Success to the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town to-day! Many of them are travelling far to participate, and we hope they will not again be disappointed. The torrid weather, however, will not make their task any the lighter.

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The first Oddfellows peal in Wales was rung at Talgarth, Breconshire, on Sunday.

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Regarding the peal of 13,440 Bob Major rung at Hythe on May 4th, 1846, to which we referred last week, Mr. A. R. Manning kindly sends us some further information. Mr. S. Post, the ringer of the tenor, was always ready, he says, to speak of the performance. "He and E. Hyder were living at Aldington, a village eight miles from Hythe, and walked the distance on the day, arriving in time to start the peal at 8 a.m. Messrs. Fowler, Stoakes and Harrison were, I believe, Folkestone men, whilst Messrs. Friend, Chapple and Down were from Hythe. I have frequently heard that the men died in the same order as they stood in the peal, but this is not so, as J. Chapple, ringer of the 5th, died in 1869, and H. Down, ringer of the 2nd, in 1884. In 1896 a meeting of local ringers was held at Hythe to celebrate the jubilee, at which Mr. S. Post was present. Mr. E. Hyder was still living at Aldington, but was too ill to be present, and he died shortly after. These two were the sole survivors at that date. The ringers of this neighbourhood at that time (1846), and for some years after, held a good name all over the county for their performances."

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Mr. Manning has also sent us some other interesting records from the tower. They include a 5040 of Bob Major rung on May 7th, 1817, and a 6720 in the same method, occupying 4 hours 16 minutes, on the 26th of the same month. This was followed in the next year by a still longer length, as the record in the tower shows : "On Saturday, July 11th, 1818, was rung a true and complete Peal, 10,080 changes, of Bob Major with all the Grand Course ends in the whole Peal of 40,320 in 6 hours 17 minutes by men as follows : W. Keeler treble, J. Sealey 2, H. Down 3, J. Crothall 4, T. Castle 5, W. Grinsted (conductor) 6, R. Lucas 7, E. Pemble tenor."

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Here is another record from the same tower that contains some famous names : "On Monday, July 21st, 1845, eight members of the Society of College Youths rung in this steeple in first class style a true and complete peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, consisting of 5024 changes. The ringing was conducted by Mr. John Friend, and accomplished in 3 hours 2 minutes : J. Marsh treble, J. Hodges 2, J. Cox 3, J. Bradley 4, G. Stockham 5, R. Haworth 6, E. Lansdale 7, J. Friend tenor."

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The last recorded peal in Hythe tower by the old band has a special interest for us, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned in introducing a personal note, for in this peal the father of the Editor of this journal took part. We were quite unaware of any peal board recording the performance, and we learn from Mr. Manning that only one of the company survives. The peal board bears the following : "On Monday, January 25th, 1863, was rung in this tower a true and complete peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by Mr. John Friend, and accomplished in 3 hours 3 minutes : G. Fisher treble, J. Harrison 2, J. Chapple (aged 76) 3, R. Dale (aged 16) 4, J. Friend 5, J. Goldsmith 6, J. Marsh 7, J. Amos tenor." J. Goldsmith was not, of course, a member of the Hythe band, but in the days when peals were something of a rarety he was wont to make long journeys in pursuit of his favourite pastime. The sole survivor of that band is Mr. J. Marsh.

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The death occurred on Thursday in last week of Mr. Edward Cash, of Swinton, Lancs. Three years ago he met with a motor accident, from which he never recovered. The funeral took place on Monday, and was attended by a large number of ringers.

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Last Sunday a handsome peal board, recording the wedding peal rung for Sir John and Lady Robinson, was unveiled at Worksop Priory Church. We hope to give a fuller report in our next issue.

HERE AND THERE.

The monthly meeting of the Swindon branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at Colerne on Saturday week. There was a poor attendance of ringers, and those who were present came from Marshfield, Wootton Bassett, Corsham and Swindon.—Tea was supplied at the "Six Bells," and a short business meeting was afterwards held, Mr. E. Bishop presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stratton St. Margaret, on Saturday, August 10th. During the evening touches of Grandsire Triples were rung on the church bells.

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In recognition of his services on behalf of past and present members, the Wootton Bassett band have presented Mr. L. A. Wilson with a copy of "Among the bells." The presentation took place at a meeting of the Marlborough branch of the Salisbury Guild, held at Wootton Bassett, at which ten new members were elected.

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The Chiddingfold (Surrey) company have lost one of their number, Mr. A. E. Bartlett, by death. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, was a ringer at Chiddingfold for a good many years. He took part in the first 720 on the old six in 1890, and in the first peal after the ring had been augmented to eight. This was in 1894, and was conducted by Mr. Frank Bennett, then of Guildford. The deceased's last peal was on November 11th, 1901, and was the only one rung in the tower by an entirely local band. It was conducted by his nephew. Although not a member in recent years, the deceased was always ready to oblige by taking a rope for a "quarter" at any time. On the occasion of the funeral a half-muffled touch of Grandsire Triples (518) was rung by: C. Remnant 1, H. Mullard 2, H. J. Ellis 3, G. Luff 4, W. Elford 5, T. Attwell 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, T. Luff 8. The touch was also a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. Luke Knight, of Brighton, father-in-law of Mr. G. Luff. Although not a change ringer, Mr. Knight was well known and highly respected by the members of the band.

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The marriage of the Rev F. J. Browell, Vicar of Feltham, was celebrated by the local ringers and friends on Tuesday week, by a half-peal of Grandsire Triples (2520 changes), rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., by: J. Wilkins 1, W. Emmett 2, J. H. Howes 3, J. Lock 4, R. Williams 5, A. H. J. Denford (conductor) 6, E. Ridgley 7, W. Sandford 8. The band are members of the Middlesex Association, J. H. Howes being re-elected before starting.

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"THE RINGING WORLD" SPECIAL REPORT.

The Oxford Diocesan Guild returned to the mother city of the diocese for the annual festival on Saturday, and it proved one of the most successful meetings in the history of that very successful society. In an area which is covered by three counties—Oxford, Berks and Bucks—it is in the interests of members that these annual gatherings should be moved from place to place, but there can be no question that Oxford is the ideal centre for the meeting. In addition to its historic interest—it is this year celebrating its millenary—it has many attractions for the ringer. It is a city of bells, although, alas! all are not at the ringers' service, nor are they all in good ringable condition. In the city there is the peal of twelve at Christ Church, the history of which is given elsewhere in this issue, a peal of ten at New College (four of which were cast by Darbie in 1655, one by Knight in 1672, and the rest by Rudall between 1703 and 1723), and half a dozen peals of six, all of which were at the disposal of the ringers on Saturday. In addition, there are the ten at Magdalen College, and eight at St. Peters's-in-the-East, and eight at Merton College, the last-named rung from a narrow gallery 70 feet up. With all the attractions it was really not remarkable that over 200 members attended the meeting which began with service in the Cathedral in the morning, and at which the Bishop of Oxford was the preacher. The specially arranged form of service was conducted by the Archdeacon of Oxford, the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn reading the lesson. The singing of the hymns was heartily joined in, one being a hymn written specially for ringers, "Unchanging God," in the music of which the familiar notes of rounds and "queens" find a place.

THE BISHOP'S DESIRE.

The Bishop took for his text 1 Corinthians xiv, 14—15, "For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also; I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also." First of all, said the Bishop, let me say I was not able to resist the invitation that was given me to come and speak to you, the members of this society, because it has been and it remains my great desire that those who hold this high office in the old towers of our churches should be regarded by everybody, and should regard themselves as properly and truly among the Church workers of the Diocese. The ministry of the Church does not belong only to the clergy. We clergy have our own special duties which we are bound jealously to guard, but there are many other ministries, and it is my earnest desire that your venerable and traditional art should be regarded as one of the ministries of the Church. I desire to welcome you here in the Cathedral, and to do all that lies in my power to ensure that you and all who exercise this traditional art of yours shall be regarded, and should regard yourselves, as among the Church workers of the diocese.

Proceeding, the Bishop referred to the bells as one of the principal characteristics of English life. There were, he said, certain sights and certain sounds which dwelt for ever in the memory of those who left these shores to spend their lives in other countries. One of the most characteristic sights which thus remained, was the green fields of England, and side by side with the memory of the green fields was the memory of that which lay in the heart of their greenness—the old village church. They might go into many countries and find the rivals and even the superiors to our Cathedrals and the churches of our great towns, but there was no country in the world which, for its village churches, was to be compared with England. When they passed from sights to sounds, he should put the two most characteristic sounds of our country which must haunt the memory of those afar off, as the song of the birds and the sound of the church bells rung in the traditional and, as far as he knew, unique English manner. The Bishop proceeded to remark upon the improved tone now existing in the belfries, and of the excellent conduct and reverent behaviour of the ringers and, passing on to draw the lessons of his text, impressed upon his hearers that if they would ring with understanding they must themselves be worshippers at the services to which they summoned others.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual business meeting was held in the Chapter House, the Master (the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn) presiding. By acclamation Mr. Jenkyn was re-elected Master. Mr. A. E. Reeves was unanimously re-elected secretary; the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, hon. treasurer; and Mr. E. Francis, auditor, with thanks for his past services.

It was decided to hold the festival for 1913 at Wokingham, and, on the recommendation of the committee, the following grants were made to bell restoration funds: Twyford (where augmentation to a peal of eight is contemplated), and Checkendon (where the peal of six is to be rehung). The question of these grants elicited an inquiry as to the financial position of the Guild, and in reply, the Hon. Treasurer said the balance in hand was now £33 3s., but after allowing for estimated income and expenditure, he anticipated that the balance would be reduced at the end of the year to £24 5s.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

The Master reported upon the Robinson Memorial fund. He said the total receipts were £204 12s. 2d. It was impossible for the committee to carry out their original scheme, as the amount at their disposal was nothing like sufficient. They had expended £11 17s. 8d., leaving a sum of £192 14s. 6d. The committee had, therefore, accepted the tender of Mr. Reed, who tendered for the original scheme, for the erection of a screen at the west end of Drayton Church. This would envolve an expenditure of £124, and in addition there were the architect's fees of about £12, while they also intended to provide a memorial tablet, which would cost about £10. That would leave £46 unexpended, and the committee had had several suggestions before them as to how this sum should be spent. One suggestion was to place a tablet in the cloisters of that Cathedral, where it would be seen by many more ringers than at Drayton. Another idea was that they should give a sum towards the new Communion plate that was wanted at Drayton Church.

The Rev. J. B. Kirby said that as the late Rev. F. E. Robinson's work had a very distinct diocesan character, it would be extremely fitting if they had a memorial in the Cathedral or cloisters.

It was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the committee, with power to carry out whatever scheme they approved of.

The Master reported on behalf of the committee entrusted with the task of drawing up a form of service for the Guild. He said they had submitted several ideas of services to the Bishop, but none of them had been entirely satisfactory. Their last copy was still in the Bishop's hands, and they would no doubt have his report on it before very long. They need not be disturbed at the delay, if as the result they got something really worth having. He asked the members to leave it in the hands of the committee.

The Vicar of Bucklebury said he would prefer to see them adhere to the form of service in the prayer book. They had too many forms nowadays.

The Master said whatever form of service was sanctioned for their special use, they would always leave it to the option of the Vicar of the parish to have morning or evening prayer if he wished it. Their only idea was to give an alternative form of service for those who wanted something different.—The matter was left to the committee.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge reported upon the proceedings of the Central Council, to which, he said, the Oxford Guild was again represented by its full complement of members. Referring to the action of the Council in welcoming "The Ringing World," he said a year ago there was a certain feeling among those in high places against having to correct official reports for two papers. But the new paper had made its mark in the ringing world, and they were only too glad to know that it was making great strides (applause). They were glad to welcome a paper of such a high tone and so admirably conducted as "The Ringing World" was; they welcomed it in their midst, and valued it very much (applause). Mr. Coleridge commented briefly on the other matters before the Central Council meeting (which have been fully reported in these columns), and the Master expressed the thanks of the members for the excellent account that had been given by "the Prime Minister" of the Guild (laughter and applause).

The election of 80 change ringers and 86 probationers was confirmed.

A MISSING STEPPING-STONE.

Mr. G. King (Oxford) said the ringers of Oxford felt very much handicapped by having no ring of eight upon which they could practice, and asked if the Guild could not do something to help them to get over the difficulty. They had several rings of six, but no stepping-stone to the higher numbers. At St. Giles' there was a ring of six, with an eight-bell frame, and he thought with a little energy they might get the other bells.

The Master said this was a matter that had been in his mind for a long time, and he had not been idle. He had approached the Vicar of St. Peter's-in-the-East to get the bells put into a ringable condition, but apparently that was not possible. He then even went so far as to send a cheque for the St. Giles' fund to Mr. Fox, who, however, had returned it to him, as nothing had been decided upon. The Guild wanted the Oxford men to give them a lead, and they would do their best to see the matter taken through, because a great deal of the early peal ringing of the Guild took place in Oxford, which they associated with the names of Mr. Washbrook and the late Master. They would be very glad to see a peal of eight in the City of Oxford, but even if it were at Iffley, he did not think it would be too far out.

Mr. Fox said if the Vicar and churchwardens of St. Giles were pressed something might be done.—The Master said he would write to the Vicar.—This concluded the business, and the members then adjourned to the famous dining hall, where luncheon was served, the Archdeacon of Oxford presiding, supported by the Bishop, and the principal officers of the Guild.

At the conclusion of the repast, the loyal toast was honoured, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed the toast of "The Bishop, the Chapter, the Organist, etc." They were not only privileged, he said, to have the Bishop with them at luncheon, but they were grateful to him for coming, in the midst of his busy and varied life, to address them that morning in his own Cathedral (applause). He trusted that the words he had addressed to them and the high ideals he had put before them would remain with them all their lives, and that they would do their best to live up to them. They had with them also representing the Dean and Chapter of that ancient house, the Arch-

deacon of Oxford, whom they had to thank for many kindnesses shown to the Guild (applause). The speaker went on to thank the organist for his services, and also Mr. French, the verger, who, said Mr. Coleridge in a reminiscent vein, used to open the belfry door for them in his (the speaker's) undergraduate days of 35 years ago.

The toast was cordially honoured, and the Bishop, in replying, said that any service he could do for the promotion of bell ringing, not only for the perpetuation of the craft, but for the welfare of religion, he would most gladly do. He was heartily glad of having the opportunity of coming among them that day (applause).

THE MASTER'S ADVICE.

The Chairman proposed the toast of "The Oxford Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers," in a felicitous speech, and coupled with it the name of the Master. They all knew Mr. Jenkyn's work, he said, and the zeal he put into it, and the skill he brought to bear on the science of ringing (applause).—The toast was drunk with musical honours.

The Master, who had a hearty reception on rising to respond, said although he had been called the Master of the Guild, he looked upon himself as being the Guild's chief servant, and he wanted the Guild to look upon him in that light. He was always ready to receive any suggestion by which he could promote the welfare of the Guild, and he would endeavour to carry it out to the best of his ability. A good deal of work was being done throughout the Guild in a quiet, unostentatious way by their leading members, and he had found much good being done in interesting young fellows in the Art. He thought the Guild was in a healthy state, and for this reason, that throughout the Guild generally—there were exceptions of course—their members were prepared to be told of their faults and to try and mend them (hear, hear). They liked to hear good ringing, and they liked to know that a ringer was a good sound churchman. They were ready to keep those ideals before them, and he thought that was a real sign of a healthy state (applause). The Bishop had touched upon the spiritual side of their work in his address, and, as Master, he would ask them not to be satisfied with themselves. There was a great deal of discontent in the world, but there was one sort of discontent that was absolutely right, and that was discontent with themselves. He was not in the least a bit content with the way in which he served them as Master, and he was going to try and do better. He did not want any of them to be contented with the way they were serving the Church in their own parish as bell ringers, and he wanted them to try and do better. He wanted them to ring better, not to snatch at the ropes as if it did not matter, as long as they pulled, when they pulled. He wanted them to feel that they were working musical instruments (applause). There was no earthly reason why the bells, when they were rung for the services on Sundays, which was their chief use, should not always be rung well. Practice night was practice night, Sunday morning and evening was not practice time. If they were not able to ring a touch for service on Sunday, let them ring rounds and ring them well (applause). Let them try and ring better and then, besides causing more pleasure to people outside, they would be doing at the same time more for the glory of God (applause).

PRESENTATION TO THE LATE SECRETARY.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis submitted the toast of "The Chairman," to which the Archdeacon briefly replied, and proceeded to perform an interesting duty, in presenting to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis a gift in recognition of his long and faithful service to the Guild. Mr. Hart-Davis, said the Archdeacon, was one of those who started the Guild, and when the secretaryship was given up by the Rev. Dolben Paul he took over the duties, which he carried on for 22 years. They knew that what he had done had been done for the love of the work, and for the happiness of serving his fellow men. They asked him to accept a little token from them, and one which he believed would come as a surprise. He had to present him with a silver inkstand, and when he reached home he would probably find a comfortable arm chair awaiting him (applause).

The inkstand was suitably engraved, and the arm chair, which had been sent direct to Mr. Hart-Davis' home, was a luxuriously appointed one.

Mr. Hart-Davis, who had a cordial welcome, said they had kept their secret wonderfully well. He did not think there could have been many ladies in the case (laughter). There was, he said, no work he had done in his life, except his work as a parson, that he had more thoroughly thrown his heart into than the work which he had been able to attempt for the Guild (applause). He could not help thinking that in some ways his position must be unique. It was true that he had learnt to ring a bell, but he had never rung a peal in that Diocese. It was not often that under such circumstances a man took up an interest in such a famous Guild as theirs. It had been a bit of good luck for him that his services were wanted, and that he was able to give them. He thanked the members most heartily for their gifts, and had he known anything about them he should have asked Mrs. Hart-Davis to accompany him. He was not going to leave them altogether; they had allowed him to go on as their hon. treasurer, and that would bring him to their meetings and give him a use for that beautiful inkstand (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, and the members then dispersed to the various towers, and made full use of the bells at their disposal.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BISHOP RYDER'S, BIRMINGHAM.

On Saturday the ringers of Bishop Ryder's Church journeyed to Droitwich for their annual outing. Unfortunately, on arrival at their destination, the visitors found two cases of "wife desertion," for the husbands were unable to board the train, and for a time the band was broken up. The secretary and Vicar had made arrangements for tea at the Waggon and Horses, known as "The Crooked House," the mysteries of which they were shown by the host. A billiard ball placed on the table to all appearances ran uphill, the clock hung out of the perpendicular, the bedsteads were packed several inches at the foot to make them level, the chandeliers hung all aslant from the ceiling, in fact the obliqueness of everything was amazing. A band from Halesowen (on tour) arrived at the tower for a few touches, and Mr. Carred at once consented. Two or three of Bishop Ryder's band had the pleasure of ringing with them, although they arrived late for tea. The "lost ones" turned up in time for the meal, which was admirably served by Mr. Kench, and to which full justice was done. To further add to the enjoyment of the party, Mr. Kench invited them to look over his garden and help themselves to a button-hole each.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and a touch of Bob Major was brought round, when illness stopped anything further, and the bells were lowered.—On returning to the "Crooked House," the host showed the visitors its wonders, and by his geniality gained the admiration of the whole party.—Thanks are accorded to the Rev. —. Richardson for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. G. E. Badger for his presence and generosity in providing tea.

BUSHEY.

The annual outing of the Bushey Society took place on Saturday week, in delightful weather. This year it was decided to go for a brake ride, and by 8.30 a.m. the party were on their way to Hillingdon, where the first stop was to be made. The rains of the previous few days had freshened the country up wonderfully, and the roses in the suburban gardens of Pinner were in full bloom, and were much admired by all, and especially by the gardening experts among the visitors. From Pinner the way lay through Eastcote, and by the church of the once old-world village of Renslip, now, alas! fast becoming overrun by the jerry builder. The bells here are eight in number, but two are cracked, and the frame is in a very dilapidated condition, so that no ringing was possible. At Ickenham, the visitors peeped into the church, a quaint little structure, typical of many West Middlesex Churches, with its tiny wooden steeple and dormer windows in the nave. Judging by the ropes, there are four bells here, but the party were unable to investigate further, owing to the door being locked. Arriving at St. John's, Hillingdon, at 10 a.m., the visitors were met by the obliging steeplekeeper, Mr. H. H. Chandler, and soon the new bells were going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Treble Bob Major and Superlative Surprise Major. Here, too, they were joined by Mr. W. H. Fussell, who was to be their guide, philosopher and friend for the rest of the day, and by Mr. G. H. Gutteridge, of Iver. With their assistance, two plain courses of Stedman Caters were rung, several of the band not having seen ten ropes before. Those who had not heard bells tuned on the Simpson principle before were greatly struck with the tone of this new peal, and many expressed the wish that they had these bells in their own tower, or that some kind friend would provide the funds for recasting the present peal and bringing them up to the standard of Hillingdon bells. An agreeable surprise here awaited the party, who learned that Mr. J. F. Stilwell, the churchwarden, had provided lunch for them at a neighbouring hostelry, and they very much appreciated this kind and generous act. Leaving Hillingdon at 11.30 they passed by Cowley Mill to the "Crooked Billet," at Iver. Here the party left the brake, and took a footpath through the fir woods, and by the lake in Stoke Park. The fir cones provided a sort of summer "snowball" for the younger members of the party, and the "no hat" brigade came in for some severe treatment. Rejoining the brake they were not long in coming to Farnham Royal, passing by the Church of Stoke Poges, where the six bells are not ringable. There is no doubt that it was the curfew rung on these bells that inspired the poet Gray to write his immortal "Elegy." After dinner, at Farnham Royal, the party adjourned to the church, where there is a light peal of eight, and after assisting to pelt a newly-married couple with rice, rang them out with touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Superlative, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, the latter, however, being lost half-way through—the only touch that was not brought home during the day. The journey was then resumed to Fulmer, by way of Burnham Beeches—the resort of crowds of happy and somewhat noisy beanfeasters—and Stoke Common. Arriving at the church, where they again met Mr. Gutteridge, the visitors quickly raised the light peal of six in peal, and rang Stedman Doubles and Treble Bob Minor, finishing up with a plain course of Kent in record time, the backenders being spurred on at a furious pace by the aforesaid "guide, philosopher and friend," who, however, took good care to be ringing at the light end.—After tea, a few courses on handbells in the village street delighted the inhabitants, and bidding Mr. Fussell a cordial farewell, the party left for home.—Their best thanks are due to the various incumbents for granting permission to ring, to the steeplekeepers who had everything in readiness, to the local ringers who so kindly met and rang with them, and, last but not least, to Mr. W. H. Fussell who made such excellent arrangements for their comfort.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at at St. John's, Hackney, on the 23rd, and at St. Paul's Cathedral on the 23rd; both at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Pendlebury, July 20th. Bells available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Craston on July 20th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid in at this meeting. A good attendance is specially requested as business is important.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

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, July 20th, at All Saints, Isleworth. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m. All members and friends invited. —Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ryde, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells available from 12 o'clock. Tea at the Victoria Restaurant, High Street, at five o'clock. Meeting at Vestry after.—J. Whiting, Divisional Secretary, Fareham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cobham, on Saturday, July 20th, 1912. 3 p.m., bells available (6); 5.15, service at S. Andrew's Church, preacher, the Rev. Canon Leighton Grane, M.A., Vicar; 6, tea at the Running Mare Hotel. Paper by Mr. C. Willshire, "A Journey to Winchester on a Motor Char-a-banc." Canon Grane will be pleased for members and friends to view the Vicarage gardens. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, July 20th. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30.—T. Rollerson, Honorary Secretary.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION. — South-West Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary, Woodford, on Saturday, July 20th. Short service at 5 o'clock, with an address by the Rector of Woodford, followed by tea (free, by kind invitation of the Rector) at 5.30 to members.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Note: All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, July 23rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District).—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar). Tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half railway fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne, free to those who notify me by the 24th instant.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8), All Saints', Emscote (8). Tea (usual charge) at the Globe Hotel after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available all afternoon. Tea at the Church Tavern 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The summer meeting will be held on Saturday, July 27th, at Corbridge and Hexham. Bells available all afternoon and evening. Tea at Tynedale Hotel, Corbridge, at 5 p.m. Members intending being present please notify by the 23rd.—Chas. Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available will be Lavenham, and probably Preston. Tea, followed by a business meeting, will be at 4 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—R. L. Gardner, District Secretary, Lavenham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Whitfield, Glossop, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m.; all ringers invited.—Chas. Bower, Honorary Secretary, 25, Chadwick Street.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. —George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular. —Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

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?

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

SITUATION VACANT.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

WORDSLEY, STAFFS.—On June 9th, for evensong, 720 Plain Bob: W. Atkins 1, T. J. Salter 2, R. Matthews 3, W. Bretherton 4, Jno. Bass 4, C. F. White 6.

WORSLEY. — On June 6th at St. Mark's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Derbyshire 1, James H. Ridyard 2, Joseph Ridyard 3, Joseph Ridyard, junr., 4, A. Ridyard 5, P. Derbyshire 6, Wm. Greenwell 7, G. Way 8. First 500 by the ringer of the 4th, whose age is 16 years.

WANSTEAD.—At Christ Church, on June 9th, 720 Bob Minor: E. A. Sebbon 1, J. Marks 2, *L. A. Pye 3, *W. A. Pye 4, A. Pye 5, J. B. Marks (conductor) 6. * First 720.

TENBY.—On June 9th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, T. Griffiths 2, J. Evans 3, A. Richards 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. Jenkins 7, J. Williams 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, J. Evans 3, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. Jenkins 7, A. Richards 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, for practice, 720 Plain Bob: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, J. Tuckwell 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, G. Lancaster 6.—On Whit-Sunday, for evening service, 720 St. Clement's: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, E. Manton 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On June 2nd, 720 Plain Bob.—On June 10th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: G. Lancaster 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. Also 240 Oxford Treble Bob, A. J. Gilbert ringing treble.

HOARCROSS, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On June 10th, 720 Bob Minor: J. H. Swinfield 1, W. J. Smith 2, H. Hurdman 3, W. W. Worthington 4, J. Hough 5, R. F. Lane (conductor) 6. Tenor, 30 cwt., in D. This is believed to be the first 720 on these fine bells.

KENNINGTON.—On June 9th, 1330 Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original: E. S. Garnett 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, F. West 4, Alec Miller 5, Arch Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Whitman 8.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On June 9th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Coley (conductor) 1, E. Parish 2, G. N. Cockin 3, W. Cooper 4, A. Mills 5, J. Screen 6, A. Hackitt 7, T. Fieldhouse 8.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.—At St. Clement's Church, on June 9th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor; also 180 Plain Bob Minor by the same band: F. Bowell (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, W. Brown (Bramford) 2, F. Kinsey 3, G. Bird 4, W. Kinsey 5, F. J. Long (conductor) 6. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to the late John Hawes, for many years clerk at the above church.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on June 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Bates 1, P. J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Steel 3, C. W. Clarke 4, A. Robinson 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.—On June 9th, 720 London Surprise: C. Stapleton 1, P. J. Cooke 2, A. J. Green 3, C. Valentine 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6. First 720 of London by all the band, and also in the county. 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. Robinson 1, P. J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke (conductor) 3, A. J. Green 4, C. Valentine 5, W. Stapleton 6.

FULMER, BUCKS.—Recently, at St. James' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. H. Gutteridge 1, E. Harding 2, J. J. Parker (conductor) 3, J. Walden 4, W. Henley 5, J. Clarke 6.—On Thursday, June 6th, after the dedication of a new mission room at Stoke Common (the gift of the Rev. J. F. Hoyle to the parish of Stoke Poges), three of the Stoke Poges ringers, with three of Fulmer, rang 720 of Bob Minor: E. Harding 1, J. Walden 2, J. Bateman 3, A. Bateman 4, G. Gutteridge 5, W. Henley (conductor) 6.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

The Exercise generally will extend hearty congratulations to the eight members of the fair sex who, last Saturday, succeeded in ringing the first ladies' peal. It is a performance of which they may be distinctly proud, and which is a gratifying reward of their pluck and perseverance. A few years ago most men would have scoffed at the idea of a band of ladies ringing a peal, and it was not until last year when the first serious attempt was made, that the incredulity of the majority was really shaken. But after that plucky effort everyone realised that it was but a matter of time and opportunity before the thing would become *un fait accompli*. And now, at the second meeting, the peal has been rung.

Woman's invasion of the realms, once believed to be sacred to men, has been rapid in the last two decades, and our own Art has not escaped. Lady ringers can now, we believe, be numbered by scores. Although there are but few who figure in the peal columns, the fair sex are none the less taking an increasing interest in ringing, and they have set the seal to their entry into the Exercise by the performance at Cubitt Town. The physical fitness of ladies to indulge in ringing has been clearly vindicated by this peal, and while there may be men whose prejudices lead them to believe that a belfry is not a place for a lady, all who have had the pleasure of ringing with members of the gentle sex are aware that their presence has nothing but a tendency to raise the tone of the ringing chamber. Moreover, it is one of the strongest proofs of the improvements which have come about in the belfries that ladies may now be found in many of them.

There is only one matter for regret in connection with last Saturday's peal, and that is that Miss Alice White, the first lady to ring a tower bell peal, was not able to be one of the company. As a pioneer among ladies in the belfry it would have been only fitting that she should have been in the first ladies' peal, but her health prevented it. Miss Nightingale, who was also in the attempt last year, was unable, for a similar reason, to be in the successful performance, but there was little trouble in finding substitutes ready to fill the vacancies. And now, not only have the difficulties of meeting, which distance has imposed, been surmounted, but also the difficulties of ringing in a strange tower. A correspondent tells, in another column, the story of the peal, and it will be seen that it was only by perseverance that the goal of ambition was reached. But the ladies showed their grit by the way they stuck to the task. This is the first, but we feel sure it will not be the last, ladies' peal, and we hope the performance will be suitably recorded.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PYE	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	8
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9
CHARLES T. COLES	5	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Royal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. J. Pratt.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

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

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ROBERT W. JENNISON	...*Treble*	THOMAS BANCROFT	5
JOHN EDMONDSON	2	JOHN MCKELL	6
*EDWARD GREEN	3	JOHN HALL	7
HERBERT GREEN	4	SMITH MURGATROYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by JOHN MCKELL.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Mr. James McGoun, of Keighley. This composition was the only peal deceased had ever called, and it was considered appropriate to ring it on this occasion.

DRAYTON, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, July 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	2	*WILLIAM STONE	6
*GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	3	*WILLIAM PHIPPS	7
EDGAR HUMFREY	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

SWINDON, WILTS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, July 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS ROBINSON	5
LOUIS A. WILSON	2	ERNEST BISHOP	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	*GEORGE LANCASTER	7
CHARLES J GARDINER ...	4	JOHN M. BRINKWORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. A. Lawrence.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. STEDDY ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	ALBERT D. STONE	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	KEITH HART	7
WILLIAM J. ALLISS	4	WILLIAM STENNING ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK DAVIS ...	...*Treble*	SEDLEY COLLINS	5
*GEORGE M. KILBY	2	THOMAS KING	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of Major. This was A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 24 cwt.

*PHILIP INNS	...*Treble*	ROBERT F. TURNER ...	5
†WILLIAM MACE	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	6
ALFRED KNIGHT	3	ALBERT V. INNS	7
FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	4	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung for the children's annual school treat.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
RICHARD DARLOW	2	FRANCIS A. SMITH	6
ARTHUR W. DIX	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
CHARLES W. SMITH	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOSEPH W. PARKER, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. Robert E. Stavert, of the Bushey Society, on the occasion of his marriage to Miss Winifred Arnold, which took place at Ross, Herefordshire, the same day.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, July 19, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN	...*Treble*	THOS. BURTENSHAW, Senr.	5
JOHN SMART	2	GEORGE GATLAND	6
*ELLMAN BROWN	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
LIONEL SEARS	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal of Major. Rung in honour of the opening of the new church schools by the Bishop of Chichester.

LONDON.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT ...	...*Treble*	†MISS EVELYN STEEL ...	5
*MISS EVA N. BELCHER ...	2	MISS NELLIE GILLINGHAM	6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	3	MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	7
MISS MARY N. JUKES ...	4	‡MISS CLARA BEASLEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MISS E. K PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal. Miss Parker's 50th peal. This is the first peal in which eight ladies have taken part.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY	...*Treble*	ALBERT COPPOCK	5
REV. C. J. STURTON... ...	2	FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	6
WM. CLIFFORD, Senr. ...	3	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	7
HERBERT DAY	4	PERCIVAL PRICE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES M. BAILEY	...*Treble*	HENRY PHILLIPS	5
JOHN W. AVISS...	2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	6
*LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	3	EDGAR H. BAILEY	7
GEORGE HARDY...	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal of Oxford.

BENNINGTON, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

ARTHUR N. HARDY	...*Treble*	EDWARD F. COLE	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
SAMUEL PAGE	3	*ALFRED TALBOT	7
FRANK I. HAIRS...	4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It was intended to have rung Superlative, but, one of the band missing the train, Mr. Talbot kindly took the vacant rope, and scored his first peal in the method, being elected a member of the Society previous to starting.

MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, WEST DIDSBURY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18¾ cwt.

*HARRY WILSON	...*Treble*	ROBERT DAVIES	5
WALTER BROWN	2	P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ...	6
GEORGE WARBURTON ...	3	JOHN POTTER	7
WILFRED J. MOSS	4	P.C. RICHARD NEWTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by J. POTTER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the church; also as a birthday compliment to R. Davis, the conductor at the tower; and in honour of P.C. Richard Newton being one of the 50 members of the Manchester City Police Force to receive the King's medal for long service and good conduct.

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

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F flat.

SAMUEL GROVE	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	2	JOHN NEAL	6
*WILLIAM D. JAMES	3	*JAMES L. WELLS	7
CHARLES DICKENS	4	JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Cambridge.

EAST MOLESEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

TROLLOPE'S ONE-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER	...*Treble*	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ...	5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	2	ALFRED H. WINCH	6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS ...	3	JAMES N. FROSSELL ...	7
JOHN H. B. HESSE	4	JOHN HOWES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOWES.

First peal of Major on the bells. This composition is now rung for the first time, for calling see C.C. Collection (peal No. 180). The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, also Mr. F. Brown for having everything in readiness.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. DETHERIDGE...	*Treble*	†EZRA HOMER	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	*HORACE DOWELL	6
*THOMAS CLARKE	3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	7
*GEORGE H. DETHERIDGE ...	4	*SAMUEL DETHERIDGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. This was the peal proposed at the Rowley Regis meeting of the above Association, and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. Willetts, one of the local band.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A. ...	...*Treble*	PHILIP ALLFREY	5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...	2	KEITH HART	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. D. STONE.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr.

EDWIN WHITING...	...*Treble*	HENRY GARNHAM	5
ALFRED SMITH	2	JOHN SNELLING...	6
ERNEST WHITING	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	7
GEORGE SNELLING	4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

SONNING.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 22 cwt., in D.

SYDNEY FRANKLIN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. PAICE	5
JOSEPH WHITE	2	JOHN WADHAMS	6
ARTHUR W. PIKE	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE ...	4	ALBERT E. REEVES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the Rev. CYRIL JENKYN.

The first peal on the bells since their restoration. The treble, second and third have been recast, and the whole peal tuned and hung in a new steel frame. The work has been excellently done by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN... ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT... ...	5
THOMAS R. SCOTT	2	FREDERICK EDWARDS ...	6
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS ...	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	*FREDERICK G. GEORGE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the Patrona Festival of the church, the bells not being available later in the week

OLDBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD...	...*Treble*	JESSE SCREEN	5
THOMAS HUGHES	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES	6
THOMAS HORTON	3	REUBEN HALL	7
JAMES E. GROVES	4	THOMAS FIELDHOUSE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

This is the conductor's 50th peal.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs., in F sharp

GEORGE HITCHMAN ...	...*Treble*	REV. E. V. COX	5
HAROLD PRATT	2	SAMUEL GROVE...	6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ...	3	JOHN PENFOLD, Junr. ...	7
ALLEN J. CARTWRIGHT ...	4	JOHN EATON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

DEANE, BOLTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

TITUS BARLOW	...*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
*THOMAS WORSLEY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	ROBERT ALLRED ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: S. RADFORD.
Witness: G. OLIVER.

First peal of Stedman on handbells as conductor, and first attempt.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT 3, MARGARET TERRACE, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS, S.E.
A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE BENNETT ...	1—2	FRANK BENNETT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	9—10		

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.
Umpire: Mr. J. E. DAVIS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, July 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

*JOHN THOMAS...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL... ...	9—10		

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: T. W. RADFORD and W. E. MAULDEN.
Witnesses: MR. and MRS. WHITTINGTON and G. OLIVER.

* First peal of Stedman Caters in hand.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes
AT THE FORESTERS' HALL, GEORGE STREET,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

†HARRY THORPE	1—2	†SIDNEY PROCTOR	5—6
†WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3—4	*J. FRANK PROCTOR ...	7—8

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.
Umpires: L. E. MEARS, A. TAYLOR and W. H. PROCTOR.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Triples "in hand." First peal of Triples "in hand" in the county by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. A. C. Darnell and H. Thorpe.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.
On Sunday, July 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. ROBERT MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR E. MOORE ...	1—2	†T. H. BERNARD	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER... ...	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by A. E. MOORE.
Umpire: A. ELY.

† First peal of Treble Bob "in hand." This peal was arranged for Mr. T. H. Bernard, of Harwich, who was elected a member of the above previous to starting for the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, July 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
THOMAS W. RADFORD ...	9—10		

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: W. E. MAULDEN, M. SMITHER and W. LOADER.

In the peal of Stedman Caters at Chesterfield, on July 15th, the ringer of the 7th was Ernest H. Clarke, not George Clark, as sent in to us.

In the peal at Tewkesbury, the ringer of the 4th was William Need, and not Read.

The peal rung at Glasbury, on June 25th, should be credited to the Hereford Diocesan Guild.

ENQUIRIES.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—May I, through the medium of your columns, ask Mr. Denman, senr., who conducted a peal of Minor at West Grinstead on the 7th inst., to be good enough to inform me where the method described by him as "Rusper" is to be found? If it is in the Council's collection of Legitimate Methods, as I shrewdly suspect, I must have omitted to enter in my book the fact of the method having been christened "Rusper." Mr. Denman will, I am sure, appreciate the object of my enquiry, which is that the Sussex Association may be credited with the proper number of points in the Analysis for the peal which he has conducted.—Yours very faithfully,

2, Sussex Place, Southsea. ARTHUR T. KING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—For practice, a 720 was rung at Norbury Parish Church of the method No. 19, page 12, in the C.C. collection. I should like to know if it has been rung and named, if not, we should call it after the place where it was rung.—Yours faithfully,

JAMES FERNLEY.

DEATH OF MR. EDWARD CASH.

RESULT OF A MOTOR ACCIDENT.

As briefly announced last week, we have to record another loss to the Lancashire Association by the death of one of the oldest members, Mr. Edward Cash, of Swinton, the sad event occurring on July 12th. Three years ago he met with a motor accident, from which he never recovered.

Although not so well known to the younger ringers, he was very prominent about 20 years ago, ringing and conducting Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob. As far as can be gathered, he has rung in something like 100 peals. He was laid to rest on Monday week in Swinton Cemetery, in the presence of many sorrowing relations, and about 30 ringers from Ashton, Eccles, Bolton, Manchester, Pendlebury, Pendleton, Reddish, Prestwich, Walkden, Worsley. A plain course of Grandsire Caters was rung over the grave, and the bells of St. Peter's (where he was a ringer for nearly 40 years) were muffled, but with the glass at 88 in the shade and 120 in the sun, no peal was attempted, although the bells at Pendleton were also available. Short touches of Stedman and Grandsire were, however, rung. The deceased was not a man to seek office, but his services were always available as a ringer or conductor, or as a teacher, and it was a race for several years between him and the late Mr. R. Ridyard as to who could bring the most learners through their first peal. Mr. Cash, who leaves a widow and three children, will be sorely missed.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The members of the North Forest branch held another of their successful monthly meetings on Saturday week at Westbury-on-Severn, when the towers represented were: Newent, Corse, Churcham, Westbury-on-Severn and Blaisdon. After ringing in the afternoon, tea was partaken of in the schoolroom. At the subsequent business meeting, the Rev. H. D. S. Sweetapple presided, and eight new members were elected, including the chairman as an honoary member. — Minsterworth was suggested as the next meeting place on Saturday, August 17th.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his kindness in entertaining the ringers, and the Vicar, in responding, expressed great pleasure in being able to welcome the ringers, and wished the branch every success. The party then returned to the belfry, where some excellent striking in Grandsire and Bob Minor was heard.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION.

A goodly number of members turned up at Chiddingly on Saturday week for the quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Minor were rung. After service, at which the Vicar (the Rev. T. V. Southey) officiated, the company sat down to a bountiful tea supplied by Host Ditch, of the Six Bells Hotel.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for kindly placing the Vicarage lawn at the disposal of the members for tea. A drive back to Hailsham, the nearest railway station, in the evening, brought an enjoyable meeting to a close.

A quarterly meeting of the Western Division was held at Walberton on Saturday week, but not many ringers were present, the church being situated a long distance from the station. Those who attended were from Arundel, Pulborough, Shipley, and West Tarring. Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were rung, including one 720, some of the local ringers being present and taking part in the ringing. Thirteen sat down to tea, and the Vicar being abroad for his holidays, Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master of the Association) presided, supported by one of the churchwardens, and the divisional hon. secretary (Mr. H. Evans).—Mr. W. Holden was elected a member of the Arundel branch.—Mr. Blackman proposed the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which Mr. Churchwarden Booker replied.—The tower was afterwards again visited. The bells, a peal of six, have recently been restored and rehung, the tone and "go" being excellent. The local ringers expressed a desire to join the Association.

503 CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By JOHN CARTER.

2 3 4 5 6 7 8	5th.	B.	In	M	W	4ths
6 4 7 5 3 2					I	I
3 7 2 5 4 6					I	I
7 2 3 5 4 6	I	I	I	I	I	I
4 3 6 5 2 7					I	I
3 6 4 5 2 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
3 2 7 5 6 4				I	I	I
2 7 3 5 6 4	I	I	I	I	I	I
7 3 2 5 6 4	I	I	I	I	I	I
6 2 4 5 3 7					I	I
2 4 6 5 3 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
4 6 2 5 3 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
4 3 7 5 6 2				I	I	I
3 7 4 5 6 2	I	I	I	I	I	I
7 4 3 5 6 2	I	I	I	I	I	I
6 3 2 5 4 7					I	I
3 2 6 5 4 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
2 6 3 5 4 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
2 4 7 5 6 3				I	I	I
4 7 2 5 6 3	I	I	I	I	I	I
7 2 4 5 6 3	I	I	I	I	I	I
6 4 3 5 2 7					I	I
3 4 2 5 6 7				I		
4 2 3 5 6 7	I	I	I	I	I	I
2 3 4 5 6 7	I	I	I	I	I	I

This peal has the full extent of 5, 6 and 7 at home, with the 5th fixed throughout at the course ends. It is the first composed on this plan, and was rung for the first time on Saturday, at Eldington.

Mr. F. Dench writes: The footnote to the peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung on July 13th, at Erdington, Warwickshire, stating the composition to be the first ever rung, other than C. Middleton's, is wrong. I composed and conducted the first 5024 of Cambridge Major at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on August 24th, 1901. This peal was also the foundation of the 12,896 in the same method.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Among your readers there are some to whom I owe my special thanks. May I approach them through your paper? A good many members of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the festival at Christ Church, Oxford, made me a handsome presentation in return for very unmeritorious but gladly given services during the last twenty years and more. I am very grateful.—Yours faithfully,

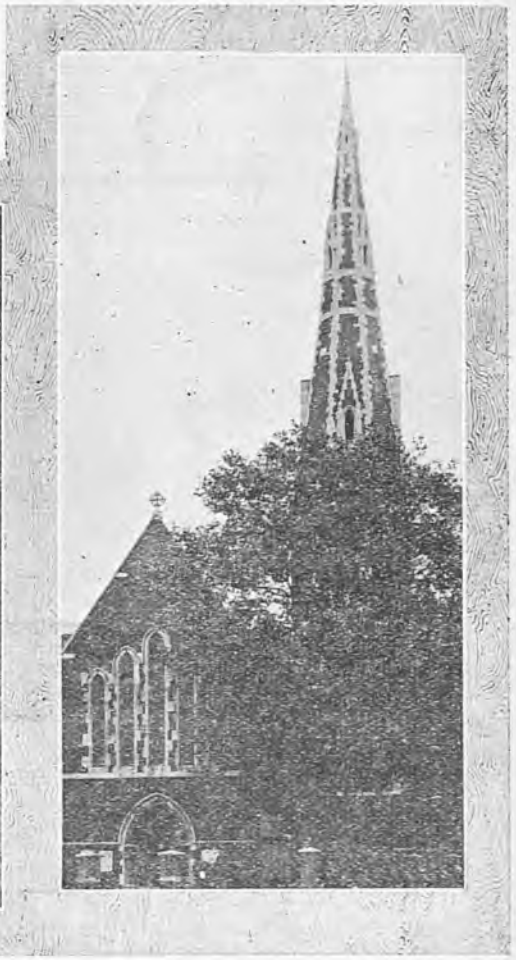
The Ridge Field, Caversham. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

THE BAND AND THE CHURCH.



Miss S. Piggott, Miss E. N. Belcher, Miss L. A. Willson, Miss M. N. Jukes, Miss E. Steel,
(*Treble*) (2) (3) (4) (5)
Miss N. Gillingham, Miss E. K. Parker, Miss C. Beasley
(6) (Conductor) (7) (*Tenor*)



Christ Church, Cubitt Town.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

HOW IT WAS DONE.

Jim Parker said it was possible, but there were many chances against it. "For, look!" said he; "here are girls brought a hundred miles to strange bells, and without practising together. Its hardly to be expected, but give them a chance." So the chance came about, and Jim's indefatigable daughter—the indomitable Edith K—went about it in a businesslike fashion. The girls met a year ago, but on a hot day one of the bells went none too well with the usual result. Since then, ill-health has dogged the footsteps of the "mother of girl ringers," Miss Alice White; and also Miss Nightingale, and it was necessary to find safe substitutes elsewhere. Miss Steel and Miss Piggott filled the bill, and the date was booked for July 20th. As the time drew nigh, the heat wave set in, and the pessimistic barometer fell accordingly, but Fate was kind, and the day dawned quite cool.

The band met at the various Metropolitan railways, by appointment, and were invited by the courtesy of Mr. A. Hughes, of Messrs. Mears and Sainbank, to the Bell Foundry in Whitechapel, where luncheon was served, for which the company was exceedingly grateful. Ultimately the band found its way along the Thames-side to Cubitt Town; and the start was made, but alas! trip after trip came along, and stand was called. The day grew warmer and the belfry atmosphere denser, with the result that the girls could not settle down, and after about two hours, Mrs. Whittington—who came down to listen—suggested tea. About this time your scribe arrived, and felt very despondent on hearing no bells.

However, the girls returned refreshed and determined on a final attempt. A re-arrangement of the band was made, and they ultimately "got away" at 5.50 p.m. We fathers, brothers and visitors meandered over to Greenwich Park, and some across the Thames to listen, and all went well. The peal, Groves' Variation of "the 12 part," was easy to pick up from the outside with the alternate transpositions, and in 1 hr. 31 mins the half-peal came up clean. After that, Mr. J. Waghorn, senr., went his way, and the ever-present "James George, of Rugby," bobbed up serenely.

Again we went through the park, and although apparently watching the vessels navigating the river, I fancy those of us who had our girls ringing in the peal were all counting the strokes from the church steeple. Would they get through? After all, however courageous a woman may be, she has not a man's stamina, and with a view of preventing an accident, Mr. John Thomas kindly volunteered to sit in the tower, in case of emergency. Johnny was a good boy, and went to sleep in a corner, to awake only in the last half hour, when one or two of the back bells began to clip one another, which told us outside plainly enough that either the oil had gone or the girls' arms and hands were beginning to tell their tale. We got back again to the tower as the eleventh part end came up all correct.

The last part was rung distinctly slower, and exactly at six minutes to nine the last single was made, and the bells were round. We mere men then went up the tower, and, after a touch of Stedman, rang the bells down in peal.

Thus the first ladies' peal on record was rung, and proved the old saying of "Wait and see." A few years ago no one thought a peal would ever be attempted with a ladies' band, but I think every manly man in the Exercise would now willingly take off his hat to the members of the Ladies' Guild. The best thanks are due to the Rev. E. Hartley, M.A., for his hospitality and the use of the bells, to Messrs. Mears and Stainbank for entertaining some of the ladies, to Mr. and Miss E. K. Parker for their untiring efforts, and to Messrs. Solly and Hedgson for their local attentions.

W. W.

By an interesting coincidence, the peal was Miss Edith Parker's 50th, the list of which is appended:—

	Tower Bells	Handbells.
Grandsire Triples	1 conducted 1	5 conducted 1
Stedman Triples	10 ,, 7	
Double Norwich Major	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	13 conducted 9	

London Surprise Major	12	,,	7
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	4	,,	3
Cumberland Delight Major ...	1	,,	1
Bristol Surprise Major	1		
Forward Royal	1		
	45 conducted	23	5 conducted 1

The photos of the group and church were taken by Mr. F. J. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, from whom copies can be obtained.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

DORCHESTER BRANCH MEETING.

A very successful meeting of the Dorchester branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Thursday week, at Puddletown, a beautiful model village situated five miles east of Dorchester. Representatives attended from Dorchester, Milton Abbey, West Lulworth, Hilton, Wimborne, and Wyke Regis, and there was a full muster of the local band. The bells (a very fine-toned peal of six) were kept going during the afternoon. The ringers and friends attended the special service of the Guild, at which the Rector (the Rev. A. L. Helps) officiated, the full mixed choir leading the ringing, and rendering the beautiful anthem, "O taste and see how gracious the Lord is."—The Rev. C. W. H. Dicker, R.D. (in the absence of Canon Mansel-Pleydell, Chairman, East Dorset branch) delivered an excellent address, taking for his text, "A threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Afterwards, the ringers and the male members of the choir, numbering over 40, adjourned to the schoolroom, where they were kindly entertained to tea by the Rector, who was supported at the tables by Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), Mr. Martin-Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. Hewlett (captain of the local band), and the hon. secretary of the branch (Mr. C. H. Jennings).—At the close, Mr. Dawes proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. L. Helps for his kindness in providing tea, the service (he especially mentioned the anthem) and the use of the bells, to the Rev. C. W. H. Dicker for his excellent address, to the Rev. J. G. Brymer for the use of the schoolroom, to the organist and choir, and to Mr. Hewlett for making such excellent arrangements.—The Rev. A. L. Helps, in responding, said it gave them great pleasure to have a visit of the Dorchester branch, and he expressed hope that they would soon come again. He hoped they would do their best to bring on the younger ringers and practice on the handbells.—Mr. Hewlett, who also replied, said he was pleased to do anything for the Guild. He knew the meeting would do good.

A short business meeting was then held, Mr. R. N. Dawes in the chair. The Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild); the Rev. C. A. Phillips; Mr. Thomas, on behalf of the Fordington band; and Mr. Runyard, on behalf of the Wool band, wrote apologising for absence.—It was arranged to hold the next meeting at West Lulworth in September.—Mr. Martin Stewart explained the ringing competition that he was doing his best to arrange, and mentioned the success that had been met with in the Halifax and District Association. — The matter gave rise to a good discussion, but no action was taken as far as the Dorchester branch was concerned.—Votes of thanks were accorded to the Chairman and Hon. Secretary, both of whom replied.

After the meeting, the Rector invited the ringers to stroll round his garden, where they sampled a fine Egyptian smoke. They were also shown some sweet peas growing, the seeds of which had been brought from Egypt and taken out of a stone coffin with a mummy and germinated after 2,000 years. This naturally interested the ringers very much, and still another treat was in store. When leaving the Rectory gardens, the head gardener of the Squire (the Rev. J. G. Brymer) invited the ringers to have a look round the extensive grounds and gardens, where glasshouses abound and tons of fruit are growing for the markets. This opportunity was greatly appreciated by the ringers, and thanks were given to both the reverend gentlemen.

Another visit was then paid to the tower, and the bells were kept going to the tune of Bob and Grandsire Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Triples until 9 p.m., when the ringers adjourned to the Coach and Horses, where the brakes were in readiness to convey the visitors to Dorchester.

DEATH OF A GOOLE RINGER.

The Goole Parish Church has lost its oldest ringer, by the death of Mr. Frederick Tate, who passed away on Thursday week. The deceased was 52 years of age, and was one of the original band, formed when first the bells were rung in 1890. He had been ailing for some considerable time, and on February 11th went to the tower to see the start for a peal of Grandsire. One of the ringers failed to turn up, and deceased insisted on filling the breach. A good peal was scored, but Mr. Tate did not ring again.

The funeral took place on Saturday, when the body was borne to its last resting place by the ringers. A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells was rung over the grave by T. Smith, C. W. King, H. Ludkin and F. Cryer; and afterwards, on the tower bells, the whole pull and stand was rung 52 times, and a 720 of Kent Minor, with the bells half-muffled, was brought round, the following taking part: F. Cryer, D. Carmichael, C. W. King, J. D. Bullock, T. Smith, H. Ludkin, G. Davis and J. Drake.

WINCHESTER GUILD MEETING AT RYDE.

An enjoyable time awaited those ringers who attended the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district, at Ryde on Saturday. Early in the afternoon ringers arrived from Fareham, Portsea, Curdridge, Brading, Titchfield, etc., and, accompanied by the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), Mr. F. Thornton (Greenwich), and Mr. A. T. King, the bells were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, many touches being rung during the afternoon.

Upwards of 30 sat down to tea, and at the meeting, held in the vestry immediately afterwards, presided over by Mr. A. T. King, the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Hugh Le Flemming) was proposed as hon. member. One full member and two probationers were also elected.

The question of a benevolent scheme was ably explained by Mr. King, and after a short discussion it was decided that the various bands should talk it over and send the result of their deliberations to the district secretary in time for the next committee meeting.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and of the vestry for the meeting, also to Mr. King for presiding.—Mr. Whiting was asked to convey the members' regret to the local foreman, Mr. Coombes not being present with them that day on account of illness. Much pleasure and satisfaction was expressed at the presence of Mr. G. Williams, the Guild's new hon. sec. The visitors were shown over the church by the verger, and afterwards many touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob were brought round. The opinion of all was that much good work had been done for the Guild by the meeting, and that the friendship existing between the ringers of the island and the main land had been cemented more strongly than ever.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Kirton Lindsey on Saturday, and was attended by members from Gainsborough, West Stockwith, Scotter, Scunthorpe and Worksop, in addition to some of the local company. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor. Tea was provided at the Red Lion Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker (District Ringing Master) presided.—The Vicar of Kirton Lindsey (Rev. — Garvey) who had intended being at the meeting, was, to the regret of those present, called from home, but previous to going he very kindly thought of the ringers, and left provision for cigars for those who were there.—After the ordinary business had been disposed of, the chairman gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, which was duly responded to by Messrs. H. Haigh (Worksop), and T. H. Parkin (Scunthorpe), and Messrs. Watson and Silverwood (Kirton Lindsey). Although the two latter gentlemen are not bell ringers themselves, they appreciate the company of those who are.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, Mr. R. Johnson, and the caterers for making the necessary arrangements, to the Vicar for his present, and to the chairman, concluded the meeting.—The ringers then returned to the church, where further ringing was indulged in. On his return during the evening the Rev. Garvey visited the church, and had a friendly chat with the visitors.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

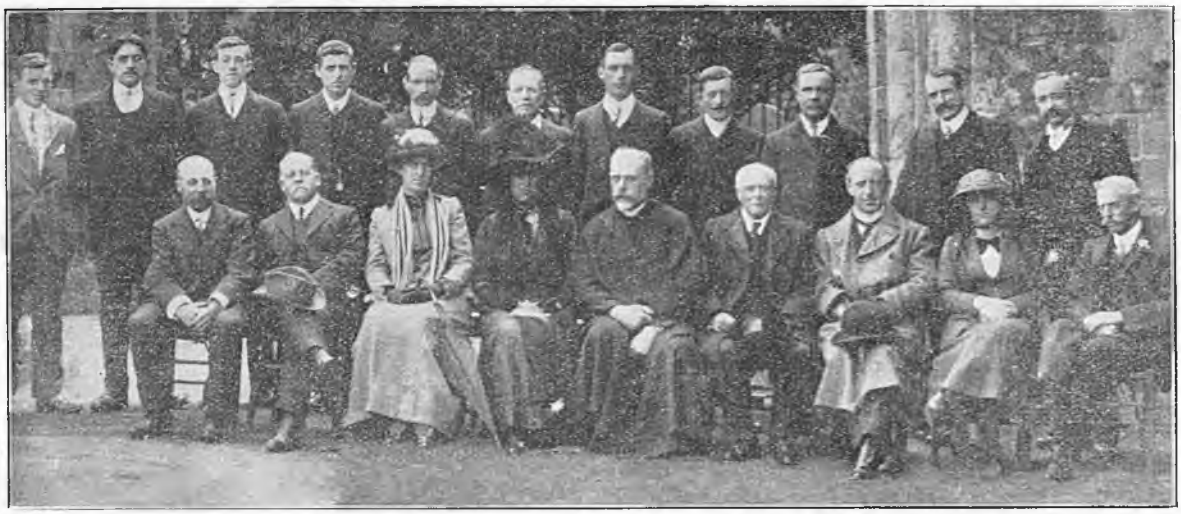
MANCHESTER BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at Pendlebury, on Saturday last, when members were present from Pendleton, Swinton, Worsley, and Ashton-under-Lyne.—Mr. A. Wallwork expressed regret that the Vicar was unable to be present, and hoped that they would have a pleasant time together.—Mr. J. Howard was elected a member of the Association.—A vote of condolence was passed to the relatives of the late Mr. Ed. Cash.—Mr. Charles Cash, brother of deceased, who also acted as chairman of the meeting, acknowledged the expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their bereavement.—Worsley was chosen as the next place of meeting.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and wardens, and to the local ringers, for having placed the bells at the disposal of the ringers.

PRESTON BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Preston branch was held at Croston, on Saturday last, but despite the fact that it was an ideal day, there was only a moderate attendance. Surely all the absentees were not haymaking! The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. J. R. Taylor.—Brindle, Preston, and Leyland St. James were selected as meeting places for the next quarter.—The branch secretary was re-elected, and Mr. Albert E. Woodhouse was elected Ringing Master for the next twelve months.—During the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. The towers represented were: Walton-le-Dale, Preston, Leyland Parish, Penwortham, Chorley, Samlesbury and Whittle-le-Woods.

DORCHESTER, DORSET.—On July 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. J. Benger 1, T. Page 2, F. Uphill 3, Arthur Coles (London) 4, T. Woolley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, T. Hyde 8.



GROUP TAKEN AT THE CEREMONY.

Standing—H. H. CARTWRIGHT, C. HUDSON, W. JOHNSON, E. CLARK, H. PECK, W. ROBERTS, C. E. PECK, T. BARTHOLOMEW, J. T. WILSON, F. HIND, A. JOHNSON.

Seated—H. HAIGH, DR. KEMP, MRS. KEMP, LADY ROBINSON, REV. G. J. A. D'ARCY, SIR JOHN ROBINSON, D. F. ALDERSON, MISS IDA KEMP, C. H. STACEY.

SIR JOHN ROBINSON'S WEDDING PEAL.

UNIQUE MEMORIAL AT WORKSOP PRIORY CHURCH.

An interesting and pleasing ceremony took place in the Ringing Chamber of Worksop Priory Church, after matins, on Sunday, Lady Robinson unveiling an artistically designed tablet erected by the ringers to commemorate the peal rung on the occasion of her marriage to Sir John. The peal was a campanological feat, of which the ringers are deservedly proud, and was a very happy idea. The tablet bears at the top the figure of a bell with the motto, "Semper ad Celestia." Then follows the inscription. "North Notts Association. A peal of Grandsire Triples (5040 changes) was rung on Tuesday, December 12th, 1911, in three hours and six minutes, at the Abbey Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksop, Notts. Holts' Ten-Part. Tenor 12 cwts.: Christopher E. Peck treble, Harry H. Cartwright 2, Cornelius Hudson 3, Albert Johnson 4, Hubert Haigh 5, Thomas Bartholomew 6, John T. Wilson 7, Frederick Hind tenor. Conducted by Hubert Haigh. It is the first peal by all except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal rung since the restoration of the bells, and also the first ever rung by a Worksop company, and was rung to commemorate the marriage of Sir John Robinson, of Worksop Manor, with Miss Eveline Maude Alderson, of Park House, Worksop. It was also a birthday peal to the ringer of the tenor bell. G. J. A. D'Arcy, Vicar. Henry Pelham, Seventh Duke of Newcastle, and E. Mann, Churchwardens."

Those present at the unveiling ceremony, in addition to the ringers, were Sir John and Lady Robinson, the Vicar, Mr. D. F. Alderson, Dr. and Mrs. Kemp, Miss Ida Kemp, and Mr. C. H. Stacey.—The Vicar having offered prayer, said it was always a difficult thing to look into the future and to gauge beforehand what the result would be of any particular act. He was bound to confess that it was with feelings which were not all confident ones, that some little time ago they had to make a change as regards the bell ringers at that church. It was a leap in the dark, and a necessary one, he was sorry to say. However, that day they could congratulate themselves upon the excellent results which that leap had obtained for them. Through Mr. Haigh's instrumentality they had got together a band of ringers which had had the privilege of being trained by an expert like Mr. Haigh, and a band which he most firmly believed were second to none in the district. Never until they had the present company of ringers in the tower had it apparently been possible to obtain such magnificent results as they had been obtaining recently. They had a permanent record of one such performance in the tablet which had been placed on the wall, and which he had much pleasure in asking Lady Robinson to unveil.

LADY ROBINSON AND OLD ASSOCIATIONS.

Lady Robinson then drew aside the Union Jack which covered the tablet, and, addressing the ringers, said their kindness touched her very much, and her feeling was one of gratitude to them all for respect shown to her mother's memory, and for their thoughtfulness in erecting that tablet, and in asking her to unveil what commemorated the happiest day of her existence. They had spent that which had been given to them for their own enjoyment in doing that which was very dear to her. All her childish recollections, she continued, were associated with that church. Her grandfather took a great interest in the building, and gave the font. Her mother was married there, and she herself was baptised and confirmed there; and her family had worshipped Sunday after Sunday. But, perhaps, the greatest tie was in the old churchyard, where her loved ones slept; where members of the family lay waiting until they should join them. The Priory Church was none the less dear to her because another claimed her interest, and it gave her great pleasure to unveil the tablet which adorned the walls they loved so well.

Lady Robinson then called upon Mr. Haigh to read the inscription on the peal tablet, and after doing so he made an explanatory reference to the Latin motto on the top of the tablet: "Semper ad Celestia," the motto of St. Cuthbert, meaning "always looking upwards," like the bells when ringing changes. Mr. Haigh expressed the pleasure it gave him to state that all he had done for the Priory ringers had been a labour of love and a work to the honour and glory of God. The performance on the bells on the occasion of Sir John's wedding had only been achieved by dint of hard work, assiduous perseverance, and loyalty to their leader on the part of the ringers. They were most fortunate to ring the peal at the first attempt. The ringers had no knowledge that a peal was to be attempted until they came into the tower on December 12th, and it was naturally a surprise to all. Towards the end of the third hour, the ringers cast many anxious glances at the little clock which hung on the wall, and if Sir John and Lady Robinson could have seen their smiling faces at the conductor's welcome words, "This is all," they would have concluded that the ringers were quite as happy as they were. There were many people, continued Mr. Haigh, who were profoundly ignorant of the beautiful art of change ringing. They believed that all the ringers had to do was to enter the tower, pull the ropes, and the music made itself, and that it was only a question of muscular strength. On the contrary, however, it was more like mathematics and a scientific exercise. In passing, he was pleased to say that the work of designing and making the tablet was carried out by Mr. H. H. Cartwright, the ringer of the second bell in the peal, and the artistic portion of lettering, etc., was the work of Mr. Grant, of the firm of Penny and Grant, both local tradesmen and members of their own congregation. He concluded by thanking Sir John and Lady Robinson, and also the other ladies and gentlemen who had favoured them with their presence on that auspicious occasion, and especially Lady Robinson for unveiling the tablet. Mr. Haigh then handed to Lady Robinson a touch of 168 changes of Grandsire Triples which he had written out in full, with the bobs marked, and she followed the changes whilst the band, who rang in the marriage-peal, standing in the same order rang them in the presence of the company assembled.—Sir John Robinson briefly returned thanks on behalf of his wife and himself, and shook each ringer's hand warmly before descending the tower.—The company was subsequently photographed by Mr. W. Sumner.

NOISY BELFRIES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I read with interest the remarks of "Change Ringer" on this public matter, and would be obliged to him if he would kindly give me the address of the patentee of the appliance he mentions to lessen the noise of the bells.

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Mr. A. Newton, Compson Road, Ambleside, would be glad of similar information.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY TREASURER OF THE OXFORD GUILD.

We recorded in our last issue the presentation that was made to the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who for 22 years was the honorary secretary of the Oxford Guild. Mr. Hart-Davis was in no small degree responsible for the foundation of the thriving diocesan association which he did so much subsequently to assist. Although he retired last year from the onerous office of secretary, Mr. Hart-Davis still retains an official connection with the Guild, and as honorary treasurer he remains in touch with the organisation, while his valued experience remains at the service of the Guild.



THE REV. R. H. HART-DAVIS.

After six years at Rugby Mr. Hart-Davis went up to University College, Oxford, and, after taking his degree, read for Orders with Dr. Vaughan at Doncaster. At Christmas, 1866, he was ordained to the curacy of Broad Clyst, near Exeter, where, through the influence of Charles and John Troyte, he was introduced to the elements of bell ringing. In 1871 he became curate to Canon Hugh Pearson at Sonning, and in 1876 he was inducted Vicar of Dunsden, near Reading, remaining there until 1904, when he retired to The Ridge Field, Mapledurham, Oxon.

In was in 1880 that, by request of the Rural Dean of Sonning, the late Canon Brown, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis read a paper on change ringing, and this helped to lead the way to the formation of the Oxford Guild, which took place in January, 1881. A strong branch was at once established in the Sonning Deanery, which, in its first year numbered 119, with seven towers in union. Mr. Hart-Davis was, of course, one of the original members of the Guild, and was elected on the committee at the beginning. Of the whole number (21) only Canon Drummond, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, Messrs. Newell and J. Parker are still on the committee, and Captain J. E. A. Troyte Acland and Mr. C. Hounslow remain in the flesh. The committee, which then numbered 21, has now 63 members. There were then three branches with 22 towers, 123 hon. and life members, 108 change ringers and 83 probationers. The Guild has now eight branches, with 153 affiliated towers, 197 hon. and life members, 1,427 change ringers and 222 probationers. Until Mr. A. E. Reeves succeeded to the office last year, there had been only two honorary secretaries of the Guild, the first being the Rev. Dolben Paul, and the second Mr. Hart-Davis.

When the latter took office his first object was to make the committee more representative, and in 1891 the number of ringing members was doubled, making 12 in each case instead of six. Altogether the history of the Guild has been marked by progress in all directions, and the greatest harmony has existed. Although he felt at last compelled to hand over the duties of the secretaryship to a younger man, Mr. Hart-Davis has lost none of his interest in the work of the Guild, and the presentation which took place at Oxford proves that the members are not unmindful of the great services he has rendered them.

The Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis' interests have been, and still are, very wide. In politics he is a strong Liberal, and acted for fourteen years as honorary secretary of the South Oxon Liberal Association. He was driven to Liberalism, he confesses, by the sight of the serfdom of the agricultural labourer in his parish. The working man has always found a champion in him, and he has long been greatly interested in working men's organisations, such as co-operation and the Friendly Society movement. In 1884 he passed through the chair of the Excelsior Lodge of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows, in Reading, and has succeeded in influencing a number of gentlemen to follow his example, and thus to become conversant from within with a very noble and beneficent institution. For fourteen years Mr. Hart-Davis served on the Henley Board of Guardians, and he was a member of the Oxfordshire County Council for six years. He is also a member of the Commission of the Peace for the county. Thus it will be seen that the late Oxford Guild secretary has been a man of many parts. His hands must have been very full, and it is not surprising that he has now sought relief from some of the duties which he voluntarily undertook.

THE HANDBELL RECORD.

PROPOSED ATTEMPT FOR A LONGER LENGTH.

The Winchester Guild men, not satisfied with their recent record of 14,031 Stedman Caters, will make an effort to ring a very much longer length.

All being well, on August Bank Holiday, the same band propose to start for 22,222 Stedman Caters. The ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, starting at 8 a.m.

What a stupendous task to tackle!

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The peal of Double Norwich at St. John's, Waterloo Road, which is published elsewhere, was Mr. A. W. Grimes' 50th peal this year. Almost a record we should think.

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Honour has fallen upon one of Manchester's policemen-ringers, Mr. Richard Newton having received the King's medal for long service and good conduct. Mr. Newton was one of 50 members of the Manchester Force to gain the coveted distinction. The bells at Manchester Town Hall are rung by a band of policemen, and Mr. Newton has for many years been associated with this company.

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Owing to a mishearing, a slight error crept into our report of the Oxford Guild meeting last week. The Master was represented as saying that a good deal of work had been done in a quiet, unostentatious way by the leading members. It should have been the "lady members." We apologise to the ladies for the mistake.

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We hear of two or three peal ringing excursions organised for the August holiday. One party is visiting the neighbourhood of Norwich, and have, we understand, got ten towers booked up. They evidently intend to have a busy time.

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Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, have been entrusted with the contract for rehanging the bells at Holy Trinity, Guildford. The work also includes recasting the tenor and retuning the fourth.

PEAL BOARDS UNVEILED.

On Wednesday evening, July 17th, a splendid peal board (the gift of Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington) was unveiled in the belfry of Cranleigh, Surrey, by Mrs. Cunningham (the wife of the Rector). The board records the first peal ever rung on tower bells in which both husband and wife took part, and Mrs. Cunningham congratulated the band on their splendid performance. She hoped it would not be long before the band made fresh records.—Mrs. Cunningham was thanked for performing the ceremony, and was presented with a framed photograph of the band and peal board as a memento of the occasion.—In thanking them for their gift, Mrs. Cunningham said she should appreciate it very much, and hoped that the day was not far distant when two more bells would be added to the peal of eight.—A short touch of Grandsire Triples was then brought round by the same band standing in same places as when in the recorded peal. The company was afterwards entertained to light refreshments by Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, and a very enjoyable evening was spent by ringing touches of Grandsire Triples on handbells.—A vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs Whittington for their kindness brought the evening to a close.

On Sunday week, after men's service in the afternoon, at Tunstall, Kent, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry, the Lord Bishop of Croydon, in the presence of the Rector, churchwardens, ringers, and other members of the Church of England Men's Society, kindly unveiling a tablet recording a peal rung by the Tunstall branch of the C.E.M.S. His Lordship expressed his very great pleasure at being asked to unveil the board, and his kind and encouraging remarks were much appreciated by all present.

The inscription on the tablet is as follows: "The Church of England Men's Society and the Kent County Association of Change Ringers. On Tuesday, March 12th, 1912, in 2hrs. 48 mins., a peal of Minor (5040 changes) was rung in this tower, being 720 in each of the following methods: Reverse Cambridge Surprise, Plain Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob. Harry Jewiss treble, George H. Spice 2, Thomas Jull 3, William E. Spice 4, Albert J. Day 5, William Spice tenor. This is the first peal by the Church of England Men's Society in connection with the Kent County Association." The tablet is also adorned with the outline of a bell, also a badge of the C.E.M.S. and the following motto and text: "Be strong and play the man." "Quit you like men, be strong." The tablet was made by Mr. E. J. Dobbie, of Milton Regis, and it does him great credit.

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.

E. P. inquires how to ring 720 of Oxford or Kent Treble Bob. His band has mastered the method and can ring 240 of Oxford, but have difficulty in getting further. At present they "call bob when the treble is behind without the fifth."

I must say I am at a loss to understand how these bobs are made when "the treble is behind." The place to call the bob, in order that it can be made at the proper time, is when the treble is dodging on the front before leading the whole pull. I will give the figures of plain and bob leads, to illustrate the point.

OXFORD.

Plain Lead.		Bob.
241536		241536
214356		214356
123465		123465
213456	Call bob	213456
124365		124365
142635		142356
416253		413265
146235		143256
412653		412365

KENT.

Plain Lead.		Bob.
231546		231546
213456		213456
123465		123465
214356	Call bob	214356
124365		124365
142635		142356
412653		412365
146235		143256
416253		413265

The calling for a 720 of either method is to call bobs in the first course at the leads when the 6th goes into and comes out of the slow, and in the next course when the 6th goes in. Do this three times, and that will give you the 720. Another formula for the same thing is "I and O, I, twice repeated," and it gives as the part ends: 42356; 34256; 23456.

In reply to E. P.'s second question, I am not aware that what he requires is to be found in any one book. There is a fairly simple rule, however, which may be applied for calling 720's of Minor in a large number of methods, and it is this: In methods (like Oxford and Kent Treble Bob), where the bells affected by the bob are the bells in 4th's place and above (*i.e.*, 4th's, 5th's and 6th's), call the observation bells In and Out, and In. In methods where the bells affected by the bob are the bells in 4th's place and below (*i.e.*, 2nd's, 3rd's and 4th's) call the observation bell Wrong and Right, and Wrong. If a method has a Treble Bob hunt, this calling twice repeated is sufficient; if it has a plain hunt the calling will produce 360; and the 720 is made up by calling a single at the Out or Home, as the case may be, in last course, and then repeating the whole. For Treble Bob methods we thus have I, O, I, or W, R, W, twice repeated. For plain methods, I, O, I; I, O, I; I, O, I, O with a single; repeated. Or W, R, W; W, R, W; W, R, W, R with a single repeated.

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This now annual event took place on Saturday last, the places chosen being Richmond and Reeth, in Swaledale. En route a short stay was made in Darlington, during which George Stephenson's No. 1 engine was viewed in its elevated position in the station. Richmond was reached about 10 o'clock, and the parish church was first visited. Under the guidance of Mr. Morton, one of the local band, the roof of the church was reached, and a fine view of one of Yorkshire's most charming dales—Swaledale—was obtained. The peal of eight bells were then set going, a short touch of Stedman being brought round, but one of Grandsire came to grief; and, to wind up with, a touch of Kent Treble Bob was safely negotiated. Dinner was excellently served at Kniland's Town Hall Hotel. Afterwards, Richmond's old Castle was visited, and then a ten-mile drive through the dale was started to Reeth. This proved simply glorious—travelling on the bank of the Swale nearly the whole of the way, with well-wooded hills towering up on either hand, and most of the fields between the river, and the hill side literally swarming with game. A little way out of Richmond the traveller passes the famous Willance's Leap—a white monument standing on the hill top to mark the spot where a huntsman leapt over the cliff. The story runs that some 300 years ago, a hunter keen on the chase was overtaken by one of those dense fogs, which roll up very quickly in Swaledale, and losing his way, came right over the cliff. His horse was killed, and he sustained a broken leg, and other injuries, but lived for some time after. As a thankoffering for his preservation he presented some plate to Richmond Parish Church, which, we are informed on the best authority, is in use to this day. Arriving at Reeth, an hour was spent in viewing Nature's panorama, which surely is seen here at its best, as wherever one turns a beautiful view is unfolded. On the return journey a call was made at Grinton Church, but the tower door was found locked, and the key, being found on inquiry to be too far away to allow of waiting, so the journey was resumed to the hotel for tea, at which the visitors were joined by Mr. Morton.—Mr. T. F. Earnshaw, President of the York Minster Society, in a few well-chosen sentences, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Richmond for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Morton for his kindness during the day. —This was seconded by Mr. A. C. Fearnley, York's representative on the Yorkshire Association Committee, and carried by acclamation.—Mr. Morton, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to add to the enjoyment of ringing visitors to Richmond. A move was then made to the church for a final pull, and, meeting Dr. Pauli, the Middleham ringing enthusiast, on the way, this gentleman needed no pressing to make one of the band, and three courses of Kent Treble Bob were run through in good style. Leaving Richmond at 8.25, an hour's stay was made at Darlington, and York was reached at 11 p.m., after a glorious day, thoroughly enjoyed by all.—G.W.

THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The members of this Society have for a long time been desirous of taking an excursion to Eastbourne, and on Saturday they held their outing at that fashionable watering place. The party was rather a small one, the towers represented being Appledore, Ashford, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and Tenterden. During the day about 3400 changes were rung, and the striking was excellent. Eastbourne was reached soon after 10 a.m., and the visitors wended their way to Old Town Church, the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Streatfield) having kindly granted the use of the bells.—Mr. C. Lewis, one of the local band, received the company, and three touches of Grandsire Triples—a 560, 210 and 168—were accomplished. Everyone was delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells, and would liked to have had a longer stay. Subsequently an adjournment was made to the Leaf Hall Temperance Restaurant, where dinner was served. In the afternoon, St. Saviour's Church was the rendezvous, the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Whelpton) having given his consent for ringing. The ringers, cordially welcomed by Mr. W. H. Ware, were delighted to have the opportunity of ringing on this sweet, harmonious peal (tenor 25 cwt.). They found the bells in first-class ringing condition, and two touches, a 350 and a 518 of Grandsire Triples, were creditably tapped. Subsequently the magnificent parade, with its beautiful carpet gardens, was perambulated, and the attractions of boating, cricket and music occupied the remainder of the afternoon. In the evening, Christ Church, a light ring of eight, were at the company's disposal, thanks to Mr. G. H. Howse, who had kindly approached the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary A. Allen). Here Mr. J. Sharp, one of the local ringers, received the company, and Mr. G. Penfold, of Pevensey, joined the party. The following touches were rung in efficient style: 168 and 504 of Stedman Triples, 336 Grandsire Triples, 336 Bob Major, and a course of Kent Treble Bob Major, which was the first in that method by several of the ringers. This concluded one of the best outings of the Guild, from the ringing point of view, although it was not quite so satisfactory in the matter of attendance. The touches of Grandsire were conducted by Messrs. G. Billenness, G. Lindridge, C. W. Player and C. Tribe, the Bob Major by Mr. C. W. Player, and the Stedman by Mr. G. Billenness.

The business meeting was held at the Leaf Hall, the Master (Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye) presiding. It was decided to hold the August meeting at Lydd, on the fourth Saturday in the month. Change ringing is not practised at that tower, and it is highly probable that a change ringers meeting has never been held there. The Guild members hope to create a favourable impression, and instil the gospel of change ringing into the minds of the "heathen," so that Lydd may endeavour to learn the art. It was also decided to attempt to-morrow (Saturday) a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Master and hon. secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs, of Rye) for the excellent arrangements they had made in organising the outing.—A hearty vote of thanks was also carried with acclamation to the clergy who had granted permission for ringing, and to those gentlemen who had extended such a hearty welcome to them at the respective churches.

CHRIST CHURCH, WEST BROMWICH.

The ringers of this church had their annual outing on Saturday last, accompanied by the Vicar and churchwardens. The destination was Wombourne, but a halt was made in the brake drive at Sedgley, where the local captain had the bells ready. Two touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the improved tone of the bells, due to the new springs fitted to the clappers, was greatly admired. Arrived at Wombourne, the visitors immediately visited the church, where they were met by Mr. R. Cartwright. The bells were raised in peal, and two touches were brought round. A look round the village followed, and the places of interest pointed out by Mr. Cartwright. At five o'clock the party adjourned to the Vicarage, where a sumptuous tea was awaiting them, very kindly provided by the Vicar, who is, by-the-way, father of the Vicar of Christ Church. After doing ample justice to all the good things provided, a return was made to the church, and the bells were rung for evensong, which the ringers attended After service, a very pleasant half hour was spent in the Vicar's beautiful garden.—Before leaving, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Wombourne (the Rev. Prebendary Nicholas) was proposed by the wardens, and unanimously carried.—In acknowledging the vote of thanks, the reverend gentleman said how pleased he was to entertain the visitors, and hoped they would come again. The return journey was completed about 10 p.m., but before dispersing a very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for their generosity and presence. The thanks of the ringers are also due to the Vicar of Sedgley for the use of the bells, to the local captain for having everything ready, and to Mr. Cartwright, at Wombourne, for his assistance and company.

ST. BOTOLPH'S, BISHOPSGATE

On Saturday last, the members of the Botolph's Ringers' Guild held their second annual outing, when they visited Broxbourne. On the journey, handbells were produced, and touches were attempted, but owing to the noise of the train and occasional tunnels, they were not a success.

On arriving at Hoddesden, the party proceeded to St. Paul's Church, where several touches were rung, including two 120's of Grandsire Doubles. At dinner, which was admirably served at the Salisbury Arms Hotel, the party numbered 24, amongst whom was Dr. Beswick, senior churchwarden of St. Botolph's.—After dinner and speeches were over, a little interesting business was got through, and some of the members repaired to the church, where another pull was enjoyed. The interval between this and tea-time was spent in various ways. At tea, the party had the pleasure of the company of the Rector (the Rev. Hudson Shaw), and his appearance in the room was heartily cheered. When, after tea, speeches were concluded, several members again visited the tower, where they were met by Mr. Jesse Puplett (Master), Mr. Knight (secretary), and several members of the local band, also Mr. Alps (Master) and Mr. Thompson (secretary of the Waltham Abbey Society). Several touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were successfully brought round. Subsequently an impromptu concert brought this very successful outing to a close.

Thanks are due to the clergy and churchwardens of St. Botolph's for their gift towards the outing, also to the authorities at Hoddesden, and especially to Mr. Knight for the excellent arrangements made for the comfort of the visitors, and the use of the bells. The only regret was that the esteemed churchwarden (Mr. A. E. Pridmore) was unable to attend, through illness.

CROYDON.

Thirty ringers, members of the Parish Church and St. Peter's companies, journeyed to Margate on Saturday last for their annual outing. The day was spent in proper ringers' fashion. The journey was enlivened by handbell ringing, touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples and Grandsire Caters, being brought round, and some capital tune-ringing done. Arrived at Margate, a bee line was made for the Church of St. John, where it was hoped to have a pull, but the church was under repair. Mr. Saxby, however, came to the rescue, and prevailed upon the contractor to allow the visitors to ring, and the most was made of the permission by some good touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Double Norwich. After dinner, at the Terrace Hotel, a move was made to the Waterloo Tower, Quex Park, where Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung. The rest of the day was spent by the ringers according to their own sweet will till train time came. The companies (through "The Ringing World") wish to thank Messrs. Saxby, Willshire and Dallas for their great assistance for helping to make the day such an enjoyable one.—S.R.

ST. ANNE'S, SOUTH TOTTENHAM.

The annual outing of the St. Anne's Guild, South Tottenham, took place on Saturday week, and a very happy day it proved to be. At the invitation of Mr. T. Ringrose, some of the ringing members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff accompanied the party, together with other friends, and a visit was paid to that delightful little old-world spot, Burnham-on-Crouch, Essex, famous as a yachting centre, and for its oyster beds. A jovial party foregathered at Liverpool Street Station, and ensconced themselves in reserved carriages, in a train which was crowded with expectant folks anxious to escape the tropical heat of the great Metropolis. Immediately the train left, the fine peal of twelve handbells was brought into use, whilst in another carriage it was discovered that one of the party had a set of eight hidden in his pocket. Many touches were rung, including courses of Stedman and Grandsire Cinques by: C. Ross 1—2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3—4, J. Trappitt 5—6, E. Davidson 7—8, F. E. Ringrose 9—10, C. J. Davidson 11—12. On reaching Burnham, everything was in readiness at St. Mary's Church, thanks to the forethought of Mr. Cook, and the ring of six bells, which have recently been recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner and Sons, of London, were soon set going. A start was made by members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff, and a well-struck 1260 of Bob Minor, conducted by W. Nudds, was rung in 44 mins., by: W. Ratclyffe 1, J. Trappitt 2, F. E. Ringrose 3, A. Howell 4, T. King 5, W. Nudds 6. Afterwards two separate 720 of Grandsire Doubles were rung by T. Sharman, E. Davidson, W. Ratclyffe, R. Warner, F. Gerken, C. Ross, C. Davidson, T. Ringrose, E. Davidson and J. Trappitt.

An adjournment was then made for luncheon, which had been most generously provided by the Church authorities, and after full justice had been done to all the good things, Mr. Robert Warner rose to express the thanks of the party to the Rev. H. W. Watson and to his warden (Mr. W. Croxon) for their welcome, and for the use of their bells.—In reply, the Rev. H. W. Watson spoke in eloquent terms of his great appreciation of the visit of the St. Anne's Guild and their friends, and he felt quite confident that such gatherings tended not only to create keenness among the local ringers, but also to cause the parishioners to take a greater interest in the Church and its associations. To his mind, the sweet music of the bells calling to worship was of even greater importance than the organ or the choir, and ringers should receive every encouragement in their good work.—Tune playing and touches upon the handbells were then indulged in, and whilst some visited the various objects of interest in the town, others set off again for the church to listen to 720 Kent Treble Bob, which, however, was interrupted by having to make a start for the station.

The next objective was St. Mary's Church, Shenfield, which contains a ring of six, which also have been recently recast and augmented by Messrs. Warner and Sons. After a substantial tea, which was served in the garden of the Eagle and Child Hotel, 1260 Kent Treble Bob was rung in 46 mins., by members of the Spitalfields Foundry staff: J. Trappitt 1, F. E. Ringrose 2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3, A. Howell 4, T. King 5, W. Nudds (conductor) 6. Ringing was kept up until late in the evening, and 720 Grandsire Doubles conducted by C. Ross was rung by members of the St. Anne's Guild.

Thanks are due to the Rev. N. Gresley, M.A., and to Mr. Harcourt Landon, the latter for kindly placing his magnificent grounds at the disposal of the party. Mr. Landon and a large party of his friends were in their turn entertained with tune playing and touches on the handbells. The time of departure drew nigh, and after taking leave of the hospitable residents of Shenfield, the train journey to London was once more resumed. More touches on the handbells enlivened the journey, and when Liverpool Street was reached at 11.45 p.m., the party separated for their various destinations, well pleased with their outing.

EASTWOOD ST. MARY'S.

On Wednesday week, the ringers of St. Mary's Church, Eastwood, had their annual outing, and for the second time arranged a motor-car trip, the district chosen being Charnwood Forest. Favoured with fine weather, the fourteen members left at 8.45 a.m., and at Castle Donington a short stay was made to inspect the church. On reaching Breedon-on-the-Hill, the members climbed the steep slope leading from the village to the church, the monuments in which are very fine. The old-fashioned pews attracted attention, and it was curious to note that the organ and choir stalls are up on the ringing floor, the tower containing four bells. On the exterior of the church there is an old sun dial and some very old carved stone work. In the village is an ancient prison, a relic of by-gone days. It is a round building, not very high, and minus windows.

At Ashby-de-la-Zouch, the next place of call, the party inspected the church (which is just now undergoing great alterations to the structure, and which contains a pair of finger stocks) and the castle, now in ruins. Mary Queen of Scots was imprisoned in this ancient stronghold, which was dismantled by order of the Parliament, after the siege in 1645. The old kitchen, with its large fireplace, the baker's oven and the spit, however still remains, and the subterranean passage from the kitchen to the Banqueting Hall is in very good preservation. The party also inspected with interest the old dungeon with its solitary stone seat, and the "Mud Hole," which is about 2ft. square and 3ft. deep, and wherein they used to suffocate the prisoners. Leaving Ashby, the visitors passed through the pretty village of Cole Orton, and on to Whitwick, where they rang on a musical peal of eight bells (tenor 14 cwt.). After a "refresher" at the Waggon and Horses, kept by Mr. Moult, a member of the Whitwick band, the party journeyed to the Monastery, where a great deal of time was spent in inspecting the old pile and the curiosities of the museum.

At Nanpanton full justice was done to a substantial repast, and the next move was to Woodhouse Eaves, the way laying through some beautiful scenery. At Woodhouse, the visitors rang on the six very mellow bells at the parish church, which is built on the top of a cavern. Ringing over, they made their way to Swithland, where there are large slate quarries, and on to Mount Sorrel, and then to Quorn, where they had a pull on the ring of eight (tenor 12 cwt.). The interior of the church was inspected with interest, the private chapel belonging to a very old family named Parnham, containing some very fine monuments. After leaving Quorn, the party were soon in Loughborough, but their late arrival prevented them visiting the foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Son, where they had been promised a ring on the foundry bells. Through these columns, therefore, they tender their regret to the firm. After tea, the way laid through the pretty villages of Hoton, Costock and Bunny, to Nottingham, from whence after a short stay, the nine miles separating them from home was quickly negotiated. The journey was thoroughly enjoyed by every one, and through these columns the party desire to thank the Revs. J. W. A. Mackenzie, S. J. W. Hiley and H. W. Rumsey, Vicars of Whitwick, Woodhouse Eaves, and Quorn respectively.—E.M.

SAINT LAWRENCE'S, READING.

The annual outing of the St. Lawrence's ringers took place on Saturday week, when they made the long journey to Torquay, leaving by the 3.50 a.m. excursion train. Torquay was reached about 8.30, after a most pleasant run through beautiful country. After breakfast, the party took car to Seaway Lane, and from there walked through the pretty Devonshire lanes to Cockington, where they were met by Mr. T. Stevens, the captain of the local ringers, and who is, appropriately enough, also the "village blacksmith" of the famous Cockington forge. The bells, a nice ring of six (tenor 9 cwt.), were raised in peal, and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Stedman Doubles, were rung, conducted by Messrs. R. N. Runham and E. O. Denham (not to mention a six-score of Grandsire non-conducted).

Cockington tower itself was found to be very interesting, being 800 years old, and boasting a fireplace. It also contains an old Cromwellian bell. After ringing, Mr. Stevens showed the ringers over his famous forge, which is about 400 years old, and was found very interesting. It was intended to ring at the Parish Church of St. Marychurch, but, unfortunately, this was out of the question, owing to the death of a prominent member of the congregation. The afternoon was spent in visiting Paignton, bathing, etc., and after tea a stroll along the beautiful Rock Walk and gardens filled up the time till the departure of the train, Reading being reached in the early hours of Sunday morning. All agreed they had had a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish to thank all those who so kindly contributed to the outing fund, and to Mr. T. Stevens for having the bells ready at Cockington.

ASTON.

On Saturday week, the Aston Parish Church Society held their annual outing, and, together with several ringing friends and others, making up a party of 30, visited Wolverhampton and Tettenhall. On arrival at Wolverhampton, the party paid a visit to St. Peter's, where they received a hearty welcome from the local band, and found the grand peal of twelve in readiness. Several touches of Grandsire Caters were rung, and a course of Grandsire Cinques, the latter being the first by some of the Aston band. A move was then made for Tettenhall, where touches of Grandsire Triples were rung. After dinner, Mr. W. H. Godden, in a brief but felicitous speech, expressed the pleasure it gave Mr. Carter and himself to be with the party once again, and after proposing a vote of thanks to the Aston churchwardens for their hospitality, he congratulated the ringers in general, and the Ringing Master (Mr. J. Jones), in particular, on the progress the Aston band had made in face of so many adverse circumstances.—Mr. Jones, whose health was drunk with musical honours, responded in a few pointed remarks.

An impromptu concert passed away an hour or more very pleasantly, the tunes rung on handbells by Messrs. T. Kerry and E. and C. Starkey being much appreciated by ringers and visitors alike. One item, however, necessary to complete the programme was missing. Not a note was heard of the plaintive refrain, "Sweet Bob Major." Why; no one can explain, probably the singer was not up to concert pitch. On the return, a few short and merry moments were spent at Wolverhampton, and then the journey was continued to Birmingham, everyone being perfectly satisfied with a most enjoyable outing.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.—On June 17th, at the Priory Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes): Miss C. E. Sparshott 1, R. O. Street 2, V. Street 3, E. V. Hinton 4, W. G. Stone 5, G. H. Plummer 6, F. A. Sparshott 7, W. G. Fowler (first quarter in the method) 8, A. Best 9, G. Preston (conductor) 10.

STOWMARKET.

The Stowmarket ringers had their annual outing on Tuesday week. The party numbered eleven, and leaving the Butter Market just after 7 a.m., had a lovely drive through the country side to Palgrave, where they were met by Mr. Clement More. After looking over the pretty little church, 567 Oxford Treble Bob and 416 Double Norwich were rung on the light peal of bells and then, after partaking of refreshments at Mr. More's hostelry, the party proceeded to Diss, where on the beautiful ring the Palgrave performance was repeated, and in addition a touch of Grandsire and 224 Oxford Treble Bob were rung. Dinner was partaken of at the Crown Hotel, and, after a stroll round the "Mere" and the town, a call was made at the Sun Inn, kept by that well-known ringer, Mr. J. Souter. Here the handbells came into use, and a course each of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major was rung.

The next stage of the journey brought the party to Eye, where, at the grand old church touches of Oxford, Double Norwich, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire, were rung. An excellent tea was enjoyed at the Horseshoes Inn, and after a look round the town a start was made for home. A halt was called at Mendlesham, but it was too late for ringing. The company wish to thank Messrs. C. J. More (Palgrave), J. Souter (Diss) and Mr. Day (Eye) for meeting them and having everything in readiness, and to the Vicars of the respective churches for granting permission to use the bells. Those who took part in the various touches were: W. Welham, C. Souter, C. Alderton, T. E. Slater, F. Allard, A. Grimwood, W. Souter, E. E. Diaper, H. English, C. Mills, C. J. More, J. Souter and H. Copeland.

BILSTON.

On Saturday week, the ringers of St. Leonard's Church, Bilston, had their annual excursion, when, accompanied by a few friends, a drive was taken to Morfield, near Bridgnorth. A visit was paid to the church, where the party were met by the Rev. —. Turner, who showed them the interior of the beautiful building. On the nice peal of six bells, which "go" splendidly, a capital 840 of Grandsire Doubles was rung by: F. Roberts 1, J. Harper 2, J. Adams 3, F. Colclough 4, J. A. Brown (conductor) 5, T. Justice 6.—After tea, the visitors had a chat with the local ringers, and accorded their best thanks to the Rev. —. Turner for his kindness in arranging for the use of the bells.

SUDDEN DEATH OF AN HEADCORN RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we record the death of Mr. William Foord, of Headcorn, Kent, who died very suddenly at the age of 28 years. On July 13th, the deceased, after doing his usual duty as sick visitor to the local lodge of Oddfellows—he was a P.G. of the Order—retired to bed apparently in the best of health. His mother finding he did not get up at his usual time the next morning went to his room, and to her great surprise found him dead in bed. The affair is the more sad as Mr. Foord was engaged to be married on August Bank Holiday.

The deceased had been a ringer for 17 years at Headcorn, and had been a member of the Kent Association for several years. He was one of the most regular attendants at practice, and will be much missed by the Headcorn band, being a very good change ringer. The funeral took place on Tuesday, July 16th, at Headcorn, when the deceased was carried to his last resting place by ringers and Oddfellows, and a half-muffled peal was rung in the evening. For morning and evening services on Sunday also the bells were rung, muffled, by his sorrowing comrades. Flowers were sent by numerous friends in the parish, and a beautiful floral bell by the ringers hung over the grave.

DEATH OF MR. J. W. SMITH, HARLOW.

The Harlow Common ringers have sustained a severe loss by the painfully sudden death of one of their members, Mr. John W. Smith, who was taken ill on Sunday, July 14th, and died in the early hours of the following morning.

Born at Latton, a small parish adjoining Harlow Common, he commenced to learn ringing when the peal of eight was erected at St. Mary Magdalen's Church, in 1905, and had taken part in about 16 peals of Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob. Always ready to help in peals, and a regular attendant for practice and service ringing, his place will be difficult to fill.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, amidst many expressions of sympathy, his brother ringers carrying him to his last resting place, and sending a beautiful wreath as a mark of their esteem.

Aged 41 years, he leaves a widow and six children, whose ages range from three to 14 years, to mourn their loss. Immediately after the funeral, 672 Bob Major and 360 Bob Minor was rung with the bells deeply muffled, and on the following Sunday a quarter-peal of Kent for morning service, and 640 in the same method for evensong, with the bells half-muffled.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

ANOTHER "MISSIONARY" OUTING.

On July 11th six members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, paid a "missionary" visit, by kind invitation of the Vicar, to the village of Bickenhill, Warwickshire, where they found a very pretty ring of five bells (tenor about 9½ cwt.). After one of the party had photographed the tenor with his "Vernier," the bells were raised, and several 120's of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Canterbury Pleasure and Shepherd's Hay Doubles were brought round, much to the delight of the locals, this being the first time the bells had been rung for nearly ten years, although the "go" is splendid, considering the length of time they have been at rest. After the bells had been lowered, the visitors adjourned to the churchyard, and rang Grandsire Triples and Caters, on handbells, finishing up with a few well-known selections, which were very much appreciated by the villagers. A short visit was then paid to the Vicarage, where they were welcomed by the Vicar, who thanked the Birmingham men, and expressed the hope that they would pay another visit shortly. Light refreshments were provided, and after the Vicar had been thanked for his kindness, the visitors departed, having spent a very pleasant evening. Those taking part were: Messrs. W. Short, A. Walker, J. Neal, J. H. Shepherd, W. D. James, and Mansell.

A TOUR IN SUFFOLK.

LEYTONSTONE RINGERS' ENJOYABLE OUTING.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the St. John the Baptist Society, Leytonstone, took place on July 6th and 7th, when eleven members made their headquarters at Bury St. Edmunds, the Suffolk town being reached at 8.16 a.m. As soon as breakfast had been disposed of, Mr. H. Turner (Master of the St. James' Society, Bury), was waiting with a good pair-horse brake to take the party on their Saturday's tour. Through country lanes, past fields looking gay in their scarlet, yellow and green, the drive took the party to Rougham, where, at St. Mary's Church, they found a handy ring of six (tenor, 16 cwt.). A good 720 Ipswich Surprise was rung, and then a touch of Plain Bob for the younger members of the band. Drinkstone was the next village, and the visitors were met by the Rector (the Rev. —. Horne) who conducted some of the party round the historic church, while others were ringing 720 Durham Surprise on the pleasant ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.).

Bidding the Rector adieu, St. Mary's, Woolpit, was the next objective. Here a beautiful church was found, the carved oak ceiling alone being well worth a visit of inspection. The six bells are not too melodious, for a flat tenor spoils the peal. At a second attempt, a good 720 of Lincoln Surprise was rung. After a splendid dinner at the Swan Hotel, Wetherden (St. Mary) was visited, a 720 Wells Surprise being rung on the not too easy-going ring of six, and a short touch of Plain Bob. A long drive then brought the excursionists to Walsham-le-Willows, where they were met and welcomed by the Vicar (the Rev. C. S. Ward). On the very nice ring of six (tenor 13 cwt.) 720 London Surprise and a touch of Plain Bob were rung, and the party were then entertained to tea by the Vicar, whose kindness was much appreciated.

The next place on the programme was Ixworth, where there is a grand and melodious ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.), and where the Master (Mr. W. Miller) achieved the ambition of his life, viz., ringing and calling a 720 of London Surprise on the bells of his native village. This proved a very hot task, for the bells are sadly in need of rehanging. A movement to carry out the work is on foot, and the frame is to be made for the reception of two trebles to complete the octave. When this is done, Ixworth will possess a grand ring of bells.—At Great Barton, the last place on the programme for the day, 720 York Surprise was rung at the second attempt. While ringing was in progress here, rain commenced to fall, and the journey home was made in a steady downpour. The Britannia Hotel, the headquarters, was reached about 9.45 p.m.

By 6 a.m. on Sunday, the party were once more astir, only to find it still raining in torrents. Mr. H. Turner had kindly arranged for the visitors to ring at the Norman tower for early service. Just before 7 o'clock, the ten beautiful bells, worthy of the tower they hang in (said to be the most perfect specimen of Norman architecture in Europe) were going in rounds to give the whole band a chance of having a pull on them. Afterwards a touch of Stedman Caters was attempted, but after some good ringing was lost a few changes from home. Treble ten was tried, but failed, and Grandsire had to be cut short, because of time. Mr. Lomax had kindly arranged for the visitors to ring at St. Mary's on the grand ring of eight (tenor 28 cwt.), and here Superlative Surprise was tried, and also Double Norwich, but luck was out. Some of the band attended Divine service, while others walked to Horringer, where, on the light peal of six, Plain and Treble Bob were rung. Fornham St. Martin was visited in the afternoon, the sun coming out, and giving change and colour to the scene, which was much appreciated. The church contains a light ring of six (tenor 6½ cwt.), and a 720 Norwich Surprise, and a touch of Plain and Treble Bob was rung, bringing to a successful end the ringing programme. Tea over, good-byes were said, and the visitors caught the evening train to London, after another very pleasant outing.

The St. John's ringers beg to return many thanks to the various clergy for granting their permission to ring, to the Rev. C. S. Ward for entertaining them to tea, Mr. Lomax for his courtesy at St. Mary's tower, and to Mr. H. Turner for making all arrangements and helping to make the outing such a great success. Those who took part in the eight 720's of Surprise were: W. Miller (7, conducted 5), H. Torble (7), J. Moule (7, conducted 1), G. A. Black (6, conducted 1), G. Dawson (6), W. Theobald (6), S. Goodenough (5, conducted 1), W. Doran (4). A. Prior, F. Doran and A. Fiddis rang touches of Plain and Treble Bob at the same churches.

THE BELLS OF WIDFORD, HERTS.

A FOUNDER WHO USED COPPER KETTLES.

Widford Church, in the county of Herts, originally possessed a ring of five bells, which were augmented to six in 1900. When an inventory was taken of "all goods and chatels in Churches," two were returned as being in Widford Church, "one grayte bell, and one lytell bell." This was in the reign of Edward VI. Cracked and unused for many years until the Church was partly renovated in 1868, this "Lytell Bell" was recast by the liberality of the late Mrs. Cantwell, and the founders put their own name upon it. The third bell has the initials of the founder—R.O., and one of two mottoes he almost always impressed on his bells—"God save the King" 162—.Here undoubtedly the figure 3 or 4 was omitted by mistake in the casting.

The fourth bell bears the inscription: "R.O. Praies the Lord, 1624."

The letters "R.O." were the initials of Robert Oldfield, who is said to have been an itinerant founder who made himself a temporary foundry, gathered up copper kettles, and whatever served his purpose, and there cast his bells. The story is that Robert Oldfield finally erected a foundry at Hertford, on the site of which, erected when the foundry ceased to be, stands the Little Bell Inn, St. Andrew Street.

The fifth bell at Widford has cast upon it, "Sca Katerina Ora Pro Nobis." Sca is simply an abbreviation of "Sancta." "St. Katherine pray for us," is a very common inscription on pre-Reformation bells, as St. Katherine was regarded as a patroness of bells; and this Widford bell is said to be the oldest in the peal, unless, as has been conjectured, the "Lytell Bell," and the "Grayte Bell" were contemporaries. The tenor or "Grayte" bell was recast in 1766 by Lester and Pack, and it has now become necessary for it to be recast once more, in consequence of having become badly cracked. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, and it is hoped that the bells will soon be available for ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Roberts (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Baker 2, W. Grinsell 3, J. Harper 4, S. Pearce 5, S. Baker 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8. The ringers of 2, 3, 5 and 6 belong to Coseley.

CHILDWALL.—At All Saints' Church, on July 8th, 720 Oxford Bob: J. W. Bell 1, G. R. Newton (conductor) 2, E. Gittins 3, T. W. Gilmour 4, E. Caunce 5, H. Fyles 6; and 720 Beverley Surprise: E. Caunce 1, J. W. Bell 2, J. Martin 3, G. R. Newton 4, T. W. Gilmour (conductor) 5, H. Fyles 6. This is the first 720 of Surprise on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—On June 30th, at St. Mary's Church, for morning service, 504 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Millman 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, C. Golding 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8. For evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: F. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, W Floyd 3, A. Scarle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8.

CLIFFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 41 mins.: B. Jones 1, J. N. Vizor 2, J. P. Hyett 3, E. R. Jones 4, L. Lewis 5, T. Turner 6. J. P. Hyett's first quarter as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to B. Jones. The Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Trumper) kindly entertained the ringers to tea, after which several 360's were rung for evening service.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes): F. Smith 1, W. Emmet 2, J. Lock 3, A. H. Winch (conductor) 4, E. F. Cole 5, F. Skevington 6, A. Dean 7, A. Harding 8.

PORTSEA.—On Sunday evening, July 7th, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: J. Whiting 1, A. S. Beer 2, *S. Thomas 3, C. Groves 4, E. J. Harding 5, *W. Wheeler 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, H. Northfield 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NEWPORT, MON.—On Sunday, July 7th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major: N. Morgan 1, F. Charles 2, F. S. Wilson 3, J. Bullen 4, M. Selby 5, J. Butler 6, A. E. Morgan 7, J. W. Jones 8. First touch in the method by F. S. Wilson, who hails from Ludlow, Shropshire. A peal of Stedman Triples was unfortunately lost after ringing 2 hrs. 5 mins. the previous day, specially arranged for Mr. Wilson.

HIGHGATE.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Anne's, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. J. Nudds 1, E. Bonfield 2, W. G. Matthews 3, A. Brightman 4, G. Iles 5, E. F. Cole 6, F. Smith (conductor) 7, F. Wells 8. This is the longest length since the rehanging of the bells by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on Sunday, June 30th, 672 Grandsire Triples: *E. Tyler 1, H. J. Gray 2, *R. Dore 3, W. Irons 4, V. Neale (conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, †G. W. Akers 8. † Longest length. * Longest with a bob bell, and V. Neale's longest as conductor.

WISBECH.—On St. Peter's Day, 720 of Bob Minor, for evening service, with 6-8 covering: H. Piggins 1, S. Andrews 2, G. Piggins 3, C. Goukes 4, C. Jutson 5, H. Banham 6, R. Narborough 7, G. Duffield 8.

WEST HAM.—At All Saints' Church, on June 30th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *F. Doran 1, *A. Fiddes 2, T. Cranfield (conductor) 3, E. Wigg 4, W. Theobald 5, E. Andrews 6, H. Torble 7, *T. Joyce 8. * First quarter-peal.

LEICESTER.—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at St. Martin's Church, 725 Stedman Caters: G. H. Holmes 1, S. Cotton 2, G. Pilmoe 3, J. Fenton (Rugby) 4, C. H. Fowler 5, A. S. Pettit 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on June 30th, for the Territorials' Church Parade, 504 Grandsire Triples, also touches of Stedman Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, R. Whittington 2, B. Wilson 3, C. Wing 4, A. King 5, H. Shepherd 6, H. Walker (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. Mr. and Mrs. Whittington hail from Cranleigh, Surrey.

HAMMERSMITH.—At St. Paul's Church, on Sunday, June 30th, 1264 Bob Major, in 48 mins.: F. Skevington 1, H. Barrett 2, *A. J. Smith 3, *H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, E. F. Cole 6, C. Hunt 7, G. C. Iles (conductor) 8. * Longest length in the method.

FLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: T. Copeland 1, F. Porter (first 720) 2, W. H. Hilliam 3, Rev. C. J. Sturton 4, G. R. Truss 5, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 6.

STREATHAM, SURREY.—On Sunday evening, June 30th, at St. Leonard's Church, 1056 Bob Major: G. Barrington 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, J. C. Mitchell 3, I. Attwater 4, F. Hardy 5, J. Lee 6, T. King 7, L. Attwater 8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM. — On Sunday, June 30th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton 1, A. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. G. Ellis 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 1349 Grandsire Caters: W. Davies 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, M. J. Morris 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, J. Corrigan 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, F. Bennett 9, C. Allen 10. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for the late Mrs. Sutton, wife of Canon Sutton, Vicar of Aston.

FENTON.—At Christ Church, on June 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 35 mins.: S. Bourne 1, T. Salt 2, A. Jackson 3, W. Hill 4, J. Beech 5, A. Smith 6, A. E. Sherratt (conductor) 7, H. Tufnell 8.

CROYDON. — On Sunday, June 30th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: W. Ives 1, W. Gammon 2, F. Larby 3, E. Miles 4, G. Burt 5, H. Lover (conductor) 6, F. Herman 7, J. Calcutt 8.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, June 30th, at St. Lawrence Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: N. H. Widdowson 1, Allen Hickton 2, G. Walker 3, R. Drage 4, J. Ward 5, R. Hickton 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, T. Hutchinson 8.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE. At St. Mary's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: F. S. Sparkes 1, C. Powell 2, W. H. Bicknell (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, F. R. Sparkes 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, E. Hayton 6.

TWYFORD.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: P. Rooke 1, T. Spratt 2, F. Oxenbury (composer and conductor) 3, W. Carter 4, C. Abrahams 5, E. Wateridge 6, L. Lampard 7, J. Penton 8.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—On June 28th, the eve of St. Peter's Day, 1344 Double Norwich Court Bob Major, in 46 mins.: R. Binns 1, F. R. Cundale 2, G. A. Jowett 3, J. R. Kemp 4, J. Woodhead 5, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 6, W. T. Powell 7, J. R. Moger 8. Longest length in the method by the ringers of 3, 5, 7, 8.

THRAPSTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, May 26th, for early service, 720 Kent: R. Loveday 1, F. Arnold 2, D. Redhew 3, L. Ryman 4, T. Jervis 5, J. Nickerson (conductor) 6. For morning service, 720 Woodbine, with J. Coleman 1. First 720 in the method on the bells.

PETERBORO'.—At St. Mary's Church, 240 Woodbine, 120 Double Oxford, 360 Plain Bob, and 120 Kent. At the Cathedral, two six-scores Bob Doubles; at St. John's, touches of Kent Major and Bob Minor. Those taking part were: J. Coleman, W. D. Judson, G. Judson, W. Knighton, R. Loveday (conductor), H. Traynar, F. Cooke, T. Jervis, A. Knight, G. Burnham, A. Johnson, G. Lake, L. Wyman, W. Osborne, J. Hudson.

LONDON.—At St. John-the-Evangelist's, Wilton Road, on June 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: H. Phillips 1, G. F. Harder 2, G. R. Channer 3, J. Thimblethorpe 4, G. J. Buckingham 5, E. Jones (conductor) 6, F. T. Gover 7, W. Wicsoner 8.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.—At St. James' Church, Whitfield, for Divine service, on June 2nd, 704 Kent Treble Bob Major: Jas. Buckley 1, W. Marsden 2, T. Jackson 3, J. Marsden 4, F. Garside 5, J. Lawton 6, E. O. Rostron 7, Richard Newton (first touch as conductor) 8.

OXFORD.—At St. Michael's Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: G. Beasley 1, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 2, G. Stone 3, S. Hownslow 4, F. Castle 5, V. Bennett 6. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.—720 Bob Minor and 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: A. W. Brighton 1—2, E. L. Bennett 3—4, W. Robinson (conductor) 5—6. 504 Stedman Triples: G. Fairclough 1, E. L. Bennett 2, G. Whittam 3, A. Newton 4, W. Sharpe 5, T. F. Hewetson 6, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 7, W. Robinson 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—At Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Davey (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Woodley (conductor) 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Ford 5, W. Richards 6, G. H. Myers 7, G. Kerswell 8. 720 of Bob Minor: W. Davey (longest length in the method) 1, W. Hobbs 2, W. Rundle 3, W. Richards 4, J. Woodley (conductor) 5, G. H. Myers 6. J. Woodley's first quarter-peal and first 720 as conductor.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCS.—720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. L. Bennett 1, F. Woodend 2, W. Robinson 3, T. F. Hewetson 4, C. Webb 5, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor with the local band.

KESWICK, CUMBERLAND.—An attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was lost, after ringing 3 hrs. 3 mins.: J. Bell 1, T. Hartley 2, T. Hogarth 3, W. Postlethwaite 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Graham 6, F. Postlethwaite 7, A. W. Brighton (conductor) 8.—336 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, T. Hartley 2, T. Hogarth 3, W. Postlethwaite 4, T. Wilson 5, T. Graham 6, F. Postlethwaite 7, W. Telford 8. First touch in the method by all except the conductor, who hails from London.

THORNTON CURTIS.—720 Bob Minor: H. Thompson 1, S. Smith 2, S. Bromfield 3, G. Atkinson 4, J. Atkinson 5, *W. Goddard (first 720 as conductor) 6. This is the first 720 of Minor on the bells since augmented to six by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

LECHLADE, GLOS. 720 Grandsire Minor: F. Webb, senr., 1, Wm. Judge 2, R. H. Judge 3, F. Webb, junr., 4, G. Holifield, junr., 5, G. Holifield, senr., 6. Conducted by G. Holifield, senr. This is believed to be the first 720 rung on the bells, and was rung after the quarterly meeting of the Witney and Woodstock branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild held at Langford.

MEOPHAM.—On June 1st, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Avis 1, J. Burles 2, G. Ambrose 3, F. Hayes 4, R. Constant 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, the first in the method on the bells. The band wish to thank the Rev. Owen for the use of the bells, and Mr. Basil C. Owen, the leader of Meopham, for so kindly entertaining them to tea.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND. — On June 11th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Avis 1, J. Allen 2, R. Smith 3, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in method) 4, G. Morrad 5, F. Hayes (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 16th, 720 Plain Bob: J. Avis 1, J. Fenwick 2, J. Burles 3, J. Allen 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On June 19th, as a wedding compliment to Mr. J. R. D. Fenwick, one of the local ringers, who was married earlier in the day at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, to Miss Beatrice B. Rayward, of Sheffield Mill, Fletching, Sussex, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Avis 1, J. Allen 2, J. Burles 3, R. Smith 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 720 Cambridge Surprise, in which Frank Webb, of Bedford, took part.

WROTHAM BELLS.

The peal recorded at Wrotham on July 13th, apart from being the first peal of Major on the new bells, is also the first peal of Major in the tower for a great number of years, the last being one of Bob Major in the 40's of last century. One of the earliest peals of Major recorded there, if not the first, was a peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major, on Sunday, October 12th, 1788, by the Society of Bromley Youths, rung in 3 hrs. 9 mins., following which, on the Monday morning they rang Holt's Ten-Part, in 3 hrs. 5 mins. Both these peals, with well over a hundred others, are fully recorded in the peal book of the Bromley Youths, which society is still in existence, and has been since 1773. Mr. I. Emery, the conductor of the peal on Saturday, is the present secretary, Messrs. Blackwell and James also belonging to the society. The old peal book is at present in the hands of a lady who has kindly undertaken to book up the arrears of peals, over 40 in number, and it is hoped the task will soon be accomplished. When the book is back in the tower, Mr. Emery or Mr. Durling, the steeplekeeper, will be pleased to show it to any visitors, who are always welcome on Sundays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., and on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Overbury on Saturday, July 27th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. A free tea and business meeting after service. Note: All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, July 23rd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Eversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District).—The quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Eynsford on Saturday, July 27th (instead of the 20th). Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service at 5.30 p.m., with address by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar). Tea will be provided at the Vicarage, by the kindness of the Vicar and Mrs. Elphinstone for those who send their names to me not later than Wednesday, July 24th. Half railway fares up to 2s. paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Finchley on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea, by kind invitation of the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne, free to those who notify me by the 24th instant.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The annual branch meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, July 27th. Bells ready at three o'clock. Business meeting 7 p.m. A committee meeting will be held same date. A good attendance is requested.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, July 27th. Committee meeting at 4 p.m. in St. Mary's Vestry. Service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie, Vicar of St. Michael's, Coventry. Bells available during the afternoon and evening. St. Mary's (10), St. Nicholas (8), All Saints', Emscote (8). Tea (usual charge) at the Globe Hotel after service. Business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present at tea kindly notify me not later than July 20th.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Perry Barr on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available all afternoon. Tea at the Church Tavern 5.30 p.m., 9d. per head, to be followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Sudbury District.—The annual district meeting will be held at Lavenham on Saturday, July 27th. Bells available will be Lavenham, and probably Preston. Tea, followed by a business meeting, will be at 4 p.m. Will all members make an effort to attend.—R. L. Gardner, District Secretary, Lavenham.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Llanbradach on Saturday, July 27th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Honorary Secretaries.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Calverley on July 27th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Thornhill Arms at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Middlezoy on Saturday, July 27th. Service 4 p.m. Tea and meeting following (tea 6d. each). Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Dorset Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Swanage on Saturday, July 27th. Ringing from 3. Service 4.45. Address by Rector (Rev. H. E. Eardley). Tea 5.15 at the school, followed by business meeting. The towers of Wareham and S. James' Poole, will be open in the evening.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. —George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at St. Maries (8 bells), Sheffield, on Saturday, August 3rd. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at the Fitzwilliam Temperance Hotel; meeting after. The usual reduction will be made to members notifying me not later than August 1st.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular. —Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

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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PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on June 16th, 720 Double Bob: J. Dunthorne 1, W. Waldron 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Jutson 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by a local band, and on the bells.

CAERPHILLY, GLAMORGANSHIRE.—On June 13th, 336 Grandsire Triples: E. Phillips 1, W. Dare 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Kathro 4, H. Broughton 5, F. Garrard 6, J. W. Jones 7, G. Cooke 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, June 16th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, Southwark, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to Miss E. P. Hodge, late superintendant of the Girls' Sunday School: H. Frank 1, S. B. Weatherston 2, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 3, C. H. Hughes 4, R. W. Green 5, R. W. C. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, T. Walker 8.

OLDHAM.—On June 15th, at the Parish Church a date touch of Grandsire Triples: H. Wright 1, S. Elson 2, S. Stott (conductor) 3, A. Waites 4, J. H. Bastow 5, H. E. Fielding 6, S. M. Butterworth 7, James Garlick 8. Rung for the Musical Festival of the United Choirs of Oldham.

GREENSTEAD GREEN, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On June 15th, a date touch of Minor, being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 472 Plain Bob: E. Ridgwell (conductor) 1, O. Lawer 2, A. Catterwell 3, O. Broyd 4, J. French 5, A. Saunders 6.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On the Norman tower bells, for evening service, on Sunday, July 21st, 270 Grandsire Caters: J. Sparrow 1, T. H. Bernand 2, H. Smith 3, A. E. Moore (conductor) 4, F. Eaton 5, F. J. Levitt 6, C. Woodcock 7, W. Kemp 8, H. A. Turner 9, R. Moore 10.

ROWLEY REGIS.—On Sunday, July 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. Willetts 1, W. Detheridge 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Brown 8.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RECORD PEALS.

Records are made but to be broken, and we often wonder, in many departments of life where the competitive spirit enters, when the limit will be reached. That is the question that certainly occurs to one when contemplating the prospect of the attempt which is to be made at Guildford next Monday to establish a new record for a handbell peal, and which, if successful, will also make another record, in that it will be the largest number of changes ever rung by one set of men.

Already this year in the ringing world four records have been set up. First came the 13,000 odd of Bristol Surprise at Knebworth on Easter Monday. That stood only for seven weeks, when another band at Hornchurch rang a peal of 15,264 in the same method and thus made a new Surprise record. The longest peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells has just been rung, while not many weeks ago, as we all know, the longest peal in any method "in hand" was recorded, when five members of the Winchester Guild rang 14,031 Stedman Caters. And now this same quintet are to try to eclipse their previous best, and are to attempt something far greater than anything else rung on bells "retained in hand."

If they are successful in their 22,222 they will have done something which, we think, will stand unequalled for a very long time, although in these days it is most unsafe to prophecy. This long peal attempt will require the exhibition of all the best qualities which ringers possess. The skill goes without saying, but in addition there are also necessary powers of patience, concentration and endurance of no mean kind. The task will occupy between eleven and twelve hours, during which the physical and mental strain will be enormous, and if the peal is completed it will deserve to rank in its particular way with that wonderful performance of a few years ago at Loughborough. There is always something fascinating about record making, and we cannot but admire those who have the pluck to face an undertaking demanding such attributes of ability and grit. To the band (Messrs. A. H. Pulling, A. Shepherd, W. Shepherd, J. Hunt, and F. Blondell) the Exercise will wish "good luck" next Monday, and it will indeed be a crowning effort to their magnificent handbell performances if they are successful.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5147 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT	...*Treble*	ALBERT WRIGHT	... 6
JOHN WIGMORE	... 2	*THOMAS CHAPELLOW	... 7
WILLIAM IRELAND	... 3	FRED MILLARD	... 8
WILLIAM HALE	... 4	FRANK COLE	... 9
WILLIAM HASTINGS	... 5	HUBERT HANKS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a farewell peal for Mr. J. Wigmore on leaving for Australia, his brother ringers wishing him "God speed."

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM FAREY	...*Treble*	*HENRY BLUNDELL	... 5
*BERTIE O. SODEN	... 2	FRED HOPPER	... 6
WILLIAM ROGERS	... 3	*JOHN METHERELL	... 7
*WILLIAM J. ALLEN	... 4	FRED WILFORD	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by JOHN METHERELL.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and by a local band.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(THE BLACKBURN AND MANCHESTER BRANCHES.)

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*HENRY WALKER	...*Treble*	FREDERICK HINDLE	... 5
EMMANUEL DUTESON	... 2	JOHN WATSON	... 6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	... 3	WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON	7
*W. H. IDLE	... 4	JAMES ASHTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman on the bells. The peal was arranged for W. H. Idle, who was on holiday in the district.

BROMLEY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR BYGRAVE	...*Treble*	REUBEN BALDWIN	... 5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	... 2	*GEORGE HUXLEY	... 6
ALFRED JAMES	... 3	GEORGE DURLING	... 7
*SPENCER MARSHALL	... 4	ISAAC EMERY	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. BENNETT, and Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal of Major. For calling see Kent County Report, 1912 (page 75.)

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT BROWN	...*Treble*	EDWIN WHITING	... 5
*JOHN SNELLING	... 2	*GEORGE SNELLING	... 6
HENRY GARNHAM	... 3	FREDERICK R. BORRETT	... 7
ERNEST WHITING	... 4	CHARLES BRICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

EASTBOURNE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8¼ cwt., in A

GEORGE H. HOWSE	...*Treble*	ARTHUR GOWER	... 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	... 2	EDWARD W. BRAY	... 6
JOHN T. RICKMAN, M.A.	... 3	KEITH HART	... 7
ERNEST GOWER	... 4	CHARLES GATLAND	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung in honour of the Bishop of Chichester's visit to Eastbourne to consecrate the new church of St. Andrew, in the parish of Christ Church.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	ERNEST STONE	... 5
*ROWLAND O. POLLARD	... 2	THOMAS DICKENS	... 6
WALTER MARTIN	... 3	HARRY ARGYLE	... 7
*WALTER HORTON	... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by E. H. STONELEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the Festival of St. James.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty eight Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

ALLAN R. HICKTON	...*Treble*	JOSEPH BAILEY	... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	... 2	FRANK JOHNSON	... 6
GEORGE WALKER	... 3	RICHARD DRAGE	... 7
ALBERT COPPOCK	... 4	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWARD C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by NEVILLE WIDDOWSON.

Rung, with bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Dr. Bayliss, of Long Eaton, and Mr. John Hickman, for 26 years steeple-keeper of St. Peter's, Nottingham, and 47 years a ringer there.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

CHARLES SAMPSON	...*Treble*	GEORGE HARDY	... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY	... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY	... 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	... 3	STANFORD J. WOLFE	... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Oxford.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALAN R. MACDONALD	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	... 5
ERNEST PYE	... 2	REUBEN SANDERS	... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS	... 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* 50th peal.

EAST TYTHERLY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

*LEONARD HARRIS ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	EDWIN J. HARDING	7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Treble Bob. The first peal of Kent Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers enjoyed the kind hospitality of the Rector after the peal.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

ALFRED LAWRENCE ...	...*Treble*	LOUIS A. WILSON	5
CHARLES J. GARDINER ...	2	ERNEST BISHOP	6
GEORGE W. TOWNSEND ...	3	THOMAS ROBINSON	7
ROBERT W. HYNER	4	JOHN M. BRINKWORTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. BELL	...*Treble*	JOHN ALLEN	5
JOHN WILKINSON	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	6
THOMAS JENNION	3	JOHN TURNER	7
GEORGE WOODHALL	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. The ringers desire to thank Canon Blencowe for granting his permission, and the local men for having everything in readiness.

KNEBWORTH, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES	*Treble*	WALTER S. INWOOD ...	5
*THOMAS L. SIMMONS ...	2	*FRANK T. MARTIN	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	CHARLES CASTLE	7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Mr. John Dennis, the genial steeple-keeper, on his 74th birthday.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

THENLETHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 42 six-scores.

ARTHUR REEVE	...*Treble*	WALLACE BENNETT ...	3
ARTHUR BENNETT	2	SOLOMON MOULE	4
JAMES BAKER	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by S. MOULE.

First peal by all except the conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Miss Marjorie Olive Mills, niece of the Rev. Canon Sawbridge, R.D., of Thenletham, who was married at St. Thomas' Church, Dodbrook, South Devon.

BRENT KNOLL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 18, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

C. BIRD	...*Treble*	E. B. CROWDER	4
B. HAM	2	W. WEBBER	5
A. WEBBER	3	W. WEBBER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. B. CROWDER.

Rung as a farewell to E. B. Crowder, who is leaving the neighbourhood. First peal of doubles in two methods by all.

[The same name for the ringers of both the 5th and 6th is evidently an error.—ED.]

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
In seven methods:—Double Oxford, Double Court, Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Oxford Treble, Kent Treble and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14 cwt.

*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ...	...*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	4
J. JAMES JACKSON	2	*ALBAN JARMAN	5
WALTER WHITE	3	WILLIAM WILLSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells, which have been recast into six and rehung in steel frames, by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, and rung after the dedication by the Bishop of Leicester.

UPTON BISHOP, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being seven different 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE	...*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	4
EDWARD SUMMERS	2	JOHN CLARK	5
FRANK VOYCE	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

KILLAMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge, Killamarsh, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

F. PARR	...*Treble*	T. A. HOWES SMITH ...	4
H. GREAVES	2	W. H. TURTON	5
J. EMSEN	3	C. SEVERN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. SEVERN.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, in affectionate memory of the late Francis James Metcalfe, who was rector of this parish for 25 years.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

WILLIAM ROSE	...*Treble*	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ...	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	*ARTHUR BAILEY	5
*GEORGE BAILEY	3	ALPHEAUS BERRY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

* First peal of Treble Bob in seven methods.

REDGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

ARTHUR BAILEY	*Treble*	ALPHEAUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGE	2	LEONARD LAST	5
GEORGE BAILEY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. W. T. COCKERILL, 32, EDGELEY ROAD, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

HENRY R. NEWTON ...	1—2	JOHN W. GOLDING ...	7—8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	3—4	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	9—10
HARRY R. PASMORE ...	5—6	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL	11—12

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HARRY R. PASMORE.
Umpires: JOHN N. OXBORROW and JOHN ROWBOTHAM.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, July 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	†WILLIAM A. WOODROW	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL	9—10		

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters on an inside pair.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, July 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	*ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: FRANK HAIRS.

* First peal of Major on the bells.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK BENNETT... ...	7—8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS... ...	9—10
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	11—12

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Umpire: H. J. RANZETTA.

First peal of Bob Maximus by all and by the Association, and the first peal on twelve in which a lady has taken part.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

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

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

In this peal 4, 5, 6 have their extent in 6th's place at course ends.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, July 27, 1912, in Two Hours,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. PAUL'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double Bob and St. Clement's, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

CHARLES SANDERS	1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	3—4
WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... ...	5—6		

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.
Umpire: J. T. DYKE.

This is the first peal in ten Minor methods ever rung on handbells, and the first peal with more than one method in a true 720 by the Midland Counties Association.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, July 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5077 CHANGES;

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

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.
Witnesses: W. and S. SMITH, of Loughborough.

FULHAM, LONDON, S.W.
THE ALL SAINTS SOCIETY, FULHAM.
On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	*JAMES W. DRIVER... ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8
*LOUIS ATTWATER	9—10		

Composed by WILLIAM H. BARBER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires: Messrs. F. G. WOODISS and S. J. COLLINS.

* First handbell peal of Royal. First peal of Royal on handbells by the above society. This composition contains the 6th extent at home.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT 155, WATERLOO STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ...	1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	5—6
*CHARLES SANDERS ...	3—4	JOSEPH T. DYKE	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. T. DYKE.
Umpire, ARTHUR K. HARRISON.

* First peal with an inside pair. Rung as a 20th birthday compliment to the conductor.

The number of changes in the peal at Guildford, on July 22nd, was 5077, not 5007 as published.

LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION MEETING.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE LADIES.

A most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association took place at Llanbradach, on Saturday, and was attended by members from Bridgend, Caerleon, Cardiff, Newport, Merthyr, Caerphilly, Machen and Rumney. In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Curate of the Parish (the Rev. James Bevan) heartily welcomed each member on arrival, and during the afternoon, touches in various methods were rung on the bells.—The business meeting was held in the parish rooms, adjoining the church, which are said to be the finest suite of rooms belonging to any parish church in Wales.—The Rev. James Bevan presided, and heartily welcomed the Association to Llanbradach. Instructors' reports were presented, good progress being reported at Machen. Application was made for further instruction at Llanbradach, Mr. Stedman, of Merthyr, kindly volunteering his services.

Mr. J. W. Jones next read his report on the Central Council meeting. The question of the proper height to hang bells, relative to the belfry windows, finds one kind of illustration at Llanbradach. When the new ring of bells was put in last year, the noise outside was almost unbearable, but this has now been remedied by bricking up the louvres on the inside almost to the top. The result is that anyone can scarcely credit it is the same ring of bells, and yet, it is stated, the bells can be heard quite as great a distance away as before. New members were elected from Llanbradach and Caerphilly towers.

A vote of congratulation was heartily carried to the ladies, who were successful in ringing the first ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, Miss Parker being specially mentioned for successfully piloting the peal through.

Tea was partaken of in the adjoining room, which had been kindly provided by the Vicar, to whom, at the conclusion, the best thanks of the meeting were accorded, as also to the ladies who so kindly helped.

The tower was then visited, and soon after a party made their way to Caerphilly tower, where the bells had been kindly placed at the members' disposal by the Rector. Those who had not heard these bells before were delighted at the excellence of the "go" and tone. Various methods were rung, and brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Sudbury district was held at Lavenham, on Saturday. Twenty-seven members sat down to tea at the Black Lion Hotel, presided over by the Rector of Lavenham (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins).—At the business meeting, which followed, eleven new members were elected.—The Rector welcomed the ringers to Lavenham, and in his speech, gave a short account of the work lately carried out by Messrs. G. Day and Son on the bells and frame.—Regret was expressed at the meeting at the loss of the late secretary, the Rev. E. J. Teesdale, and this was echoed by all present.—The usual votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.—During the afternoon and evening there was some very good ringing by members from Bocking, Bury St. Edmunds (St. James'), Coggeshall, Horringer, Ingham, Lavenham, Long Melford, Mildenhall, and Thetford; among the methods, in which touches were rung, were Oxford, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent and Grandsire Triples.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held at Middlezoy, on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Wembdon, Chedzoy, Middlezoy, and Enmore. Service was conducted by the Rev. W. Coney, of Middlezoy, who gave a very suitable address.—Tea was partaken at the schoolroom, and the business meeting followed.—It was decided to hold the next meeting of the branch at Huntspill some time in October.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. W. Coney for his kind welcome to the Association, and for the use of the bells; also to Miss L. Davis who kindly presided at the organ for the service.—The compliment was duly acknowledged, and an adjournment was then made to the tower, when various methods kept the bells rolling for the remainder of the evening.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The summer meeting was held at Corbridge and Hexham, on Saturday. About 20 members sat down to tea at the Tynedale Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. Canon H. Lonsdale) being present to welcome the Association. He particularly eulogised the advance ringers had made in church life and work in the last decade or so.—The President (Mr. C. L. Routledge) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and wardens for the use of the bells, and this was carried by acclamation.—The meeting deputed the President to write a letter of sympathy to the Rector of Whitham (the Rev. A. Allbrook), an old and staunch supporter of the Association, on his protracted and very severe illness.

The Vicar afterwards showed the visitors over the very ancient church, parts of which, still in existence, date from the year 645 A.D. His descriptions were deeply interesting, and greatly appreciated by his audience. Hexham Abbey was later visited, and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock in Stedman and Plain Bob. Two 720's were rung on the Corbridge bells, besides many shorter touches—mostly Treble Bob.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT FINCHLEY.

A very successful meeting of the North and East district was held at St. Mary's, Finchley, on Saturday last. Ringers from various parts of the county, including Hendon, Harrow Weald, Hadley, Barnet, Hornsey, South Tottenham, Edmonton, Gospel Oak, Southgate, Clapton, and also from Walthamstow, met the local men, and soon after 3.30 the bells were set going to Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Grandsire Doubles for those who did not aspire to anything beyond.

A short service was held, which was well attended.—The Rector (the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne), in the course of a striking address, welcomed the ringers to the service, saying how glad he was to see so many present. He reminded them that it was a great privilege to be a ringer and to hold office in the service of God. He hoped that all realised how holy was the office of calling to worship. To him it was especially sad that ringers should be so forgetful of the holiness of their office as to undertake the calling of others to worship without thinking themselves of the glory of God, and without remembering that the call was also meant for them. They should remember that ringing was a special work for God, and that they themselves should be real and regular worshippers, and seek after God in his Holy Sacraments.

The service over, the ringers proceeded to the Institute, where a company of over 40 sat down to tea, which was very kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens. The former presided at the subsequent meeting, at which thirteen new members were elected, amongst whom were the Rector of Finchley, who was made an honorary member of the Association.—The Hon. Secretary stated how pleased they all were at his presence there that day, and welcomed him as a member of their Association.—Mr. John Mackenny, of Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have recently rehung the Finchley bells, was also elected an hon. member.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

The Hon. Secretary proposed a vote of congratulation to the band of ladies who rang the peal at Cubitt Town the previous Saturday. It was a magnificent performance, and it said a great deal for their grit that they should start again after having already rung for something like two hours. They were especially proud of the lady who conducted the peal, Miss Parker, who was a member of their own Association, and he felt that they could not let such an occasion pass without expressing their admiration of such a splendid performance.—The proposal was carried unanimously.

The Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. St. Hill Bourne for his kindness to them that day, saying that the members appreciated very much his kindly consideration for their welfare.—This was seconded by Mr. J. Parker, and carried with great applause.—The Rector, in reply, said that when he was approached on the subject of this meeting, he had no idea that such a number of ringers would attend. He was glad to have been able to do something to make them comfortable, and mentioned that their thanks were also due to the churchwardens, who had insisted on helping him in his efforts to make the meeting a pleasant one. He was very pleased to become a member of the Association, and wished it every success.

It was decided to hold the next meeting at Stanmore, the date to be arranged by the secretary. Ringing in various methods was continued until past nine o'clock, and most of the ringers took advantage of the invitation of the Rector to stroll round the beautiful Rectory grounds, a kindness that was much appreciated.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Calverley on Saturday, and was attended by members and visitors from Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Pudsey, Queensbury, Sunderland, Guiseley, Lincoln, and the local company. A peal of Treble Bob Major was attempted in the afternoon, but did not prove successful. Touches in various methods were then rung.—The business meeting was held at the Thornhill Arms, with the President in the chair.—After the ordinary business had been disposed of, Mr. B. G. S. Webb, of Headingley, and Mr. A. Farrar, of Calverley, were elected members of the society.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Calverley, and to the local company for making the necessary arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Baxendale, and seconded by Mr. S. Ward.—Mr. S. Wheatley responded.—It was decided to leave the arrangements for a peal attempt at Drighlington, on August 24th, in the secretary's hands.—The tower bells were again rung, and courses of Grandsire, Kent and Oxford were rung on handbells.

NOTTINGHAM STEEPLEKEEPER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, at the age of 62 years, of Mr. John Hickman, of Nottingham, which took place at his home on Thursday week. The final illness was extremely short, the deceased being able to visit London the previous week in order to seek special advice for his complaint, cancer in the throat. His jovial face and humorous company will be keenly missed in the district. For nearly 30 consecutive years he has been steeplekeeper at St. Peter's, Nottingham, and had rung some thirty odd peals, comprising Grandsire Triples and Caters, Stedman, Bob Major and Kent Major and Royal. The interment took place on Tuesday, his brothers ringers fulfilling their customary final duties. The deceased re-married about two years ago, and leaves a widow, and two sons and two daughters by his former wife.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING AT WARWICK.

The ringers of the county were well represented in the county town on Saturday last. Members attended from Allesley, Berkswell, Coventry, Lutterworth, Nuneaton, Rugby, Stoke Golding, Stratford-on-Avon, Sutton Coldfield, Tamworth, and Warwick, with Messrs. Parsons and Butler from Old Hill and Gainsborough respectively, and the ten bells at St. Mary's and the eight at All Saints' were much in request during the afternoon and evening. Shortened evensong was said in St. Mary's Church, but Canon Baillie, of Rugby, who had promised to address the Guild, was unfortunately prevented from attending. He, however, sent as his substitute, the Rev. P. M. Herbert, who delivered a very able address on the privileges and duties of ringers as church-workers, taking as his text, Exodus xxxi, 1-6.

There was a large gathering at tea, which was partaken of at the Globe Hotel, and subsequently the business meeting was held.—The Rev. Alan Williams (President of the Guild) occupied the chair, and was supported by the Misses Williams, Mr. James George (Master), the Rev. C. Carew Cox (hon. secretary), Mr. W. G. Dickens (hon. treasurer), Mr. A. L. Coleman, of North Walsham (late hon. secretary), and about fifty members. Apologies were received from the Revs. Canon Blyth and H. C. Bell, Messrs. G. Martineau and J. Ambrose.

THE GUILD'S PROGRESS.

The Hon. Secretary read the committee's report for the year, which showed steady growth and improvement in the work of the Guild. The number of peals rung, viz., 25, constituted a record for the Guild. Noteworthy performances were a peal of London Surprise Major by the Rugby Company, a peal of Double Norwich Major by the local band at Stoke-in-Coventry, and a peal of Minor, in eight Treble Bob methods, by the Stoke Golding men. The number of members, after deducting seventeen, who have been struck off the register by the committee, now stood at 174, as against 155 last year.—The Hon. Treasurer read the statement of accounts, which showed a balance brought forward of £12 0s. 8d., and a balance in hand of £9 12s. 10d.—This was considered very satisfactory.

The Rev. Alan Williams, President, and the Vice-Presidents of the Guild were unanimously re-elected. Mr. James George was re-elected as Ringing Master; the Rev. C. Carew Cox as hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Dickens as hon. treasurer; and Mr. J. Ambrose as hon. auditor. The following members were elected to serve on the committee: Messrs. E. H. Adams, Warwick; T. W. Chapman, Nuneaton; T. Bloore, Sutton Coldfield; A. James, Berkswell; G. A. Martineau, Solihull; A. Roberts, Stoke-in-Coventry. The names of twenty-one new members were brought forward for ratification and election, including Mr. F. S. W. Butler, of Gainsborough.

SUNDAY SERVICE RINGING.

Mr. Bloore, of Sutton Coldfield, introduced the subject of Sunday service ringing, and suggested that some scheme be put into operation for allotting marks, according to attendance and the amount of ringing done. He asked that the Guild should consider the desirability of awarding a framed certificate to be held by the tower gaining the greatest number of marks during a period of twelve months, and if won by the same tower three years in succession, to become the absolute property of such tower.—Mr. Coleman supported, and pointed out that a similar scheme was already in operation in the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The Rev. C. Carew Cox also supported, while at the same time he did not think the ringers present needed reminding that Sunday service ringing was the first duty. Still, even if the duty was recognised, the scheme would offer some encouragement to carry out the duty in the best possible way. He thought it would be better not to be too hurried in the matter, as the details would require to be well discussed in order to prove absolutely fair to all towers.

On the suggestion of Mr. Dickens, a vote was taken as to whether the principle should be accepted, and the details left to be worked out by the committee.—This was carried with one dissentient.

A hearty vote of thanks to the incumbents of the various churches for the use of their bells, to the organist of St. Mary's, to the Rev. P. M. Herbert for his address, and to the Rev. Alan Williams for presiding at the meeting, concluded the business.

Members then adjourned to St. Mary's tower, and ringing was indulged in until 9.0 p.m., the Misses Williams taking part. It is hoped that before very long these ladies will be joining the ranks of the peal ringers, and thus bring further honour to the Guild.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING HELD IN CHURCHYARD.

A meeting of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association was held at the Parish Church, Blackburn, last Saturday. At a committee meeting, held in the vestry, representatives from the Rossendale, Manchester, Rochdale, Liverpool, Blackburn, Preston, Fylde, Bolton, Furness and Lake district branches attended.—A short service was conducted by the Rev. T. R. Sale, M.A., Vicar, and Rural Dean of Blackburn, and afterwards the branch meeting was held in the churchyard, the President of the Association (the Rev. H. J. Elsee, M.A.) presiding.—The Rev. T. R. Sale, in welcoming the committee, gave a few encouraging remarks to the ringers.—Mr. W. Heaton and Mr. J. Watson were re-elected as branch president and secretary respectively, and Mr. W. E. Wilson was elected as representative to the committee.—It was proposed that the next branch peal be Oxford Treble Bob Major, and that the next branch meeting be held at Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for presiding.—During the afternoon and evening, the bells were kept going in various methods.

THE FIRST PEAL AT WROTHAM.

In connection with the recent peal at Wrotham, Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, writes: I beg to state that a peal of 5040 Bob Major was rung in 3 hrs. 18 mins., at Wrotham, Kent, on November 22nd, 1754, by the Leeds Youths. This was probably the first peal on the bells, for they had been made eight in that year. A peal of Bob Major (5472 changes) was also rung there in 3 hrs. 27 mins., on April 14th, 1884, conducted by F. G. Newman, so that the last peal of Major was not back in the 40's. Perhaps it will be of interest to Mr. Emery and the Exercise to know that the Leeds Youths rang the first peal on Bromley bells. The record is as follows: "On Monday, June 14th, 1773, a 5088 of Oxford Treble Bob, in 3 hrs. 7 mins., by: William Davis 1, William Cook 2, William Tilby 3, Thomas Austin 4, George Tilby 5, John Freeland 6, James Barham 7, Thomas Lacy tenor." This was the first peal ever rung on the bells. It is, therefore, as well to be careful in claiming first peals for the future, for there are still some old records in existence, particularly as to Kent peals.

FOXTON NEW BELLS.

The village of Foxton, Leicestershire, was en fete on Thursday week, for on that day the new ring of six bells was to peal for the first time. For more than two centuries the old five bells had done duty until they threatened to bring the tower tumbling down, and after various estimates had been considered, Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, were entrusted with their restoration, which comprised recasting into six bells from the metal of the old five, and rehanging with all modern fittings in iron frame on steel girders, all the ancient inscriptions being re-produced. The conclusion of the work has given every satisfaction, and Thursday was set apart for the dedication. Dr Clayton, Bishop of Leicester, performed the ceremony, at which clergy from many adjacent parishes were present.—The Vicar (the Rev. F. S. Edmonds) took the service of shortened evensong down to the third collect, when the choir rendered Smart's Te Deum, in F. After the Bishop had formally handed over the bells to the custody of the Vicar and churchwardens in the customary manner, his lordship preached an appropriate discourse on "Go out into the highways and compel them to come in, that my House may be filled." At the close, the ringers' hymn, "Lifted high into the steeple," was sung, and the bells were rung by various members of the Midland Counties Association.—After tea, a band specially chosen for the occasion, returned to the church and rang a full peal of 5040 changes, which record will be found in its proper place. The new treble of $3\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. is inscribed: "In memory of Thomas Widdowson, B.A., Vicar of Foxton 1897—1903. Cast by Gillett and Johnston, 1912." The weight of the new tenor is 14 cwt.

PROPOSED LADIES' GUILD.

Will all Lady Ringers (tower or handbells) wishing to join the above Society, kindly communicate with Miss E. K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, who will send full particulars.

DEATH OF MR. WILLIAM COOTER.

Another giant of the Art has gone to his rest. William Cooter, who more than 50 years ago was one of the foremost of the College Youths, and whose name is associated in scores of peals with such men as Henry Haley, John Cox, Matthew Wood, George Ferris, James Dwight and others, passed away on Sunday at the advanced age of 87. For many years Mr. Cooter had suffered from infirmities, and was a complete invalid.

We hope to be able to give some details of the ringing career of Mr. Cooter in our next issue, but we may add here that, among his many noteworthy performances, were the first peals of Stedman Triples and Stedman Cinques ever rung double-handed. This was as long ago as the year 1854.

The funeral will take place at Manor Park Cemetery to-morrow, Saturday, at 3.45 p.m. (Forest Gate or Manor Park Stations, Great Eastern Railway).

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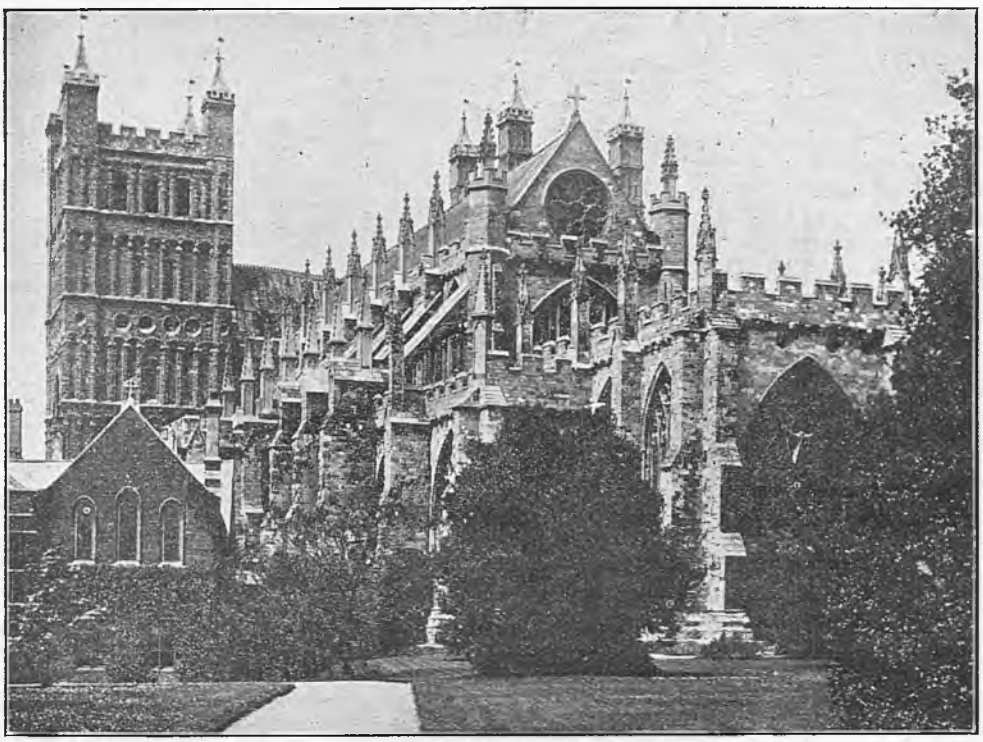
BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—EXETER.

By J. R. Jerram.

From the account of Exeter Cathedral bells by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, published in 1874, we find that there were ten bells as early as the 13th century. He quotes some records from the Fabric Rolls, in which the names of the bells appear, together with various items of expenses incurred in keeping them in repair. It is extremely unlikely that these ten bells formed a peal in any way, but were probably odd bells used for the various services in pre-Reformation times. Mr. Ellacombe gives a long list of rules in Latin for sounding the bells on various occasions—"De pulsatione campanarum in Ecclesia Exonieusi et modo pulsationis singulis diebus per annum." —*i.e.*, "Concerning the chiming of the bells in Exeter Cathedral and the manner of sounding them for each day throughout the year." In the inventory of the 6th year of Edward VI we find that there were eight bells in one of the towers and five in the other.

Later on we find agreements for recasting various bells, at different times, with John Birdall, Thomas Purdue, and other founders. How the peal was augmented from eight to ten is a mystery. It certainly was not done by adding two trebles in the usual way. In 1678 Mr. Warren, bell-hanger, was paid £60 for hanging the bells "to be rung upon the sally," *i.e.*, hanging them for ringing as we understand the term in the present day. Before that date presumably they were only hung with half wheels, to be swung just high enough to strike both sides. Before going further it must be observed that the peal really consists of eleven bells; that is to say, there is an extra fourth bell, half a note below the real fourth of the ten. This enables a peal of six to be formed with the seventh as a tenor; locally known as the "Cobthorne" peal, the seventh being named "Cobthorne" after Dean Cobthorne, the donor.

Before 1902 no peal was ever attempted here; in fact it would have been well nigh impossible; not only from the bad "go" of the bells, but from the position in which the ropes descended. The bells were hung in a timber frame, all swinging the same way, and the ropes fell in ranks as follows, counting from left to right: First row 1, 2, 3, 4; second row 6, 5, 4 flat; third row 7, 8; fourth row 10, 9. In 1902 the bells were all rehung in a substantial iron frame by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., who recast the fifth and tenor at the same time adding 10 cwt. more metal to the tenor, which now weighs 72 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., and is by far the heaviest and grandest tenor in England, measuring just six feet in diameter. Since the above date several peals have been rung on the bells, the "go" of which, considering their immense weight, leaves nothing to be desired.



Exeter Cathedral and the South Tower.

The inscriptions on the bells are as follows:—

Treble.

W ♙ E. RECAST 1729.

Second.

I. H. Anno Do. 1616 [fleur de lys].

Third.

IOHN . PENNINGTON . OF . EXON .
NEW . CAST . ME . ANNO . DOMINI . 1658

Fourth.

THO - PERDVE - ME - FECIT - ANNO -
DOMINI - 1676 - EX - IMPENSIS - DECANI -
ET - CAPITVLI - EXON -

Flat Fourth.

RENOVAT : EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI :
ET : CAPITVLI : EXON : THO : PENNINGTON :
NEW : CAST : ME : ANNO : DOMINI : 1630
[ornamental border].

Fifth.

RECAST AT EXPENSE OF A.M., DEAN. 1902.
EX IMIS FUIMUS, SIDERA SCANDIMUS
O [reverse of coin of late King Edward VII, also border of vine leaves and acorns].

Sixth.

RENOVAT : EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI : ET :
CAPITOLI : EXON : ANNO : DOMINI : 1693 :
T. P. [ornamental border].

Seventh.

EX * DONO * IOHANNIS * COBTHORNI *
QVONDAM * DECANI * EXON * TH * PVRDVE *
FECIT * RENOVAT * EX * IMPENSIS * DECANI *
ET * CAPITVLI * EXON * ANNO * DOMINI *
1676 * [ornamental frieze].

Eighth.

WILLIAM EVANS FECIT. RECAST 1729.

Ninth.

EX * DONO * EDMVNDI * STAFFORD * EPISCOPI
* EXON * PER * THO * PERDVE * RENOVAT * EX *
IMPENSIS * DECANI * ET * CAPITVLI * EXON *
ANNO * DOM * 1676 * [ornamental frieze].

Tenor.

EX DONO JOHANNIS GRANDISON (3) [medallion bearing the head of Laud] EPISCOPI EXON. GULIEL EVANS FECIT 1729.
RECAST 1902. IOHN TAYLOR AND CO.
[border of vine leaves and acorns].

The meaning of the words "Renovat ex impensis," etc., on the 4th, flat 4th, 6th, 7th and 9th simply means that these bells were recast at the expense of the Dean and Chapter; the seventh being the gift of John Cobthorne, Dean, the ninth that of Bishop Edmund Stafford, and the tenor that of Bishop John Grandison. The inscription on the recast fifth signifies "We originated from the depths, we ascend to the stars," referring to metal being dug from the earth and formed into bells, whose sound floats upwards.

In the north tower hangs *Great Peter*, which is inscribed as follows :—

EX . DONO . PETRI . COVRTENAY . EPISCOPI .
EXON .
ANNO . DOM : 1484 . PLEBS : PATRIÆ : PLAVDIT :
DVM : PETRVM : PLE (sic, for "plenius audit")
RENOVAT :
EX : IMPENSIS : DECANI : ET : CAPITVLI :
EXON :
ANNO : DOMINI : 1676 . PER : THO : PVRDVE .

i.e., "The gift of Peter Courtenay, Bishop of Exeter, Anno Domini 1484. The people of the land applaud greatly when they hear Peter sound. Recast at the expense of the Dean and Chapter of Exeter, Anno Domini 1676, by Thomas Purdue."

The diameter of this bell is 6 feet 4 inches, and the thickness of the sound-bow 5 inches. In the account before me the weight is given as 6 tons 5 cwt., which, of course, is absurd. I should say that the weight is probably about four tons.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Readers are reminded that peals rung on Bank Holiday should be posted to us the same night if they are to secure insertion in next week's issue.

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No more peals are to be permitted at Egham, Surrey, this year, owing, we understand, to the complaints received from tradesmen in the neighbourhood. In future peals at this church will be limited to three per year. This is one of the towers where the bells are hung opposite the louvres, and where some benefit, at any rate, might be obtained by partially blocking up the openings.

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Mr. W. Spice, of Tunstall, has received the following further sums on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. A. J. Day : Gillingham band 4s. 6d., Sittingbourne 10s., making a total of £21 7s. 6d.

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Miss Elsie Bennett, whose performances on handbells are unique among ladies, took part last Friday in a peal of Bob Maximus. She is thus the first lady to ring a twelve-bell peal.

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By the way, when may we expect the first peal on handbells by ladies? The tower bell peal by the fair sex has been rung, and the handbell peal ought not to be far off. We think we could name a band that would make a good show if they could meet and practice a bit.

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St. Mellon's, near Cardiff, Church tower is being restored, and efforts are being made to obtain a ring of bells.

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It is understood that nothing will be decided as to the rehanging of St. Woolos bells, Newport, Mon., until after August. These bells have been idle since Easter, but funds are being collected for the purpose of rehanging.

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The success of the ladies at Cubitt Town has, as might have been expected, given great pleasure among ringers generally, and at two meetings, at least, on Saturday—the Llandaff and the Middlesex—resolutions of congratulation were passed.

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St. Oswald's Church, Lower Peover, Cheshire, possesses a ring of six bells (tenor 9 cwt.), and it has now been decided to have them recast and rehung in a steel frame as a memorial to the late Rev. Arthur Guest, who was Vicar from 1877 to 1911. The bells are to be recast into a new ring of six with a 12 cwt. tenor, and the work is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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The Rev. H. Law James' system of ringing more than one Minor method in a true 720 is gradually extending among Minor ringers, and for the first time a peal on these lines has been rung by the Midland Counties Association. At Burton-on-Trent ten methods have been rung in a 5040 on handbells, a performance not only new to the M.C.A., but the first ever rung "in hand" containing as many methods as this. It only goes to show that Mr. James' system will eventually hold the field among progressive Minor ringers if only sufficient knowledge on the matter is obtained.

All Saints' Church, Waldron, Sussex.



New Peal of Eight. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr.

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"THE LADIES' PEAL."

JULY 20th, 1912.

Like a breath of summer laden, like a cheery ray of hope
Is the sight of gentle maiden, deftly handling of a rope.
Welcome girlhood to our science, sunlight sweet our pathway cross,
You can win by the alliance all the silver from our dross.

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You have read of Boadicea? You have heard of Joan of Arc.
You have known both sage and seer who have tried to make their mark.
But I sing the art of ringing to my harp—Ah! hand it down;
Tribute paid is to the ladies for their peal at Cubitt Town.

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Years ago the bells of Britain called for men of muscle strong.
Hangings vile made many a "Titan" toil through weary peal and long.
But at length there came a guerdon, engineering science led.
From our shoulders dropped the burden—woman took it up instead!

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One by one their ranks grew stronger, and perchance the thought would steal
O'er their minds, o'er years were longer, one day they would ring a peal.
Aye, one day they'd stand together as their brother ringers stood,
Show the world around them whether theirs was test of womanhood.

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And at last that day had broken! Now had come the fateful hour.
Eight young women by a token climbed within the belfry tower.
Bared were arms and bared to shoulder, ready for the captain's call.
Hoping as the day grew older for the welcome "this is all."

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Sarah Pigott took the treble, representing Worcester's Guild,
Eva Belcher on the second; bonnie girl of sturdy build.
Lilian Willson came from Leicester, rang the third, and struck it, too.
Mary Jukes—a true "So-'wester," rang as good Bristolians do.

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From the place where once the donor of "Pilgrim's Progress" scorned a peal,
Came to ring the 5th in honour—Bedford's delegate Eva Steel.
Next stood Portishead's fair daughter—Nellie Gillingham her name.
Sweet bell music sought and caught her, and it brought her into fame.

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Edith Parker—aye, "the peerless," at the 7th she took her stand.
History will tell how fearless a conductress led the band—
Through the ripples of the triples, on its consummation bent,
With Clara Beasley ringing easily at the tenor, on they went.

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Everyone now knows the story, how through three long hours or more
They had rung till theirs the glory when they left the belfry floor.
Tell it out and tell it ever how the ladies brought renown
To our Art by their endeavour, and the peal at Cubitt Town.

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Like a breath of summer laden, like a cheery ray of hope
Is the sight of gentle maiden deftly handling of a rope.
Welcome girlhood to our science, sunlight sweet our pathway cross,
You can win by the alliance all the silver from our dross.

W. W.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT OVERBURY.

A most successful meeting of the Southern branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Overbury, on Saturday last, and despite the inclement weather was well attended, ringers being present from Evesham, Pershore, Hampton, Fladbury, Great and Little Comberton, Malvern, Upton-on-Severn, and Madresfield.—Service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) gave a most eloquent address, taking for his text, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle."—After service, a most substantial meat tea was partaken of in the Village Hall, the Vicar and Mr. W. S. Ancill (churchwarden) being among those present.—A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, and he and Mr. W. S. Ancill were elected honorary members. Eight performing members were also elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Overbury, with Mr. L. Nichols as conductor. The next quarterly meeting was fixed for Church Lench.—A vote of sympathy was passed with the Rev. J. M. Walker, Vicar of Evesham, who has undergone an operation for appendicitis.—Upon the proposition of Mr. J. Hemming, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for his most interesting address, for the use of the bells, and providing such a splendid tea; also to Mr. W. S. Ancill for his presence, and to the ladies, who so ably attended to the ringers' wants.—The Vicar briefly replied, saying he hoped the Association would at some future time pay them another visit. He invited them to view the Vicarage gardens, an invitation which was gladly accepted. Permission was also given to the ringers to view the beautiful and extensive gardens of Sir Richard Martin, Bart., which are a perfect picture, the water lilies, waterfalls, and Irish bogs being much admired. The time for departure arrived all too soon, and the ringers left, some by brake and others by cycle, with pleasant memories and the hope of paying another visit to the pretty village of Overbury.—Beckford and Kemerton bells were also available, and were utilised afternoon and evening.

RINGING IN NEW ZEALAND.

THE FIRST 720'S IN THE DOMINION.

Nothing, perhaps, is more interesting to members of the Exercise, than ringing news from overseas. We have in the past been able to publish information from Canada and Australia, and this week we have received news from New Zealand, where, in the city of Auckland, an effort is being made to give change ringing a footing. The band at St. Matthew's Church, where the bells are, has recently been augmented by the brothers S. C. and E. J. Hamblin, who learned their ringing at Hersham, Surrey, and who migrated to Auckland from Napier a few months ago. Most of the company is made up of ringers from England, with one or two from Australia, and one New Zealander. On June 3rd, 720 of Bob Minor was rung to celebrate the King's birthday: J. Heather 1, O. Throssell 2, P. Guppy 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, A. J. White 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6. Another 720 had been previously rung, on May 24th, with a covering bell, by: P. Barringer 1, A. J. White 2, O. Throssell 3, P. Guppy 4, E. J. Hamblin 5, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 6, H. Burridge 7. These are the first 720's on the bells, and probably the first in the Dominion.

Mr. S. C. Hamblin writes: The bells are a fine peal of eight, cast in 1862 by J. Warner and Sons, tenor 19¼ cwt. They were first placed in the Crystal Palace Exhibition, and then were shipped to St. Mary's Cathedral, Parnell, Auckland. Now, the Cathedral is only a wooden building, with no tower, and, of course, the bells had to be fixed upon the ground and just chimed. In the meantime, St. Matthew's Church was built, and built of stone. Having a good strong tower, the bells were lent to St. Matthew's Parish, and were then placed in the tower, and in the event of a new Cathedral being built they may have to go there.

It seems to have been a great struggle to get on with change ringing. At first there was a band of about 30 or 40 men, who didn't even know how to manage a bell. It must have been an awful time for people living around, but after a bit, one or two change ringers came along and began to shape things up a bit. Then more came up, but when they had begun to get on well one or two had to leave the town. This year my brother and I have turned up, and we are already making good progress in Grandsire Triples. Of the 30 or 40 men who started in the tower there is not one left.

We shall be glad to see any ringers who are thinking of coming to New Zealand, and it is for that reason I am sending this photo of the church to let ringers know that there is a belfry here where they will be welcome. We have a set of 36 handbells in the tower, and are going in for tune ringing. Any communications may be sent to the secretary, St. Matthew's Vicarage, Auckland.



St. Matthew's, Auckland, N.Z.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well, an attempt will be made on Monday next by five members of the Winchester Guild for a peal of Stedman Caters, 22,222 changes. Ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford, starting about 8 a.m.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

CHELTENHAM.

About twenty members of the Cheltenham and District Guild took part in the annual outing to Birmingham. They were met by Mr. J. Groves and Mr. W. H. Godden, who had previously arranged an admirable programme for the day's outing. The party at once made for St. Chad's Church, where Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round. Soon afterwards dinner was partaken of at the Old Royal Hotel, where Host Dee had provided a most excellent spread. Afterwards, the ringers, accompanied by Mr. Albert Walker, boarded a tram car for West Bromwich, where they were met by that good old veteran, Mr. Sam Reeves. The ten back bells were raised in peal, and a touch of Stedman Caters was brought round. Later, Stedman Cinques was rung. After tea, the beautiful peal of twelve at St. Martin's, Birmingham, were visited. Here, also, some good touches of Stedman Cinques were rung with the local members. In the evening, the ringers adjourned to the headquarters of the St. Martin's Guild, and an enjoyable musical evening was spent. Songs were rendered by Messrs. Miller, Walker, Pates and Phillott; and, to the delight of all present, Mr. Harry Withers tapped off a touch of Stedman Triples (Mr. Walker conducting), and later, a perfect course of London Surprise Major, besides many other selections on his dulcimer. The handbells also afforded enjoyment at various intervals. Great praise is due to the Birmingham ringers for arranging such an enjoyable day, and the memories of this outing will ever remain in the minds of the Cheltenham Guild. The ringers also wish to thank, through the medium of "The Ringing World," the clergy of the various chuches for so kindly granting the use of the bells.

ST. JOHN'S GUILD, CARDIFF.

The St. John's Guild, Cardiff, were accompanied on their annual outing on July 16th by Mr. Allen (the verger), and Messrs. Dawe, Harris and Cox, of Llandaff Cathedral. Leaving Cardiff at 8 a.m. by the pleasure steamed, "Devonia," the party arrived at Bristol at 10 o'clock. After a stroll over Durdan Downs, Clifton, the Parish Church of St. Andrew's was visited. Here they were met by Mr. Wilkins, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Plain Bob and Kent Major were rung.—After dinner, St. Mary, Redcliffe, was visited, the beautiful peal of twelve bells having been secured for the party for an hour by special favour.—Mr. P. W. H. Came met the ringers, who, after viewing the magnificent church, rang touches of Grandsire Cinques and Caters, and Stedman Caters. It may be mentioned that this was the first time the visitors had rung on twelve bells. Good use was made of them during the afternoon, and the ringing was much enjoyed by all. An adjournment to the "Admiral Duncan" was then made, where a sumptuous tea was enjoyed, Messrs. Wilson, May and Knight joining the party. Mr. Knight having made arrangements for ringing at St. Stephen's, the band made their way to this tower, and Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Kent and Forward Major were rung.—Afterwards, at the "Admiral Duncan," a pleasant evening was spent, songs being rendered by Messrs. Miller, Barker and Wilkins, the latter presiding at the piano. The company afterwards made tracks to Hotwells, to board the boat, and a pleasant journey of a couple of hours brought them to Cardiff at 12 o'clock.—The ringers wish to thank the Vicars of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also to Messrs. Wilkins, May, Knight and P. W. H Came for the arrangements made, and for their pleasant company during the day. They hope to have the pleasure of reciprocating this kindness in the future.

WHITFIELD.

Through the kind permission and generosity of the Vicar, church officers, and other gentry, the ringers of St. James', Whitfield, and their wives, had their annual outing on Sunday week, the places visited being Tideswell, Ashford-in-the-Water, and Buxton. A start was made at 6 a.m., by brakes, to Hayfield, then on by Chapel-en-le-Frith to Tideswell for breakfast, which was in readiness and greatly enjoyed at the Horse and Jockey Hotel. After a stroll round the quaint old village and a visit to the church, the journey was continued through the lovely Monsal Dale to Ashford, where time for a walk round and inspection of the church was allowed. The party then proceeded to Buxton, through Taddington and Ashwood Dale, where the foliage was at its best. Tea was partaken of at the White Lion Hotel. After about an hour or so in Buxton the return journey was made through Chapel-en-le-Frith and Hayfield, home being reached shortly before ten. The party were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Newton, of Manchester.

ERDINGTON.

The ringers and friends of the Erdington Parish Church visited Chepstow for their seventh annual outing. They were met by the son of Mr. A. Prickett, who had made arrangements to show the visitors round the ancient place, and they inspected Chepstow Castle and St. Mary Church, besides taking a general survey of the town.

Returning to the George Hotel, which were the headquarters for the day, justice was done to a splendid lunch served by the host. The afternoon was spent in a walk to the famous Wynd Cliff and Moss Cottage, the visitors enjoying the scenery from the top of the cliff, some 900ft. high. After tea, the church was visited, and with Mr. A. Prickett (tower keeper), a touch of Stedman Triples was rung. A small party of ringers from Bristol came to the tower with their Vicar, and joined in some Bob Minor, with 7-8 covering. The touch over, they thanked the ringers of Erdington and Mr. Prickett, and departed. Bob Major and Grandsire Triples were afterwards rung. The visitors and some of the Chepstow ringers then adjourned to the George for a quiet hour, before returning by the 9.0 p.m. train to Birmingham, the last stage of the journey to Erdington being completed by brake, home being reached about 12.45 a.m. The best thanks of the party are due to the Rev. P. Dewe for permission to ring, and to Mr. A. Prickett and friends for helping to make the day a most enjoyable one.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

A very successful quarterly meeting of St. Martin's, Guild, Birmingham, was held at Perry Barr, on Saturday last, when members were present from Birmingham (St. Martin's and Bishop Ryder's), Erdington (Parish Church), Handsworth, Sutton Coldfield, Lichfield, Walsall, Aston, West Bromwich, Selly Oak and Boldmere.

The name of Perry Barr will be well known to those ringers who have taken an interest in football as the home, until a few years ago of the Aston Villa. Many a hard battle has been fought and won, many a reputation made and lost on ground which, sad to relate, is now completely covered with houses. However, it is the church, and not the old football ground which claims the attention of ringers, and this is charmingly situated about three miles north of Birmingham, on the Walsall Road. It was built and endowed in 1833 by the late Mr. John Gough. The tower contains a peal of eight bells by Taylor (tenor 13¾ cwts.) hung in 1868 to the memory of the fourth Lord Calthorpe.

Favoured with fine weather, a goodly number of members put in an appearance, and an excellent tea was partaken of in the gardens of the pretty little village tavern, followed by the business meeting.

The tower was again visited, and during the afternoon and evening touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Treble Bob, Superlative and Cambridge Surprise, were successfully accomplished.

About nine o'clock the members foregathered in the "best parlour" of the aforesaid village tavern for a social evening, when a very enjoyable time was spent. Unfortunately the handbells were missing, but as in ringing, so in singing, St. Martin's Guild is never short of talent, and it was soon found that there were more members anxious to show their ability in this direction than time would allow. With Mr. Walker at the piano, excellent songs were rendered by Messrs. Faux, Withers, Perry (and friend), Wells and Laflin. Mr. Harry Withers invoked loud applause for his fine rendering of "Sweet Bob Major," in the absence of the holder of the copyright.

The members wish to thank, through this medium, the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the genial towerkeeper, Mr. Charles Williams, for having everything in apple-pie order, and for the hearty welcome extended to them.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Boldmere.

HERE AND THERE.

At the annual meeting of the Cheshunt ringers, when there were present the Rev. C. B. Law (Vicar), in the chair, Messrs. Hargreaves and T. S. Blockey (churchwardens), and the whole of the ringers and probationers, Mr. H. G. Rowe was unanimously elected conductor of the society; Mr. G. Andrew, treasurer; and R. Smith, steeplekeeper.—It was arranged that the society should meet for practice every Thursday evening, 7.30 to 9 p.m., and at 10 a.m. on the third Sunday in each month, other Sundays at 10.15 a.m. and 5.45 p.m. The band will be pleased to welcome any brother ringers, and all information can be obtained from H. G. Rowe, 160, High Street, Cheshunt, Herts. The band intend to practice Stedman and Bob Major during the coming winter, and also to form a double-handed handbell company.

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The Marlborough branch held a meeting at Savernake, on Saturday last, when a very pleasant afternoon was spent. Eight Savernake ringers were made members of the Guild. Owing to local circumstances, the branch cannot be entertained at Compton Bassett in August. It was, therefore, decided to drop the August meeting and hold the next in September, at Marlborough. To make up the number of meetings, two will be held in October, viz., at Hilmarton and Milton Silbourne.

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The York Town district of the Winchester Guild had a very pleasant cycling meeting on Saturday, when a party, numbering about a dozen, visited Egham and Chertsey. At the former church, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung, and at the latter Grandsire and Stedman.

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The Guildford district of the Guild held a meeting at Cobham on Saturday week. There was a good attendance, but owing to a tennis party being in progress near the church, ringing had to be curtailed.

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On Saturday, July 27th, at the Parish Church, Windsor, touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples were rung by the following members of the Oxford Guild: Messrs. J. J. Parker, A. C. Fussell, R. Flaxman, W. Welling, E. Hooper, G. Allden, W. Henley, J. H. Cropley. The ringing was in honour of the marriage of Miss Elsie Fussell to Mr. F. C. Schmid. The ringers were afterwards entertained to supper at the Ship Hotel by the father of the bride, Mr. A. C. Fussell, and an enjoyable social evening was spent.

NOTICES.

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BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Long Ashton on Saturday, August 3rd. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Tea and business meeting at 5.30. —George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Bank Holiday, August 5th, and will consist of a tour in the Hope Valley, including Hathersage, Hope and Castleton. The bells of Hope (6) and Castleton (8) will be available during the afternoon and evening. Those of Hathersage (6) for a limited time during the afternoon or evening as may be arranged. Any ringers requiring the use of Hope or Castleton bells before about 3 p.m. please advise me as soon as possible. The society's handbells will be available at Castleton, where a short business meeting will be held during the afternoon. Meals easily obtainable at Castleton at various places. Trains leaves Sheffield (M.R.) at 10.28, 12.25, and afterwards at short intervals. Return fares from Sheffield to Hope (for Castleton) 1s. 7d., to Hathersage 1s. 3d.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Peterborough on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Bells available: Cathedral (5), St. John's (8), St. Mary's (6). Service at St. Mary's 4.30. Tea at the Fitzwilliam Temperance Hotel; meeting after.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The 25th annual festival will be held at Chester on Monday, August 5th. Service in the Cathedral at 11 a.m. Preacher, the Lord Bishop of the Diocese. Full particulars by circular. —Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Yorktown District.—An all-day meeting will be held on August Bank Holiday, commencing at 11 a.m. The bells at Yateley, Hawley and Yorktown will be available during the day. Tea will be held at Yorktown, commencing at 4.45 p.m., and will be followed with a business meeting and short social till 8.30 p.m. Visitors will be gladly welcome. Full particulars can be obtained on application to G. B. Edser, 52, Shirland Road, Paddington, W.

ST. MARY'S, BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — This tower will be open as usual, and visitors welcome on Bank Holiday, August 5th. Flower show and sports in Beddington Park. The bells ready at 3 p.m.—A. J. Trappitt, steeplekeeper.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 6th and 20th, at St. Giles, Cripplegate, on the 6th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 15th and 29th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committeeman to be sent in for this meeting.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Worthmoor, Oldham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Wm. H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

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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SITUATION WANTED as GARDENER. Would take charge of small garden; no objection to pony and trap. Married. Change ringer on five and six bells.—W. Little, Parsonage Downs, Dunmow, Essex.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT WOODFORD.

In glorious weather, about 40 members, including Miss C. Playle, of the Dagenham band, of the South Western Division of the Essex Association attended a meeting, held at Woodford, on Saturday week. Several touches were rung on the peal of six at St. Mary's before a short service, at which the Rector (the Rev. Saunders) gave an excellent address, taking as his text, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draft." He urged the ringers not only to ring to call others to worship, but not to fail to attend the services themselves.

After tea, which the Rector had kindly invited the ringers to partake of on his lawn, the business side of the meeting was attended to. The following new members were elected: Messrs. G. T. Clayton, and Robt. Maynard, senr., of Walthamstow; H. Saffell, Leytonstone; Petty and A. Cornell, of Wanstead: A. Newman, Woodford; Wm. Vale, of Chigwell Row; E. Wigg, West Ham.—West Ham was proposed, and carried unanimously, as the place where the annual meeting should be held in October.—After the Rector had given a most hearty welcome to the Association, the Master (Mr. G. A. Black) thanked him for his kindness, in entertaining the ringers, for the use of his bells, and his address at the service. The ringers again visited the tower, and the bells were kept going in various plain and Surprise methods. Some of the ringers, including Miss Playle, made their way to Wanstead, and rang several touches of Plain and Treble Bob on the peal of six bells at Christ Church.

A collection in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells was made, and realised 12s. 6d.

"RUSPER" TREBLE BOB.

In reply to Mr. A. T. King's inquiry as to the method "Rusper." Mr. W. Denman writes that it was composed by Thomas Potter, of Rusper, in the year 1813. A plain lead of the method is a bob lead of Woodbine, and a bob lead a plain lead of Woodbine.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

KING'S NORTON.—On the occasion of the funeral of the late Mr. F. Palmer, who up to 1892 was a ringer at King's Norton Church, a muffled touch of Kent Treble Bob, by: W. Palmer 1, H. Wilson (Pendlebury) 2, J. Withers 3, T. Pritchett 4, A. Chambers 5, F. Withers 6, J. George 7, J. S. Pritchett 8. Deceased had rung as far as 1260 Grandsire Triples, but did not care to go for peals.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—On June 2nd, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major: Fred Roope (conductor) 1, C. Baker 2, T. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, G. Baxter 5, F. Surridge 6, H. Garnham 7, C. Roope 8.

GRIMSBY.—An attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob came to grief in the last three courses: A. B. Shephard 1, H. Rushby 2, D Brierly (Sheffield) 3, A. Barratt (Nottingham) 4, F. H. Dexter (Leicester) 5, P. C. Long 6, C. Taylor 7, T. W. Seamer (conductor) 8.

DEPTFORD.—For evening service, at St. John's Church, on June 16th, 1022 Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, J. Law 3, F. W. Richardson 4, A. G. Bennington 5. W. Daynes 6, J. Crowder 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On June 12th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: *B. Gale 1, Miss Gillingham 2, E. Goldstone 3, Miss Jukes (conductress) 4, W. Watts (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham 7, *A. Colbourne 8. * First quarter-peal.

ELTHAM, KENT.—On June 16th, at St. John's Church, a date touch of Plain Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins.: J. Hurrell 1, J. Hedger 2, E. Crowther 3, H. Wilkes 4, F. Fraser 5, W J. Browning (conductor) 6.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—On handbells, 688 and 672 Bob Major, conducted by A. P. Wakley, and 1344 Bob Major, conducted by W. Shercliff: W. Shercliff 1—2, Charles Sanders 3—4, Albert P. Wakley 5—6, Miss Winifred Sanders 7—8 Also 720 of Bob Minor: C. Sanders 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5—6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On Sunday, June 16th, in honour of the first visit of the Bishop of Birmingham, quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Jennings 1, C. Waithman 2, B. Claydon 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Allsopp 5, T. Bloore (composer and conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX. — On June 14th, 1024 Superlative Surprise Major: A. Jordan 1, W. T. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, W. Prior 4, F. M. Butler 5, T. Jordan 6, T. J. Watts 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Butler.—On Sunday, June 16th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: W. Watts (conductor) 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. T. Prior 7, A. Jordan 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1. F. M. Butler, conductor.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—Several cyclist ringers recently visited Martley Church and rang 720 Bob Minor, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, 720 Oxford Bob, and 720 College Single. Those who took part were: Rev. J. F. Hastings, Messrs. Banks, G. Hinton, junr., L. Longney, E. Gibbs, S. Eaton, J. Woodyatt, W. Davies, W. Ranford, J. Warman and W. Edgington. All the 720's were conducted by L. Longney. The Rector (the Rev. J. F. Hastings) invited the ringers to a splendid tea, which was very much appreciated.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: H. Page 1, G. Cross 2, G. Wines 3, James Cross 4. T. Hamlin 5, W. Page 6, T. Page 7, T. Weaver 8. J. Cross' first quarter-peal as conductor in any method.—On June 16th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: G. Cross 1, W. Seeley 2, J. Cross 3, F Stedman 4, W. Page 5, G. Wines 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, H. Crabbe 8. Arranged for W. Seeley and F. Stedman, visitors from Merthyr.

SPALDING.—At the Parish Church, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Smith 1, J. T. Brown 2, S. Maddison 3, W. Bennett 4, H. Eley 5, J. Locke 6, R. Mackman 7, *J. Adcock 8. * First quarter-peal.

AVENING, GLOS.—On June 12th, at Holy Cross Church, 720 of Bob Minor: N. Coates 1, A. A. Townsend 2, C. Mauler 3, H. Stratford 4, G. Edmunds (conductor) 5, J. Singleton 6. First 720 of Minor ever rung on the bells, and the first by all the band.

KENNINGTON.—On June 22nd, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, 1330 Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original: E. S. Garnett 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, K. H. Wyatt 4, Aleo Miller 5, Arch Miller 6 G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.—On June 16th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. W. Welbourne 1, H. Walton 2, rest as above.

GORTON, LANCASHIRE.—At Brookfield Church, on June 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. C. Ingram (first quarter-peal) 1, R. Ryder 2, J. Turner 3, A. Barnes (conductor) 4, G. P. Ingram 5, H. Gaskell 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, H. Jones 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On June 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Wolstencroft 1, J. Hall 2, J. W. Holme 3, H. Holme (first 504) 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, H. Barton 8.—On June 23rd, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Scott (first 500 away from tenor), treble. In the evening, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Mills (first 504), treble.

NUTFIELD.—On June 18th, 720 Beverley Surprise Minor: T. S. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

STONEY STANTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On June 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: —. Pickering 1, C. H. Briggs 2, H. Wright 3, H. Briggs 4, T. Wright 5, J. Garratt 6, W. H. Inglesant (conductor) 7, N. Walker 8. Rung to celebrate the coming of age of the Prince of Wales.

BARNES.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. Jacobs 1, E. H. Cook 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Stevens 4, G. Isles 5, F. F. Skevington (conductor) 6, C. F. W. Hunt 7, J. Wilmott 8. Rung to commemorate H.R.H. the Prince of Wales' birthday.

BROMLEY, KENT.—On Sunday, June 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. James, junr. (first quarter-peal) 1, A. E. Newick (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, G. Durling (conductor) 3, I. Emery 4, S. Marshall 5, G. Huxley 6, A. James, senr., 7, A. Bygrave 8.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.—On June 26th, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: E. C. Boniface 1, W. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, A. H. Winch 4, W. Marks (conductor) 5, A. C. Otway 6, A. Dean 7, E. Hall 8.

GRAVESEND.—On June 21st, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Gates 1, J. Buries (conductor) 2, A. N. O. Yarmouth 3, R. Smith 4, R. Tall 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hudlow 8. First in the method as conductor. 418 Stedman Triples, longest touch in the method by F. Mitchell.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.—On Sunday, June 23rd, on the occasion of the choir sermons, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Turner 1, B. Greatorex (conductor) 2, B. Hilditch 3, F. Johnson 4, B. Sowter 5, G. Bowner 6, W. Fox 7, E. Allen 8.

WHITBY.—On June 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Steel 1, Wm. Breckon 2, A. Coates 3, Wm. Harland 4, Wm. Knaggs 5, J. Waters 6, Frank Hodgson (conductor) 7, M. Stapley 8.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 1056 Grandsire Triples: T. Steel 1, Wm. Breckon 2, C. Miller (longest touch) 3, Wm. Harland 4, Wm. Knaggs 5, J. Waters 6, A. Coates 7, M. Stapley 8. On Sunday, June 30th, 840 Grandsire Triples by the same band.

LECHLADE, GLOS.—On June 22nd, at St. Lawrence's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, F. Looker 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On June 24th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Bob Minor: G. Lancaster 1, C. Gilbert (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, E. Manton 3, T. Moulden 4, R. W. Hyner (conductor) 5, F. Looker 6.—On July 1st, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert (first in the method) 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell (first in the method) 5, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. Also 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor.

SWANSEA.—On Sunday, June 22nd, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 420 Stedman Triples: F. Curtis 1, J. Hoare 2, W. Bolton (of Cardiff) 3, P. Kneath 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.—On June 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: F. Curtis 1, P. Kneath 2, F. Morgan 3, C. Hoare 4, J. Hoare (conductor) 5, J. Davies 6.—On June 11th, 252 Stedman Triples: A. W. Brighton (conductor) 1, P. Kneath 2, W. Rice 3, C. Morse 4, F. Morgan 5, C. Hoare 6, J. Hoare 7, E. Davies 8.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Ranford 1, W. C. Jones 2, R. G. Knowles 3, W. Page 4, A. Winterton 5, J. R. Newman (conductor) 6.

FALSE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of 5088 Cambridge Surprise, published in your last issue, is false. Figure first lead from 263547, and fourth lead from 643527, and you will find two changes repeat.

With reference to Cambridge Surprise Major, I published a peal of 12,896 in "Church Bells" about eleven years ago, and I have several other peals on different plans.—Yours truly, E. HIMS.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

A LADIES' GUILD.

The notice which appears in our columns as to the establishment of a Ladies' Guild intimates what is, perhaps, only the natural sequence in the march of events. That the ladies should eventually desire an organisation of their own was only to be expected, and now that they have marked their advance in the Exercise by ringing a peal without the aid of "mere man," the time certainly seems opportune to launch the new project.

Since the days when Mrs. George Williams rang her first handbell peal, and Miss Alice White proved woman's ability to take her place in the belfry, what strides the ladies have made in the Art! The actual number that have rung peals is not, perhaps, large, but all over the country the fascination of ringing has laid hold of the fair sex, and the ranks of the lady ringers have swelled to very considerable proportions. If the idea of the Ladies' Guild comes to fruition, it should serve as a further stimulus to the gentle sex to join the ranks of the ringing sisterhood, and encourage its members to still further efforts, while those ladies who are in remote corners of the country will feel themselves in closer touch with the others than they could be without such a guild.

The proposal is the direct outcome of the peal at Cubitt Town; indeed, one might have expected discussion to turn on the subject when the question as to which association should be credited with the peal was debated. Miss Edith Parker was requested to undertake the organisation of the Guild, and she is acting, pro. tem., as honorary secretary. If the Guild is successfully launched, as undoubtedly it will be, no better choice than the appointment of such an enthusiastic and skilled exponent of the Art to the post could be made. But the Guild, unlike most other ringing associations, is to cover the whole country, and it is a wise step, we think, to give other ladies the specific duty of looking after the interests of the Guild in different parts of England. By this means the whole of the lady ringers are the more likely to be brought into the organisation. Miss Gillingham has been given charge of Bristol and the West, Miss Willson is entrusted with the Midlands and the North, Miss Belcher will look after Hampshire and the South, while Miss Parker will pay special attention to the Metropolis and the Eastern Counties. The annual subscription has been fixed at the modest sum of one shilling, and we sincerely trust it may not be long before every lady ringer can be accounted a member of the new Guild. It is the sort of thing that will once and for all establish the ladies in the ranks of the Exercise, and will encourage among them that esprit de corps which is so valuable an adjunct to progress.

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On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. WADE ...	6
ALBERT STOWELL	2	WILLIAM STOWELL	7
FRED G. MAY	3	ISAAC LONG	8
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	WALTER FARLEY	9
WILLIAM WHITE	5	HENRY HOWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Grandsire Caters was rung to oblige W. Farley, whose first peal of Caters it was. The peal was rung muffled as a mark of respect to the date Mr. W. Jack, who was buried on this date.

HEREFORD.

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On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELBERT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 44 cwt., in C.

FRANCIS E DAWE	...*Treble*	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	6
WILLIAM SHORT	2	SAMUEL GROVE	7
REV. E. V. COX	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	8
THOMAS MILLER	4	JAMES E. GROVES	9
WILLIAM D. JAMES	5	JOHN NEAL	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

First peal of Caters on the bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, July 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HARRY MILES	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WEBB	5
J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	2	WILLIAM STONE	6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr.	3	*WILLIAM JUDGE	7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	4	†GEORGE FATHERS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM JUDGE.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	5
THOMAS HUGHES	2	SAMUEL BAKER	6
ALFRED FALLON	3	WILLIAM FISHER	7
GEORGE HUGHES	4	*RICHARD DUNN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung in honour of the institution of the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., as vicar of the above parish and also as a hearty welcome to him and Mrs. Price.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, July 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*HUGH WATTS	...*Treble*	HERBERT ALLRED	5
JOHN T. ALLRED	2	JOSEPH RIDYARD	6
JOHN POTTER	3	HARRY ALLRED	7
*JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	4	ROBERT ALLRED ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and Conducted by ROBERT ALLRED.

* First peal of Bob Major.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, July 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ...	5
JOSIAH HARRIS	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	4	OWEN GILES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Quickest peal on the bells.

HULME, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT DAVIES	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL	6
HARRY WILSON	3	RICHARD NEWTON	7
HARRY WASHBROOK	4	HARRY SHUKER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

NUNEATON.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, August 1, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

ROWLAND POLLARD ...	...*Treble*	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	HAROLD ARGYLE	6
HARRY ARGYLE	3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. ...	7
THOMAS VALLANCE	4	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

*ALBERT PIERCE	...*Treble*	JOSEPH WHITE	5
HARRY BUNGAY	2	FRANK LUSH	6
JOHN RANCE	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	7
*SAMUEL PAICE	4	AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. A. LAMBERT, and Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

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

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERTON ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	5
ALFRED JONES	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	*WILLIAM DAVIES	7
JAMES HOPKIN	4	CHARLES ALLEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal by the ringer of the treble, who was elected a member previous to starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 4th.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	*Treble*	WILLIAM J JEFFRIES	5
JOHN WHEADON	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH	6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	7
EDWIN F. PIKE	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the ringer of the 6th, and the conductor's first in the method as such.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

*GEORGE DOWNING	*Treble*	ARTHUR PETTITT	5
ANDERSON TYLER	2	JAMES WARD	6
ARTHUR ALDHAM	3	JOHN MAWBY	7
JAMES GARRATT	4	JAMES HOUGHTON	*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Double Norwich.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S FIVE-PART No. 1. Tenor 20½ cwt.

ARTHUR BRAINES	*Treble*	CHARLES DRAPER	5
GEORGE WARD	2	WALTER WALLACE	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	FRED RICKLING	7
SAMUEL MASKREY	4	JOHN FLOWER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Inckle, an esteemed member of the St. Andrew's ringers, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Wallace.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY	*Treble*	*HENRY PHILLIPS	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	WILLIAM DREW	6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	ERNEST S. BAILEY	7
JOHN W. AVISS	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH SARSON NEEDHAM	*Treble*	FRED W. HERBERT	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	WILLIAM J. SEVIER	6
WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.	3	*T. HENRY HARDY	7
*EDGAR VALLANCE	4	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal in the method. Mr. W. J. Sevier was elected a member before starting. It is the conductor's 200th peal, from 5000 to 18,000 changes.

BEAUMARIS, ANGLESEY.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt., in F.

FRANK A. HOBB	*Treble*	ALBERT J. HUGHES	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT	2	WILLIAM CRANE, Junr.	6
WILLIAM T. PEGLER	3	JAMES H. MIDWINTER	7
JOSEPH PIGOTT	4	ARTHUR E. PEGLER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the Marquis of Anglesey. This is the first peal by the above Association in which a lady has taken part.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SEAL, CHART, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, July 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

*ERNEST G. SAXBY	*Treble*	†ALFRED HOPE	4
ARTHUR WENBAN	2	JAMES FORD	5
DENIS J. GOLDSMITH	3	HERBERT H. HARDING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES FORD.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with bob bell. Rung upon the occasion of Mr. and Mrs. John Kettel's Golden Wedding, the ringer of the treble being Mr. and Mrs. Kettel's grandson.

STOKE-GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In seven Methods, viz.:—Double Court, Court Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*HARRY HILL	*Treble*	GEOFFREY STONELEY	4
EDGAR VALLANCE	2	E. HARRY STONELEY	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

* First peal and first attempt, and was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

MATTRON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, August 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of the following Methods: Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*CHARLES ROWELL	*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	4
ANDREW LAYTON	2	WILLIAM TURNER	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

* First peal.

PADWORTH, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Sunday, August 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

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 on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, July 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

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

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and
Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, August 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAH CATERS, 5158 CHANCES:

JAMES HUNT	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ...	9—10		

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN. Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. Willshire, Junr., R.N., on his coming of age.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours.
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. LOADER.
Witnesses: S. RADFORD, J. HUNT, F. BLONDELL, A. H. WINCH and C. GILES.

Mr. A. F. Shepherd's 100th peal.

The following peals were rung on the visit to Cambridgeshire described in another column:—

SAWSTON, CAMBS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE R. PYE	...*Treble*	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	5
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	KEITH HART	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal of Bristol in Cambridgeshire.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*FREDERICK J. PITSTOW ...	8
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	FREDERICK PITSTOW ...	9
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	4	KEITH HART	10
REUBEN SANDERS	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	6	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE GREAT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;
Tenor 28 cwt., in D flat.

*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY *Treble*		CHARLES T. COLES... ...	7
WILLIAM PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	8
GEORGE R. PYE	3	KEITH HART	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN... ...	4	*REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	10
ISAAC G. SHADE...	5	ERNEST PYE	11
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH... ...	6	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. This is the first occasion upon which a vicar and curate have rung a peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of their own church.

LATE PEALS.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 15½ cwt.

JAMES MOTTS	...*Treble*	EDGAR PEMBERTON	5
WILLIAM MOTTS...	2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	3	WALTER PERKINS	7
CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ...	4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was especially arranged and rung to oblige Walter Perkins, of Irthlingborough, who is the ringing guest of William J. Nevard, of Great Bentley.

WAREHAM, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	5
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	2	GEORGE PRESTON	6
FREDERICK PHILLIPS ...	3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	7
A. F. MARTIN STEWART ...	4	FREDERICK S. CASE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

C. H. Russell was elected a member of the Guild before starting. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. J. H. Phillips, formerly rector of Okeford Fitzpaine, and in token of respectful sympathy with the bereaved family.

HINTON, EVESHAM.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. JOHNSON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Being 42 Six-scores

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON, aged 11 years	1—2
†MR. FREDERICK J. JOHNSON	3—4
*MASTER JOSEPH D. JOHNSON, aged 13 years ...	5—6

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.

* First peal. † First peal on handbells. Rung at the first attempt. Miss E. M. Johnson was proposed a member of the Association before starting. This is the first peal on handbells in the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire Association.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday week at Finchampstead, members attending from Binfield, Sandhurst, Wokingham (All Saints'), and Hurst, and the local band. Touches of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, were rung. Several courses of Triples were also rung on the handbells.

THE OLD BELL AT ORNOLAC, ARIEGE.

MYSTERY OF A DATE CLEARED UP.

In an account of some ancient bells bearing dates published by the writer some years ago, several bells were excluded from the number then collated for the reason that the evidence cited in support of their antiquity seemed insufficient or untrustworthy. In some instances the date inscribed was obviously an error caused by an interchange of numerals; in other cases the use of Arabic instead of Roman numerals, or the form and mode of execution of the letters, or even the shape of the bell, its cannons or ornaments pointed unequivocably to a period remote from that alleged.

Among the bells thus excluded was that of Ornolac, France, a place of great antiquity, where many ancient coins and medals have been found, among them a medal with Hannibal on horseback on the obverse, and an inscription in Punic characters on the reverse. Strangely enough, the alleged antiquity of this bell is accepted without comment by Ellacombe ("Bells of the Church," page 472).

Thanks to the exhaustive study on the part of French campanologists, the mystery involved in the date inscribed upon this bell has been at length dispelled, and conclusive arguments deduced for rejecting the notion as to its supposed age. Inasmuch as the valuable information elicited by this arduous study supplies a practical test for passing upon the approximate date of all old bells, and is not embraced in any work published in English, an abstract of the matter is worthy of reproduction. The complete account covers many pages in the work of Jos. Bertheli, entitled "Enquetes Campanaires," which, by-the-way, is superbly illustrated by numerous engravings and half-tone prints.

It appears that when installing a new bell in the parish church of Ornolac in the year 1863, there was discovered a bell bearing the following inscription:—

Jesu, Maria, Joseph—Soli Deo—Sancte Petre.
Ora pro nobis, 1079.

The bell is 47 centimetres in height, and measures 25 centimetres at the brim. Its weight is about 120 kilogrammes (265 lbs.). Though slightly indented at its lower margin, it is well preserved, and emits a somewhat muffled-silver tone. The date, inscribed in Arabic figures, is plainly legible.

The following considerations demonstrate beyond question that the date, 1079, was simply the result of the founder's lapsus.

1. The Arabic numerals inscribed, though employed in treatises upon mathematics from the twelfth century, were not introduced in epigraphy, especially upon the bells, until the latter part of the sixteenth century. Before that period, antique Roman letters, and later, Roman figures, were universally employed.

2. The invocation, Jesu, Maria, Joseph, would not have been used in the eleventh century. The popular culture of Saint Joseph and the devotion toward the Holy family originated in the seventeenth century.

3. The formula, Soli Deo, or text taken from the first Epistle of St. Paul to Timothy (Soli Deo honor et gloria), though not uncommonly selected for a dedication, as a matter of fact does not appear upon any bell cast prior to the sixteenth century.

4. Especially decisive as to the date of casting is the character of the epigraphy. It is well known to paleographists that in the eleventh and twelfth centuries inscriptions were in old Roman capitals (majuscles); and from the thirteenth to the close of the sixteenth century all inscriptions were executed either in Gothic or Lombardic letters, sometimes called uncials, except that in the fifteenth century small, black letters (minuscles) occupying less space, were also used. In the sixteenth century Roman capitals were again employed. Now, inasmuch as the bell of Ornolac is inscribed in modern Roman capitals, it becomes absolutely certain that it is of comparatively recent date.

5. The zero included in the date, 1079, was not invented until the twelfth century.

6. The numeral, 7, in this date is of modern form, and not of the Archaic form in use in the eleventh century.

7. Equally conclusive evidence is furnished by expert iconographists who have studied the decoration of this bell. For instance, the great cross which ornaments one side is decorated with fleurs de lis, characteristic as to their mode of employment, and more particularly their form, evidently in each respect of modern style.

8. The above evidence derived from a knowledge of paleography and iconography is furthermore confirmed by a study of the technique of the inscription. In the first place the form of the letters composed of modern Roman capitals is widely different from that current in the middle ages. Again, the inscription is executed according to a method invented at a date later by at least two centuries than the date inscribed on the bell. From the thirteenth century, or at least from its latter half, inscriptions upon bells were produced by means of letters moulded in wax from engraved blocks (matrices) of box wood, and each letter presents thereby a distinct bas-relief imposed upon a square, smooth, quadrangular surface representing the stamp; and it is seldom that the alignment of the different letters is perfect. But before the latter quarter of the thirteenth century, all inscriptions on bells were made by means of rolls of wax moulded by hand, a style preserved in the bell of Fontenailles now in the museum of Bayeux, and that of Fleury, near Thouars. This Archaic mode of inscription was not applied to the bell of Ornolac. Finally, the shape of the bell and its cannons are at variance with that of instruments of the eleventh century which were designed long in the waist with high cannons, and a broad crown-staple for the attachment of the leathern caldrick which supported the clapper.

This application of scientific methods to the solution of the problem renders it probable that the numerals 0 and 7 were accidentally interchanged when the inscription was stamped in 1709. Similar lapsi are known to have been made on other bells, that of Saint Boinght, Meurthe-et-Moselle, for example, recast by Farnier, and dated 1083, an obvious error.

Boston, U.S.A. A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

EXCURSION THROUGH LOVELY SURREY.

MITCHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

The opportunity of visiting some of the most delightful scenery which Surrey contains, and, in addition, of ringing at several church towers, made the members of the Mitcham Society eager to take advantage of their annual outing on Saturday last. The Mitcham Society was founded in 1832, and the first excursion dates from 1858. With few exceptions, it has been annually carried out. Although the weather was unsettled—the early morning being cold and misty—yet, on the whole, a splendid day resulted. The ringers met at the Parish Church at 6 a.m., and commenced the day with a fine touch of Double Norwich. At its conclusion, a start was made by pair-horse brake for a very enjoyable ride through Morden, with its fine deer park, and its old church at the George Hill, down into North Cheam and over the hills into the pretty village of Ewell, with its roadside church, where the band have recorded some of their best peals.

Epsom town was reached about 7.40 a.m., and a stop was made at the Marquis of Granby, where a substantial breakfast awaited the party. This old-fashioned inn, where the ringers of fifty years ago always made their first stop, is one of the historical houses of Epsom, and it possesses an interesting collection of old prints of Derby and other days. It also claims association with the memorable writings of Charles Dickens.

After breakfast, the drive was resumed over the breezy common and through lovely lanes to Ashtead Park and church, where, with one of the local band, touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. The party then proceeded through Leatherhead to Mickleham, and on to Burford Bridge, where they alighted, and walked across fields and through shady woods to the heights of Ransmore Common, with its wealth of bracken, fine breezes, and wonderful scenery. At the fine and ornate church, a very kindly welcome was received from the Rector. A very old belfry inscription is to be found in the tower: "When first you into the belfry come, see that the ringers have convenient room." This must have been in the architect's mind when constructing this tower, which is spacious, well lighted and ventilated, and an ideal ringing chamber. The band made full use of their opportunities, and rang some good touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob. The way down to Dorking opens up a splendid panoramic view, and at the stately church of St. Martin, Mr. Dodd awaited the party, and the bells were soon set running. Buckland and dinner were the next objectives, and at this village the party were pleased to meet the Master of the Surrey Association, Dr. A. B. Carpenter. After dinner, and a few words of welcome to the guests, a start was made for Betchworth, where some very nice touches of Double Norwich, Stedman, etc., were rung on the bells of this quaint and beautiful church, which stands in the valley of the river Mole. The journey next lay through leafy lanes to Buckland Green, with its pretty church and light peal, which the Mitcham band know well how to handle. Some good touches and music resulted, but they missed an old friend who always so kindly met and gave them entry to the church and tower from year to year. He passed away in the early days of this year. Passing through Reigate, where tea was served, Kingswood Church was reached, and here the last touch of the day was rung. These splendid-toned bells are well known to Surrey ringers, and are well worthy an additional two. The ringing chamber is spacious and much improved by the additional dado lining to the walls. The old notices were, however, missed. One was a reminder: "Hats off, please," and the other used to read:—

To call the folks to church in time, I chime.
When mirth and pleasure's on the wing, I ring.
When from the body parts the soul, I toll.

After several nice touches, the return to Mitcham was made, and home was safely reached after a long but very enjoyable day, appreciated by everyone who took part in it.

OLD RINGER'S DEATH AT BLANDFORD.

On Wednesday, July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), with 7, 6, 8 covering, was rung at Milton Abbey, Blandford, by: A. Bolt 1, J. Morris 2, W. Perkins (conductor) 3, L. Perkins 4, J. North 5, G. Drake 6, J. Rolls 7, G. Gillett 8. All the ringers are members of the local band, and this was their first quarter-peal. It was rung with the bells, half-muffled, in memory of Mr. S. Fiander, who passed away after a serious operation, and was laid to rest that day. The deceased was a ringer at the Abbey for over 30 years, only retiring through advancing age, at the end of 1911.

REDDISH.—On July 16th, at the Church of St. Elizabeth, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss E. R. Barnes (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Barnes 2, H. Gaskell 3, H. Wilson 4, G. Garnett 5, F. Page 6, W. W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, J. Barnes 8.

THE SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Keevil on Saturday. Owing to the absence of the chairman, the Rev. A. T. Richardson (Vicar of Keevil) very kindly occupied the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the hon. branch secretary. Ringing members were present from St. John's, Devizes; Hilperton, Seend, Urchfont, Bath, Trowbridge, St. Mary, Devizes; Keevil, Poulshot, and St. James', Southbroom. There was ringing during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the Beech Arms Inn, 19 sitting down.—A short business meeting was afterwards held, at which Mr. West informed those present, that as the wedding of the Master of the Guild was fixed for Tuesday, August 20th, he hoped that all the captains of the various towers would arrange for a merry peal to be rung on the evening of that day, as a compliment to the Master, and to convey to him and his bride the good wishes of all the ringers in the Devizes branch of the Guild for their future happiness.—A vote of thanks was then proposed by Mr. West, and seconded by Mr. Hooper, to the Vicar of Keevil for the use of the church bells, and also for his kindness in presiding at the meeting.—Mr. Richardson replied in a short but kind speech, expressing the pleasure it gave him to meet so many ringers at Keevil. He added that he should welcome another visit of the Guild at a future date.—The bells were again set going in the evening, the party spending a very pleasant time together.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

THE LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

A very successful meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Eynsford on Saturday week, members attending from Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford (St. John's), Farningham, Lewisham, Penge, London, Swanscombe, Milton, Gravesend, Rainham, Seal Chart, Tunbridge Wells, Gillingham and Rochester.

Various touches were brought round during the afternoon, and service was held, at which the Association's special form was used for the first time in the district, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. M. C. Elphinstone (Vicar).—After the service, the members adjourned to the Vicarage garden, where Mrs. Elphinstone had prepared tea, to which 70 sat down.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding.—One new member was elected, and two elections in towers confirmed.—Crayford and Bromley were proposed as the place of the annual district meeting, Bromley being carried, for the last Saturday in October.—Mr. W. J. Jeffries proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded to the Rev. and Mrs. Elphinstone for the very kind way they had entertained the members, also to the Vicar for his address, and the use of the bells.—This was seconded by the District Secretary, and carried with applause. The Vicar, in replying, said it had given them very great pleasure to meet the members, and he thought they had done them a great honour by coming to Eynsford.—The tower was again visited till 9 p.m. The Vicar of Farningham also opened his tower to any who cared to go over.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual all-day meeting of the Yorktown district took place on Bank Holiday. Ringing began at Yateley, at 11 a.m., and afterwards was indulged in at Hawley and Yorktown, the methods rung being: Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Treble Bob and Double Norwich.—Tea was served at Yorktown, presided over by the Rev. Gillespie, who was supported by Mr. T. W. Fairey. The company, numbering 34, represented the following towers: Kingston, Eastleigh, Binfield, Ewhurst, Burnham, Isleworth, Wokingham, Reading, Yateley, Hersham, Woking, Sandhurst, and the local band.—At the business meeting, Mr. G. Miles read the quarterly report of the Ringing Master, who was absent through being one of the band taking part in the long peal attempt on handbells at Guildford. The report gave details of four combined practices and two cycle runs, besides minor items, and it had only just been read when the brothers W. and A. F. Shepherd entered the meeting room, having just come from Guildford, after attempting the 22,222.—Votes of thanks to those who helped to make the day a success concluded the business, and further ringing on tower and handbells brought to a close a day which, in spite of showers, proved a most enjoyable one.

BURNHAM RINGERS' OUTING.

On Saturday, July 20th, the ringers of St. Andrew's, Burnham, accompanied by Mr. J. Prior (churchwarden), and a few friends, had their annual outing. A start was made at 5.30 a.m. to Highbridge, where the party joined the Devon excursion, reaching Teignmouth in time for breakfast. Afterwards, a move was made to St. James', West Teignmouth, where the visitors were met by Mr. S. Cook, and some touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. Exmouth was then reached by steamer, and the party visited Withycombe Church, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, thanks to the arrangements made by Mr. Stocker.—Dinner was provided at Thorn's Commercial Hotel, and a short time was spent in looking around Exmouth. The journey to Exeter was then continued, and at Queen Street Station the visitors were met by Mr. E. Shepherd, to whom their best thanks are due for making arrangements and pointing out places of interest. After tea, tram was taken to Heavitree Church, where the party were met by Mr. J. Sandover, and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung. An enjoyable tram ride brought the visitors to St. Sidwell's tower, and Grandsire and Stedman were rung, concluding the day's programme. The remaining time was very pleasantly spent. Leaving Exeter soon after midnight, Burnham was reached about 2.30 a.m. on Sunday morning, after a thoroughly enjoyable outing. The best thanks of the Burnham ringers are due to the clergy of the various churches for their kindness in granting the use of the bells, and to the other gentlemen for making arrangements.

DEATH OF A LEWES RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Alfred S. Langridge, a member of the Southover, Lewes, company, and steeplekeeper at the tower for many years. Several months ago the deceased met with an accident in the tower, being knocked off the frame by the tenor, which was pulled off while he was attending to the muffles. He sustained a fractured knee cap, and was for a long time in the local hospital. Before he had fully recovered, that fell disease, cancer, made its appearance, and despite an operation in the county hospital at Brighton, he passed away last Friday, leaving a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

Mr. Langridge had been a ringer for something like 30 years, except for a short interval, and had rung about 40 peals of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Treble Bob. He was always most obliging, and took a great intrest in the tower. He served for a number of years in the former Volunteer Artillery, and possessed the long service medal.

The funeral took place on Wednesday, and after the service, as well as on Sunday, the bells were rung, muffled.

PETERBORO' ASSOCIATION.

At a general meeting, held at Peterboro' on Monday, the following towers were represented: Peterboro St. John's, St. Mary's and Cathedral, Whittlesea, Charteris, Maxey, West Deeping, Yaxley, Stamford, Higham Ferrars, Irthlingboro', Pinchbeck, Isham. Miss Steel, of Bedford, was also present, and took part in touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Minor and Major.—Upwards of 40 sat down to an excellent tea at the Fitzwilliam Coffee Tavern.—The subsequent meeting was presided over by the Rev. Haw (St. Mary's), when the customary business was gone through, and a vote of thanks was heartily accorded the Rev. Haw for presiding at the meeting, and for the excellent address given by him at the service, which had been held.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the Dean and the Rev. Canon Morse for the use of the Cathedral and St. John's bells.—There was ringing throughout the day in the following methods: Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

THE FALSE PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I really must apologise to Mr. Samuel Groves and his band for the peal of Cambridge Major rung at Erdington, through the mistake in the composition. JOHN CARTER.

UTTOXETER.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Lunn 1, E. Roberts 2, A. P. Cope 3, J. Richardson 4, R. G. Lewis 5, H. Willisford 6, C. Smith (conductor) 7, E. Green 8. First quarter in the method by a local band.

LEICESTER.—On Saturday, July 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 315 Stedman Caters: G. Holmes 1, A. Pettitt 2, E. Morris 3, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 4, W. Sevior 5, S. Cotton 6, J. Morris 7, J. S. Needham 8, A. Martin 9, J. Butterry 10. Also a course of Grandsire Caters and 167 Grandsire Triples, conducted by E. Morris. Rung in honour of St. Margaret's Day and thanksgiving for restoration of the tower.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On July 14th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, S. Stone 2, W. H. Hollman 3, A. Greenfield 4, A. B. Corden (conductor) 5, R. Whittington 6, P. H. Doick 7, H. J. Doick 8. Arranged for Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, who were spending a holiday in the district. This is the first quarter-peal ever rung at Pulborough in which a lady has taken part.

CRATFIELD.—On July 27th, 720 Plain Bob: T. Chappell 1, H. Hall 2, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 3, G. Stannard 4, J. Barber 5, G. Balls 6, At Saxfield, 360 Oxford Bob by the same band.

EARL SOHAM.—On July 28th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: S. Rogers 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, W. Sabon (first 720 inside) 3, H. Hall 4, J. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6.

ELHAM.—At St. John's Church, for morning service, on July 28th, a date touch of Bob Minor (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 5 mins.: J. Hurrell 1, J. Hedger 2, E. Crowther 3, H. Wilkes 4, F. Fraser 5, W. J. Browning (conductor) 6.

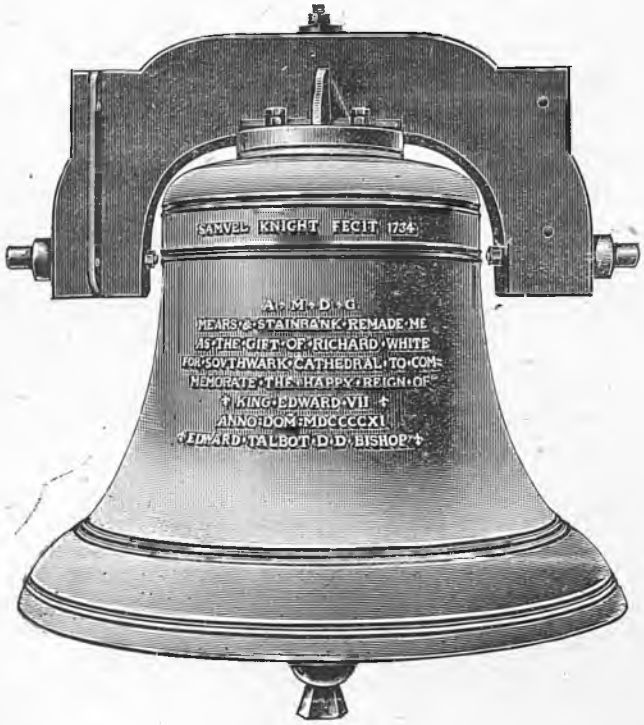
BRACEBORO' SPA, LINCS.—On Sunday, July 7th, at St. Margaret's, 120 each Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and New Doubles. Also, for evening service, at St. Thomas-a-Becket, Greatford, Lincs., 120 Grandsire and Stedman and Plain Bob Doubles. Band at both churches: A. Andrews, J. Osborn, J. W. Lake (conductor), A. Larkinson, R. Richardson.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE HONORARY SECRETARY OF THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Among the organisations which have done a great deal to foster the art of change ringing in the Midlands is the Worcestershire and Districts Association, and no society has shown itself more ready to move with the times. The progressive spirit which has animated the Association has been due to the foresight of its officers, and to the hon. secretary's initiative and energy is attributable much of the success that has been attained in extending the influence of the Association.

Mr. James R. Newman was born at the New House Farm, Bransford, near Worcester, on January 8th, 1881, his father being a tenant farmer, under the Right Hon. Earl Beauchamp. He was educated at the Worcester Cathedral King's School, and is now following the busi-



MR. J. R. NEWMAN.

ness of farming. Mr. Newman's ringing career began in January, 1902, at Leigh, a parish adjoining Bransford, and served by the same clergyman. Just as he had mastered Grandsire Doubles, however, the six bells in the tower were condemned. They were rehung by Messrs. Greenleaf and Tristram, of Hereford, and opened in December, 1904, Mr. Newman raising a portion of the necessary money by a house-to-house collection. When the bells ceased to be rung some of the Worcester ringers persuaded him to go to that city for practice, and he visited St. John's (6) on Sundays and practice nights until St. Helen's (8), which had been under repair, were opened, when he went there also. He afterwards joined the Cathedral Guild (December 24th, 1903), having just previously rung his first 504 of Grandsire Caters at All Saints, the tower at which the Hintons did a lot of ringing years ago, but where now, unfortunately, the bells go badly.

Mr. Newman rang his first peal on October 8th, 1904, Grandsire Triples, at Malvern Link, and on February 25th, 1905, he rode to Painswick and scored his first peal of Grandsire Cinques.

Only three years after he began ringing he was unanimously elected secretary of the Worcestershire Association, at the annual meeting at Worcester on April 24th, 1905, when Mr. John Smith, of Tipton, who had held the office for 22 years, resigned. Mr. T. J. Salter was elected Master at the same meeting. The election of one so inexperienced was a decided experiment, as Mr. Newman had only attended one annual meeting previously, and was absolutely unknown to everyone except the Worcester ringers. The new secretary, however, soon justified the choice that was made, and has held the confidence of the members ever since.

During the next three years he did most of his ringing, making many attempts about the county, although not scoring many peals. After about 30 attempts at various towers, and travelling over 200 miles, he rang his first peal of Stedman Triples at Kidderminster on December 26th, 1905.

Mr. Newman has done a good deal to increase the value and interest of the Association's annual report. In 1905 he added a list of past and present members who had rung peals, giving the total number rung and those conducted since the year 1882, when the Association was formed. In 1906 he compiled and added to the report. He was also instrumental in getting the Association divided into branches, so that it might be of more benefit to the country districts. A committee was formed, and the scheme to divide the area in three districts, which he proposed at the annual meeting in 1909, was eventually carried into effect in January, 1911, and has proved extremely successful, the funds of the Association having increased from £5 14s. at the end of 1905 to £29 9s. at the end of 1911.

During 1907-8 Mr. Newman was Master of the Worcester Cathedral Guild, and in 1910 was one of the special band who had the honour of opening Truro Cathedral bells. At one time he did a little composing in Grandsire Caters, and one of his peals was rung at Evesham last year. As a ringer he is much more at home on heavy bells than light ones, and is very fond of Minor ringing. On the day of King Edward VII's funeral he rang the 8th at the Cathedral (tenor 50 cwt.) through a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters. He is a member of the Gloucester and Bristol, Staffordshire, Hereford Diocesan, St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, and Truro Diocesan Associations and the College Youths, and has represented the Worcestershire Association on the Central Council since 1909. The following is a list of his peals :—

Grandsire Triples	7	Conducted	2
Grandsire Caters	1		
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Grandsire Doubles	1		
Stedman Triples	7		
Stedman Caters	1		
Double Norwich Major	4		
Forward Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	1	Conducted	1
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1		
Bob Major	5		
Minor in 3 methods	1	Conducted	1
Minor in 5 methods	2	Conducted	2
Minor in 7 methods	5	Conducted	4
Minor in 10 methods	1	Conducted	1
Total ...	39	Conducted	11

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From Dr. Arthur Nichols, of Boston, U.S.A., we hear that at Higham, near Boston, a ring of bells is shortly to be installed, cast at the Whitechapel foundry.

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Two members of the Beeston band have rather peculiar peal records, and it would be interesting to know if any similar ones exist. One member, Mr. A. Lowe, by trade a horticultural carpenter, which takes him from Beeston nine months out of every twelve, has rung only seven peals, each one in a different method, viz.: Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Stedman, Double Norwich and Superlative, and all in the same tower. Mr. W. Clifford, sen., has, since attaining his 60th year, rung his first peal in the following five methods: Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative

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The peal of Stedman Caters rung at Hereford Cathedral on Monday was a fine performance. Only one peal, a peal of Royal, had previously been rung on the bells, which, in addition to their great weight (the tenor is 44 cwt.), go badly, while, to add to the difficulties of the ringers, the sight is partly obstructed by cross beams, and the noise is absolutely deafening. It is extremely difficult for even the bobs to be heard, while the correction of a trip would be absolutely out of the question. Indeed, we learn that one of the band "went stone deaf" in the last two courses. With all these handicaps against them the company are to be congratulated upon ringing the peal. Mr. F. E. Dawe has now rung peals at fifteen Cathedrals.

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Rusper Treble Bob seems to have a variety of names. Mr. W. H. Shuker, the honorary secretary of the Lancashire Association, informs us that it is given in the rules and diagrams published by the Lancashire Association in 1897 as "Merchant's Return," Woodbine being known there as "Yorkshire Delight." Mr. C. R. Lilley writes that he has rung it as "Merchant's Return," and that it has also been published in peals as "Oxford Delight." We wonder which name can claim priority!

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During the last twelve months the band at Denton, Manchester, have rung 31 720's of Minor in 13 different methods, nine being entirely new to the band.

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It is rather unusual for a man to ring a different bell and a different method in his first eight peals in a tower, but Mr. E. F. Poppy, of Eye, has succeeded in doing this at Worlingworth. The order in which the peals were rung were Superlative (6th), Bob Major (treble), Stedman (5th), London (7th), Oxford (8th), Grandsire (4th), Double Norwich (2nd), Kent (3rd).

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Just before going to press we received capital news from the party touring in Norfolk. Up to the time of writing, said our correspondent, all the six peals started for had been rung, viz.:—

Oxford Treble Bob Major at Palgrave.
Superlative at Pulham St. Mary.
Cambridge at Pulham Market.
Bristol at Hethersett.
Kent Maximus at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
Norfolk at St. John's, Norwich.

This, at any rate, is what might be termed a good "going off." Next week we shall be able to give the complete details, with the record of, we hope, ten peals.

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An interesting family peal was rung on handbells at Hinton, Evesham, on Monday, when Mr. F. J. Johnson, his daughter, aged 11 years, and his son, aged 13, rang 5040 of Grandsire Doubles. The young lady—quite the youngest, we believe, to score a peal—rang 1-2, while her brother, whose first peal it was, also, was the conductor. The peal was rung at the first attempt. Mr. Johnson must be proud of his children.

THE LATE MR. W. COOTER.

The funeral of the late Mr. William Cooter took place at Forest Gate Cemetery on Saturday, a number of ringers attending the final obsequies.

Mr. Cooter, to whose ringing career we briefly referred in our last issue, was born in the parish of St. George-in-the-East on February 8th, 1825. He commenced to learn change ringing in the company of Messrs. Wood, Lansdell, J. Mash, Bradley, S. Austin and others. In his 21st year he rang his first peal, Grandsire Triples, with the St. James' Society, Messrs. Comb, Pye and Wood scoring their first peals on the same occasion. Mr. Cooter also took part in the first peals of Double Norwich, Superlative and Stedman Cinques rung by the St. James' Society, of which he was elected Master in 1852. To the credit of his society also is due a silent peal of Stedman Triples on handbells, rung in March, 1854, by Messrs. Cooter, Haley, Cox and Wood.

In the year 1846 Mr. Cooter was elected a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, in which he discharged the duties of steward, Master, and, for several years, secretary. He took part in many great performances, and was in the long peals of Treble Bob at Spitalfields and Bethnal Green. He conducted the first peal of Stedman Triples on handbells on January 20th, 1854, the others of the band being Messrs. Ferris, Wood and Dwight. Mr. Cooter was an exceptionally fine exponent of change-ringing, and up to Michaelmas, 1908, was a member of the St. Paul's Cathedral band. For some time previously he had been unable to see across the tower, and had to rely on his quick sense of hearing for the accurate striking of his bell. Through his eyesight failing him he was not able to go far from home, but was always glad for ringers to call and talk over old times. Mr. Cooter's list of performances comprises 216 peals, of which twelve have been on handbells retained in hand, viz., Grandsire Triples 4, Stedman Triples 2, Stedman Caters 4, Stedman Cinques 2.

The whole pull and stand was rung to his memory at St. Giles', Cripplegate, on July 30th, by E. Horrex, C. F. Winney, E. Gibbs, J. W. Rowbotham, H. Springall, C. Lee, S. E. Joyce, R. French, F. J. Hardy, T. H. Taffender, A. B. Peck, W. T. Cockerill, followed by two courses of Stedman Cinques (the last touch called by Mr. Cooter), in which Messrs. Burden and Barker took part.

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STEDMAN CINQUES IN STEDMAN'S HOME.

THE STORY OF A TRIP TO CAMBRIDGE.

Cambridge has associations which appeal specially to the ringer. It was here that the science of change ringing was born, for Fabian Stedman was a Cambridge printer, and the first changes in Stedman's immortal method were probably rung on the bells of St. Benedict's Church. Then, too, it is the home of one of the oldest ringing societies in existence—the Cambridge Youths, whose foundation goes back something like 200 years.

At the invitation of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, the President of the Cambridge University Guild, and also Vicar of St. Mary-the-Great, some members of the Middlesex Association paid a visit to the town during the holidays. The party met at Liverpool Street Station on Saturday, in the height of the holiday exodus, when crowds of struggling passengers almost fought for seats in the outgoing trains. At Cambridge they met with a cordial welcome from Mr. Boughey and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and after a hasty tea enjoyed a pleasant drive to the village of Sawston, where a capital peal of Bristol Surprise was tapped off. The journey home was full of excitement, and more than one member of the party was glad when "the perilous voyage" came to an end.

The ringing for service at St. Mary-the-Great the next morning consisted of three leads of Treble Ten as "a feeler," and then a touch of Stedman Cinques as a preliminary to the next day's programme. Arrangements to ring at the Catholic Church had also been made, and here, upon a magnificent peal of eight, which certainly has few equals in the country, courses of Bristol and Superlative were rung. Then, under the genial guidance of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who is hon. secretary of the Ely Diocesan Guild, Cambridge was explored, the beauties of the famous "backs" (the grounds behind the Colleges) being greatly admired. In the afternoon a peal of London Surprise was attempted at St. Andrew's Church, but cracked up after an hour and three-quarters. In the evening the visitors and the local men were the guests of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey at Trinity College, and here the handbells were brought into use, courses of Stedman Cinques, a touch of Double Norwich, and a course of London Surprise being rung.

The chief business of the tour, however, centred in the programme for Monday, and comprised two peals of Stedman Cinques on the bells of St. Mary-the-Great. There have been some fine performances in this tower in days of old, and there are recorded two peals of special interest by the Cambridge Youths. On June 21st, 1788, they rang "a true and exquisite" peal of 6600 Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 5 mins., and in 1791 rang 7002 Grandsire Quaters (Caters), in 4¾ hrs. "That the same may be transmitted to posterity this inscription is here erected"—so runs the peal board recording the performance of which the men were obviously very proud.

Not many ringing clergy are in the happy possession a peal of twelve bells in their own church—but Mr. Boughey, and his clerical assistant, Mr. Richardson, are thus favoured, and they had the gratification on Monday morning of ringing their first peal of Stedman Cinques. Four times the going off course had to be tackled before eventually the bells sailed away, to come home again at the end of 5007, but when they got going the critics outside, who included three of the famous family of Pitstow from Saffron Walden, could find little fault with the ringing. When the bells ran home, one member of the band was particularly delighted, and although the conductor's intimation was perfectly plain, he enquired, with a face wreathed in smiles, "Is this really all," as if he would have preferred another thousand changes or so added on.

The party were kindly entertained to lunch by Mr. Boughey, who was thanked for his generous hospitality, and then the return was made to the tower for the second attempt. With three changes in the personnel and a general move round by the rest of the band, "go" was called, but once more, curiously enough, it needed four starts before the going-off course was successfully negotiated, the peal ultimately being rung almost without a trip. It much pleased the ringing element among the listeners, and the band were congratulated upon the double success. Two peals of Stedman Cinques is quite a day's work for those who are not in full practice, and on Monday evening there were contented minds among the party, although some had to pay the penalty with tender hands.

The formal records of the peals are set out elsewhere, and it only remains to add that the Middlesex contingent spent an extremely enjoyable holiday, and will not soon forget the kindness of the Cambridge friends. To Mr. Boughey they are particularly indebted, and they owe a debt of gratitude also to the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, and to Messrs. Taylor, Kempton and Dennis who, in various ways, did all in their power to make the visit the pleasant and successful one that it proved to be.

"RUSPER" TREBLE BOB.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Denman re the above, I would inform him that this method has been rung termed as Oxford Delight and also Merchant's Return, for a great number of years past.—Yours truly,

Chadwell Heath. E. BUTLER.

GREAT MUNDEN.—At the Parish Church, on June 24th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Patmore 1, Nathan Patmore 2, F. Saggers 3, Rev. W. G. Langdon 4, H. Wallace 5, B. Patmore (conductor) 6.

THE ART IN TASMANIA.

Last week we had ringing news from New Zealand; this week it is from Tasmania. Our Art, though it does not flourish as much as we should like to see it under other skies, has adherents wherever Englishmen are to be found in any numbers. A new link has just sprung up with Hobart, by a visit paid by a gallant member of our Navy.

Writing to Mr. A. C. Fussell, of Slough, Mr. R. Stops, of 6, Patrick Street, Hobart, says: "Your son, who is serving on H.M.S. Drake, came up to the belfry of Holy Trinity Church here, and as he was a bell ringer he gave me your address as a brother bell ringer in the old country. We have a peal of eight bells in Holy Trinity, the tenor weighing 9 cwt. 3 qrs., but we do not get much change ringing, for the trouble is that the squad is always changing, members leaving and new hands having to be broken into harness. We have only one ringer who came from England, our master ringer, Mr. J. W. Quarmby. The change ringing that we know we learnt from Troyte's book on change ringing and from an English ringer who came over here from Melbourne some ten years ago. We should be glad of any bell literature you have, but don't send us anything very complicated, because we have never got much beyond the six-score on five bells (Grandsire method). It is so hard to teach a new man rope sight, and when you have two or three new men in the squad things are only middling."

Mr. Fussell has sent Mr. Stops the "Ringing World," and we hope we shall hear of progress in Tasmania.

LAVENHAM BELLS.

A FAMOUS 17TH CENTURY TENOR.

The fame of Lavenham tenor is known throughout the Exercise—it is a bell unequalled in tone for its weight anywhere in the country—and the fame of the tenor has brought fame to the whole peal. The restoration of the bells is, therefore, of more than passing interest to ringers. The rehanging of the bells and substantial repairs to the frame have just been carried out by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, and the benediction of the grand peal has been performed by Bishop Harrison. A special service was used for the occasion, and among those who gathered at the ceremony—many from a great distance—were Mr. G. Rundall Johnson (a son of the Rev. Richard Johnson, Rector of Lavenham from 1825 to 1855), who had made the work of repair to the bells possible by his liberal contribution to the fund, and Mr. A. G. Fuller, of America, who is a descendant of Jacobus Fuller, whose name as churchwarden is inscribed on the fourth bell dated 1603. This and the sixth are the oldest in the ring, and were cast by Richard Bowler, from whom Miles Graye learnt his business. The latter was termed the famous Colchester fell founder; and Lavenham tenor was the masterpiece of all his casting. In tone and weight it is unequalled to the present day, the weight being 23 cwt., and its note D flat.

The Rector (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), who has been most enthusiastic and unremitting in his efforts to carry the restoration through, was responsible for the details and order of the special service, and was assisted by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (assistant curate), Mr. C. Corbetta (organist), and the large voluntary choir, to whom much credit is due for the result achieved. The service commenced with a processional hymn, "Through the night of doubt and sorrow," followed by a shortened choral evensong. The special lessons were read by the Rev. E. Hill (Rural Dean of Lavenham and Rector of Cockfield), and the Rev. Henry Taylor (Rector of Great Barton). During the singing of the hymn, "O happy band of pilgrims," the choir and clergy proceeded from the chancel to the tower, where Bishop Harrison performed the actual rite of Benediction, one prayer, having allusion to the ringers, being said in the ringing chamber by the Rev. R. L. Gardner (district secretary for the Archdeaconry of Sudbury of the Ely Diocesan Association). After the Benediction, by request of the Rector, the ringers rang one lead of Bob Major, while the choir and clergy reformed into procession. The whole congregation then sang the Te Deum, while the Rev. Gardner and ringers descended the tower. The sermon by the Ven. Archdeacon of Sudbury was listened to with great attention. It was a sermon worthy of this unique service, and dealt with the growth and use of bells and the way in which they are associated with our national life. At the conclusion of the service, the Bishop gave the Blessing, the choir rendering the Seven-Fold Amen, and sang the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," as a recessional. The organist finely rendered the voluntary "Gloria in Excelsis" (Mozart) as the congregation left the church.

The offertory, which was for the church bells repair fund, in order to meet the extra cost of the additional work which it was found necessary to be carried out after the contract had been signed, amounted to £6 19s. 6d.

The red ensign had been hoisted high above the battlements of the grand old tower in the early morning, and the local company started the day's ringing with 1008 Grandsire Triples. Other methods rung during the day were Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich, visiting ringers from Cambridge, Cavendish, Fulham, Long Melford, Bury St. Edmunds, Saffron Walden, Tooting, Preston (Suffolk), Pentlow (Essex), Felsham, and Eye (Suffolk), taking part. The old frame has been well strengthened by new oak timbers and several long inch bolts, some of the bells have been quarter turned, with new wheels, stocks, clappers, bearings, and up-to-date grease boxes. The cost has been over £100, and the work has been carried out in a manner which has given the greatest satisfaction.

A.S.

MORE CONGRATULATIONS FOR THE LADIES.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Chew Deanery branch was held at Long Ashton, on Saturday last, and despite the inclement weather, was well attended by members from Barrow Gurney, Bridgwater, Congresbury, Chew Stoke, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Wrington and Yatton, Mr. J. W. Jones, the hon. secretary of the Llandaff Association, being also present, and was duly elected a life member of the Association.—The business meeting followed the tea at the Angel Inn, and was presided over by the Rev. H. G. Tritton.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Yatton.—A hearty vote of congratulation was passed to the band of ladies who rang the peal at Cubitt Town, especial mention being made of Miss M. N. Jukes and Miss Gillingham, who are members of the Chew branch.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells brought the meeting to a close, and ringing, which had been indulged in during the afternoon, was kept up until a late hour, and brought to a close a most enjoyable meeting.

A FORTNIGHT'S RINGING.

In an old proverb, Northamptonshire is said to be famous for "springs, spires and squires." I certainly never saw so many fine churches close together, with peals of bells in them, as in the neighbourhood of Thrapston. Ascending the belfry of Thrapston Church on my first Sunday there, I found chiming the order, owing to a death in the place, but adjoining Thrapston is Islip, with its ring of six (tenor 12 cwt.), and here I rang 720 Kent for evening service, on July 21st, the band being: T. Jervis, A. Knight, W. Knighton, A. Andrews, E. Curtis, R. Loveday (conductor). The church is a small, but beautiful edifice, with pinnacled tower and crocketted spire, dedicated to St. Nicholas. Through the kindness of Mr. Loveday and Mr. Nickerson, pulls on several of the neighbouring churches were arranged.—On Tuesday evening, July 23rd, 360 Double Oxford, 360 Double Court, at Islip.—On Thursday evening, July 25th, at All Saints', Great Addington—an apparently very ancient structure, with low embattled tower and six bells, tenor 10 cwt.—360 Oxford Treble Bob, 240 Woodbine, Double Court, and Kent, the band being: I. Ball, B. Perrett, A. Andrews, W. Hayo, T. Jervis, R. Loveday (conductor), and also L. Weyman and J. Coleman, in the Kent and Double Court.

On Friday evening, July 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob was rung at St. Peter's, Lowick. This is a fine church, with massive tower, and pinnacles from the angles of which rises a large octagonal lantern tower, supported by flying buttresses. Inside the church are some fine stained glass windows of the 14th century, and some beautiful monuments. The band was: J. Coleman, D. Redhead, A. Andrews, L. Weyman, R. Loveday, T. Jervis (conductor).—On Sunday, July 28th, meeting short for Major, for morning service at Thrapston, touches of Kent Minor and Plain Bob were rung. In the evening, a cycle run to Raunds was arranged, but rain delayed the party, and there was only time for a course of Bob Major.—On Monday evening, July 29th, at Thrapston, I did my first ringing with a lady as one of the band, Miss L. Kingsford, the Vicar's daughter, taking part. Touches in Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major and Grandsire Triples, were rung. The eight bells at Thrapston are a light musical ring, tenor 14 cwt. The church with its small tower and spire, is dedicated to St. James'. Those taking part in the ringing were: Miss L. Kingsford, D. Redhead, A. Andrews, F. Arnold, L. Welman, T. Jervis, J. Coleman, R. Loveday, J. Nickerson (conductor).

On Tuesday evening, July 30th, at St. Peter's, Raunds, I rang touches of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich Court, and Bob Major, on all the bells except the treble. The bells are a fine peal of eight, tenor 22 cwt. Those taking part were: W. J. Gilbert, W. Gilbert, F. Kirk, F. Stubbs, H. Copperwheat, A. Kirk, R. Pendred, S. Barnford, A. Fairy, L. Weyman, A. Andrews, R. Loveday. The spire of the church is 186 feet high: inside the church is the dial of a 15th century clock marked for the 24 hours, bearing the inscription: "Pray for the soules of John Elen and Sara his wife."—On Wednesday evening, July 31st, Denford Church was visited. There is a light ring of six, but the long draught and very thick sallys and ropes makes ringing here very difficult, the rope on the treble being thick enough for a 30 cwt. bell, while the bells are so light that nearly all go up wrong side. The tenor is supposed to be 7 cwt. Securing the services of a ringer who had rung the treble to a 5040, we were able to get 360 and 240 Bob Minor and 240 Grandsire, the band being: D. Redhead, W. Groom, A. Andrews, J. Coleman, L. Weyman, J. Nickerson (conductor). — Thursday evening, August 1st, finished the programme, at Cranford. Here there are two churches, one with a ring of six, and the other with a ring of four. At St. John's, I rang my first 720 Woodbine, at the first attempt in the method: J. Saddington, A. Andrews, H. Meadows, W. Knighton, T. Jervis, R. Loveday (conductor). A 720 Kent was rung by J. Coleman, T. Jervis, G. Hewitt, L. Weyman, R. Loveday (conductor), A. Andrews. The church is only small, with low tower, tenor 9 cwt. In the village stands one of the largest ash trees in England. Through this paper, I wish to thank the Vicars of the churches for the use of the bells, and also the ringers who helped me to enjoy the ringing in the various towers.—A. Andrews, Billingborough.

RYE RINGERS' 40 MILE TOUR.

BRIGHTLING'S HISTORIC BELLS.

The sixth outing of the Rye bell ringers was held on Monday week, when the campanologists chartered a conveyance and covered over 40 miles during the day. The party, numbering nine, made their departure at an early hour, and the first stages of the journey were rather unpleasant owing to somewhat heavy rain prevailing. However, the weather outlook improved as the day went on, but "Old Sol" only appeared at few and short intervals. The company proceeded through Udimore, Broad Oak and Cripps' Corner. From thence the route taken was through the pretty villages of Vinehall and John's Cross to Robertsbridge. On leaving that town, the campanologists passed through somewhat hilly but nevertheless very picturesque country, and soon after eleven o'clock arrived at Brightling Church, where a halt was made.

The Rector (the Rev. C. Edward Cooper) had kindly given them permission to ring at the church, and Mr. G. Pont, one of the Brightling ringers, was on the spot, and conducted the company to the belfry, which is on the ground floor. The tower contains a very historical peal of eight.

Originally only five bells were there, but at the commencement of the nineteenth century, one John Fuller, Member of Parliament for the county, resided at Brightling Park. Fuller evidently took a great interest in national affairs, and had the five bells recast and treble added in honour of the victories of the illustrious Duke of Wellington. The names of six of Wellington's victories are inscribed on the bells as follows: Treble, "Tallavera"; 2nd, "Salamanca"; 3rd, "Vittoria"; 4th, "Pyrenees"; 5th, "Orthes"; tenor, "Toulouse." T. Mears, of London, fecit 1815 is also on them, and in addition J. H. Bayley, Rector; J. Bass and H. Hoad, churchwardens, is inscribed on the treble.

In 1818 Fuller again turned his attention to the church bells, his object being to erect some permanent memorial of Wellington's famous victory at Waterloo. He thereupon presented two more smaller bells, thus completing the octave. The new bells had "Waterloo" inscribed on them, and the larger one also had the following inscription: "This peal of bells completed 1818, at the expense of John Fuller."

The bells were soon raised, and two touches of Grandsire Triples (336 and 210) were rung very creditably. The church contains a barrel organ, over 100 years old, which is still used, and the present sexton has played it for the past 30 years. Leaving Brightling, the party journeyed to Burwash, where dinner was served at the Bear Hotel, and in the afternoon the church was visited, the party being received by Mr. O. Sweatman. Four touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor were rung. Subsequently the party viewed the Rectory grounds, by kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. C. I. Martin-Linnington), who unfortunately was unable to be present for the occasion.

Continuing their explorations, the party went on to Salehurst via Etchingham and Hurstgreen. The church of the former parish was viewed, and the ancient choir stalls, screens, brasses, etc., were inspected with interest. The Old Eight Bells Inn, Salehurst, was reached at half-past five, and after tea had been partaken of the company attended evensong at Salehurst Church.—The Vicar (the Rev. C. J. Sing) cordially received the ringers, and conducted them over the church, explaining many of the architectural and other features of the sacred edifice, among them being the font, presented by Richard I.—Mr. J. Goodsell had the bells raised ready for ringing, and other local ringers present were: Messrs. W. Hoad, T. Booth, S. Goodsell, and A. H. Olive. Three touches of Grandsire Triples (518, 336 and 168) were rung, and the lowering of the bells in peal concluded the ringing. The return journey was made via Robertsbridge, Cripps' Corner, and Udimore, the party arriving at the ancient town close upon midnight.

Altogether 2108 changes were rung during the day, and Messrs. G. Billenness and J. B. Bennett acted as conductors. Other ringers were: Messrs. C. Price, G. J. Youngs, L. T. H. Seers, W. Bennett, H. F. Cobon, and P. Giles. The outing was a great success, and every piece of ringing attempted was completed.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. H. F. Cobon) organised the arrangements very efficiently, and the campanologists are exceedingly grateful to the respective clergy for the use of their bells, and to those gentlemen who were in attendance at the respective churches to receive them.

HOLIDAY RINGING.

Most ringers are jovial fellows, and the Christ Church, Eastbourne, band is no exception. G. M. Kilby (Willesden) and W. Lawrence (West Ealing) have been holiday-making at the well-known Sussex resort, and arrangements were made by Messrs. G. H. Howse and E. Gower for their visitors to have a good time. Touches varying from Grandsire Triples to Double Norwich were rung at Christ Church for Sunday services, and an extended practice arranged.—By kind invitation of Mr. G. Penfold, the evening of Thursday was spent at Pevensey, where there is a delightful ring of six, of first-rate tone and order. The ringing commenced with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by: E. Gower 1, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 2, **A. Gower 3, G. Penfold 4, Wm. Lawrence 5, G. H. Howse 6.** Then followed by the same band, College Single, Plain Bob, Double Court, and Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by E. Gower and Geo. Penfold. The walk through field paths and grazing land back to Eastbourne was most enjoyable. Sussex men know well how to entertain visitors.—W.L.

THE LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

The attempt for the 22,222 Stedman Caters on handbells at Guildford on Monday was not successful. Only 26 courses were rung when 4 and 5 changed course, and brought the ringing to an end.

Luck, indeed, was quite out in the morning, for an attempt for a 5000 came to grief through a mis-call at the end of the first quarter. A peal of Stedman Triples was, however, rung in the afternoon.

PROPOSED LADIES' GUILD.

Will all Lady Ringers (tower or handbells) wishing to join the above Society, kindly communicate with Miss E. K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, who will send full particulars.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Hale on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 4.—Walter Hughes, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Middleton on Saturday, August 10th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president and committeeman to be sent in for this meeting.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, Northmoor, Oldham.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Wm. H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle rung will take place on Saturday, August 17th, to Alrewas (6) 3.30 p.m., and King's Bromley (6) 5 p.m.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Long Buckby on August 17th, Isham or Weekby on August 24th, Earls Barton on August 31st, and Denford on September 7th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. The grounds at Worsley, belonging to the Earl of Elsmere, will be open to ringers and friends who can get to the church at 2.30 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 20th, at Southwark Cathedral on the 13th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 15th and 29th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brindle on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

SITUATIONS VACANT AND WANTED.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

SITUATION WANTED as GARDENER. Would take charge of small garden; no objection to pony and trap. Married. Change ringer on five and six bells.—W. Little, Parsonage Downs, Dunmow, Essex.

The widow and children of the late Mr. Albert James Day, of Sittingbourne (who died suddenly from a paralytic seizure on April 10th) beg to thank most heartily the ringers and all kind friends for most generous help and kind sympathy shown to them in their very sudden bereavement, and they especially wish to thank Mr. W. Spice, who so kindly undertook the duties of treasurer of the fund. Being unable to thank every one personally, Mrs. Day takes the opportunity of acknowledging their kindness through the columns of "The Ringing World."

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS. — On June 19th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Hedges 1, J. Mead 2, F. Stanton 3, A. Crane (first in the method) 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8.—On June 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Mead (first in the method) 1, J. Mead 2, W. Sear 3, A. Crane 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, H Sear (conductor) 7, S. Smith 8.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EINFIELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, July 24th, for practice, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 25 mins.: H. Hale 1, S. Gearing 2, E. C. Lambert 3, A. Pierce 4, A. Gough 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. Also on Thursday, August 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 24 mins.: H. Hale 1, S. Gearing 2, E. Bungay 3, A. Pierce 4, E. C. Lambert 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6. This is the first in the method by an entirely local band.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS. — At St. James' Church, on July 29th, a date touch of Bob Minor, in 1 hr. 11 mins.: *A. Fleet 1, *J. Chance 2, D. Janes 3, H. Fleet 4, E. Hobbs 5, H. Smith (conductor) 6. * Longest length.

WOBURN, BEDS.—On July 31st, at St. Mary's Church, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: W. Turney 1, M. Matthews 2, D. Janes 3, H. Smith 4, C. Herbert (conductor) 5, S. Avis 6, D. Harriss 7, E. Herbert 8.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX. — On Sunday, July 7th, for Hospital Church Parade, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes): W. Jenner 1, F. Hammond 2, E. Bishop 3, H. Smith 4, A. Reed 5, H. R. Butcher (conductor) 6, A. Martin 7, C. Brasier 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. W. Martin 1, H. R. Butcher 2, A. Reed 3, H. Jenner 4, E. Bishop 5, C. Brasier (conductor) 6, W. Jenner 7, E. Bishop, senr., 8.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, at St. Mary the Virgin's Church, in 32 mins., 720 Bob Minor: A. Thorp 1, T. Walker 2, W. Grimes 3, E. Willis 4, T. Reed (conductor) 5, C. Willis 6.

THURLBY, LINCS.—On Sunday, July 14th, at St. Firmin's, 120 each Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire: A. Holmes, A. Andrews, J. Osborn, A. Larkinson, J. W. Lake (conductor), W. Harrison, R. Richardson, took part.

SWINDON, WILTS. — On Sunday, July 7th, at Christ Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng 1, A. Lawrence 2, R. W. Hyner 3, H. W. L. Wells 4, T. Robinson 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, C. J. Gardiner 7, J. M. Brinkworth 8.

WROUGHTON, WILTS.—On July 6th, at St. John's Church, 240 Grandsire and 240 Bob Doubles: G. Cook 1, C. J. Gardiner 2, G. Hacker 3, M. Goddard 4, W. Cook (conductor) 5. Tenor, 25 cwt.

GOOLE, YORKS.—On July 8th, 720 Superlative Surprise Minor: G. Davis 1, D. Carmichael 2, C. W. King 4, T. Smith 5, H. Ludkin (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all and first on the bells.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On July 7th, at St. Michael's, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: Chas. Cottrell 1, G. F. Swann 2, G. Garrison 3, J. Preston 4, J. Sanders 5, R. A. Eaton 6, W. J. Meers (conductor) 7, W. G. Anker 8. Rung as a compliment to W. G. Anker, who has been elected tower keeper.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On July 18th, 840 Stedman Triples: W. Phipps 1, S. Goodchild 2, E. Markham 3, J. Gransbury 4, R. Coles 5, B. Page 6 J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 7, R. Hoing 8. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss H. M. Pocholl to Mr. W. H. Lowndes, both prominent members of the church and town. For service, on July 7th, 1008 Stedman Triples: S. Goodchild 1, R. Coles 2, A. Ashman 3, W. Phipps 4, J. Gransbury 5, B. Page 6, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 7, R. Hoing 8.

NUNEATON.—On July 11th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. M. Atkins 1, *H. Argyle 2, D. H. Argyle 3, *J. F. Clark, junr., 4, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 5, T. Chapman 6, E. H. Stoneley 7, Jas. George 8. * First touch in the method. Also a short touch of Stedman Triples conducted by Jas. George.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On July 21st, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, H. A. Hastings 3, M. Harris 4, H. Kettle (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6. First quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM.—On Saturday, July 13th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples from Holt's Original, in 53 mins.: H. Wright 1, J. Priestley 2, M. Newton 3, A. Waites 4, S. Stott (conductor) 5, H. E. Fielding 6 S. M. Butterworth 7, I. Schofield 8. Rung on the occasion of the induction of the new Vicar.

LEYLAND, LANCS.—On Sunday, July 21st, Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman: B. A Knights (conductor) 1, E. Watkinson 2, J. Watkinson 3, A. Robinson 4, R. Sanderson (first in the method) 5, S. Watkinson 6, E. Bannister 7, J. H. Harrison 8.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAM.—On July 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Smith 1, E. Thomas 2, C. Paley 3, F. Chave 4, F. Stedman 5, A. Slatter (conductor) 6, W. Seeley 7, P. C. Cole 8.

ABBOTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On July 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Booth (first 720) 1, A. T. Atherton 2, G. Bennett 3, J. Caple 4, E. Frampton 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. G. Bennett's son.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's, on Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 51 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, J. T. Perry 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, W. Ellis 7, J. B. Collett (first quarter-peal as conductor) 8.

SEAFORD, SUSSEX. — On July 20th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Clark 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, G. Piper 3, J. C. Morling 4, F. W. Harding 5, W. Green 6, R. J. Dawe 7, H. Clark 8. Also on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: W. Green 1, G. Piper 2, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 3—4, R. J. Dawe (first double-handed) 5—6.

WOKING.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, July 21st, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: G. Russell (first 720) 1, W. Lee (first 720 on an inside bell) 2, Sam Pettett 3, D. Hampton (conductor) 4, J. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick 6.

DOVER, KENT.—On July 21st, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: R. Stevens 1, G. Saunders 2, A. Roberts 3, H. C. Saywell 4, S. Carter 5, C. Turner (conductor) 6, H. J. Saunders 7, G. Godfrey 8. Composed by L. Head, Lyminge. Rung as a compliment to Mr. S. Carter, of Hounslow, Middlesex, who was on a visit to Dover.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, June 30th, for morning service, 720 St. Clement's Bob Minor: Rex Buswell 1, W. Lewis 2, F. Talbott 3, A. Fourt 4, J. Farby 5, F. Andrew (conductor) 6.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on July 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: O. L. Twist 1, G. W. Cooper 2, W. J. Cooper 3, H. Rumens 4, W. J. E. Jones 5, G. B. Lucas 6, H. F. Hull (conductor) 7, A. Chapman 8.—On July 28th, on the anniversary of Mr. C. J. Bartlett's wedding, another quarter-peal: A. Bullock 1, W. J. Cooper 2, C. J. Bartlett 3, G. W. Cooper 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. F. Hull 6, W. J. E. Jones (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8.

TAMWORTH.—At St. Editha's Church, on July 21st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Chaplin (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, Miss M. F. Sampson 2, J. W. Timms 3, C. Chapman 4, J. H Chapman 5, R. P. Brindley 6, A. E. Young (first in the method as conductor) 7, J. Pratt 8.

SOUTHGATE.—The following touches were rung to commemorate the Jubilee of Christ Church, which took place on July 17th, and was kept up throughout the octave.—On July 16th, on the eve of the Festival, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Bob Minor, on the back six: A. G. Crane (first 720) 1, A. R. Glasscock 2, G. Bester 3, H. Armstrong 4, J. E. Miller 5, J. Armstrong (conductor) 6.—On July 17th, for festal evensong, touches of Bob Major and Stedman Triples; and on Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 1360 Double Norwich, in 54 mins.: A. R. Glasscock 1, G. Bester 2, S. Wade 3, F. G. Tegg 4, N. A. Tomlinson 5, H. Miller 6, J. E. Miller 7, J. Armstrong (conductor) 8.

CHARING.—On July 27th, an attempt for a peal of 5040 Grandsire Doubles was lost, after 1¼ hours' ringing: H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, H. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, C. L. Prior (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.—On July 28th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, C. L. Prior 3, W. C. Good 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On May 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, composed and conducted by H. G. Rowe.—On June 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: G. Andrews 1, H Cornwell 2, W. G. Darlington 3, F. Jelf 4, G. Maxim 5, R. Smith 6, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 7, H. Simmons 8.—On June 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples taken from Holt's Original: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, L. G. Thurgood 4, G. Radley (conductor) 5, H. Cornwell 6, W. Saban 7, C. Dilley 8.—On July 7th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Andrews 1, H. Cornwell 2, W. G. Darlington 3, G. Maxim 4, F. Jelf 5, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 6, A. Darlington 7, H. Simmons 8; and for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. G. Rowe (conductor) 1, H. Cornwell 2, F. Jelf 3, G. Maxim 4, A. Darlington 5, R. Smith 6, H. S. Reeves 7, D. Tucker 8.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—On June 25th, 720 Oxford Delight: B. Patmore 1 F. Williams 2, A. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, N. Patmore 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6.—On June 30th, for morning service, 120 each Oxford and Woodbine. For evening service, 720 Woodbine: H. Carter 1, F. Williams 2, A. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On July 4th, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss Ada Lawrence, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, besides touches in various methods: A. Carter 1, F. Williams 2, A. Lawrence 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.—On Sunday, July 7th, for evening service, 240 Cambridge Surprise: A. Carter 1, F. Williams 2, E. Saggers 3, B. Patmore 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence 6.

SHEFFIELD.—On June 27th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, two courses of Stedman Caters: J. Thorpe 1—2, G. Lewis 3—4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5—6, S. F. Palmer 7—8, R. W. Collier 9—10. Three courses of Stedman Triples: J. Thorpe 1—2, G. Lewis 3—4, C. Glenn (conductor) 5—6, R. W. Collier 7—8. Two courses of Stedman Triples: G. Lewis 1—2, Clement Glenn (conductor) 3—4, S. F. Palmer 5—6, W. Allwood 7—8. Also 288 Kent Treble Bob Major, 288 Oxford Treble Bob Major, and 160 Bob Major.

LLANDAFF.—At the Cathedral, on June 26th, on the occasion of the visit of their Majesties the King and Queen, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 47 mins.: J. Aldridge 1, J. Harris 2, W. B. Biss (conductor) 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, S. Dawe 7, A. Rowley 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Pitcher 1, W. B. Biss 2, S. Dawe 3, F. Pitcher 4, T. Cox 5, J. Clutterbuck 6, W. Coombes (conductor) 7, J. Aldridge 8.

ROSS, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On July 21st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: R. Summers 1, E. Summers 2, F. Voyce 3, J. Clark 4, C. L. Sadler 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6.

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MODERN WORK.

THE CLERICAL HANDBELL PEALS.

It is growing increasingly difficult, even in the realms of change ringing, to do anything new. The great performances of the past have been such that those who set out to beat them are confronted with formidable tasks, and if records are to be made nowadays they have to be more of a local or individual nature than of a general or collective character. We chronicle this week, however, an interesting "first," namely the first clerical peal on handbells. This has been placed to the credit of the Cambridge University Guild, and was a peal of Grandsire Caters. It was followed the next day by the first clerical peal of Major in hand, this being a peal of Double Norwich, and the parsons who took part are to be congratulated.

The best of the clergy, from a campanological point of view, are widely scattered, and their difficulty is not want of ability but lack of opportunity. If only they could meet for practice they would probably not be long in ringing the first clerical peal of Stedman Cinques, which still remains somewhat tantalisingly unaccomplished, and the first of one or two other methods that are still unrung by a band of priests of the Church. Clerical ringers are gaining in strength numerically, however, and among those of them who are figuring in the ranks of the peal ringers to-day there are several of more than average ability. Interest in the scientific side of ringing is manifestly increasing among the clergy, and clerical peals, we think, will not be the rarity in the future that they have in the past. Clerical peals in fresh methods on tower bells have been tackled with commendable persistency at every opportunity, and it is interesting now to find a start made upon handbells.

Reference to this performance reminds us of how much the practice of handbell peal ringing has increased in the last two years. At various times in the past there have been bands who, for a space, have rung handbell peals with a certain amount of regularity, but at no time has there been such a number of companies engaged in this fascinating pursuit as there is to-day. Only a few years ago a handbell peal was a comparative rarity, but in these days we wonder what has happened if we do not find recorded at least half-a-dozen a week. The gratifying feature of it is that these records come from a gradually increasing number of centres, which is the best proof of the growing popularity of handbell ringing. This branch of the Art has its special complexities and its corresponding advantages, which doubtless will appeal more and more to ringers, and it is in this department of the Exercise that most of the "firsts" of the future will be accomplished.

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On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5137 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

REV. ERNEST V. COX	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	7
ALF PADDON SMITH	2	*FRED WILFORD	8
WILLIAM SHORT	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	9
ALBERT WALKER	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
JOHN NEAL	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
REV. C. CAREW COX	6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on twelve bells. This is A. P. Smith's 150th peal and his 50th peal of Stedman Cinques.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

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On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 37¾ cwt.

ANDREW TULLY	*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	6
WILLIAM STORY	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	7
THOMAS T. GOFTON	3	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	8
GEORGE T. POTTER	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	9
BENJAMIN C. DIXON	5	OSWALD SIMM	*Tenor*

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

Mr. Ernest Morris hails from Leicester. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th behind the 8th and 9th, which are reversed every four courses.

WINCHESTER, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY AND ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM T. TUCKER	6
FRED G. MAY	2	*WILFRED ANDREWS	7
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	8
*CHARLES H. RUSSELL	4	ALFRED H. PULLING	9
MAURICE SMITHER	5	*OWEN H. GILES	*Tenor*

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ARTHUR E. HIBBERT	*Treble*	HENRY T. GOWLETT	5
*HARRY FRANKS	2	ARTHUR D. BARKER	6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY	7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER	4	THOMAS WALKER	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Mr. Herbert W. Hibbert to Miss Mary Farrar, and of Mr. William Cobbett to Miss Florence Dunn, which took place at St. George's on this day. Mr. H. W. Hibbert is one of the local ringers, and Mr. W. Cobbett a prominent church-worker.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	*Treble*	HARRY BUNGAY	5
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	ARTHUR HARDING	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG	7
GEORGE MARTIN	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal of Major on the bells.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

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On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART No. 2. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE W. SLACK	*Treble*	†WILLIAM R. KNAGGS	5
*WILLIAM R. BRECKON	2	FRANK S. HODGSON	6
JAMES COTTERILL	3	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	ALBERT COATES	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. R. BRECKON.

* First peal as conductor. † First peal in the method. Messrs. Slack and Cotterill were elected members of this association before starting for the peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the Rev. Marquis and Marchioness of Normanby, of Mulgrave Castle, near Whitby.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALBERT G. WARNES	*Treble*	*THOMAS FORD, Junr.	5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	2	GEORGE ARCHER	6
WILLIAM IRELAND	3	JOHN SOUTER	7
CLEMENT MORE	4	ARTHUR LEEDER	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

* First peal in the method. A. G. Warnes hails from Norwich and A. G. Bennington from St. John's, Deptford.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANBSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK STURT	*Treble*	JAMES HART	5
GEORGE H. STURT	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
ALBERT WHEALE	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	7
JOHN T. RICKMAN	4	CHARLES ERREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late A. S. Langridge, many years steeple-keeper at this church, who was interred on the 7th inst.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES,

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS	*Treble*	WILLIAM HORNE	5
GEORGE UPSHALL	2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW	6
FREDERICK A. BARNETT	3	THOMAS UPSHALL	7
JOHN T. HENSMAN	4	*ALFRED R. ELKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. Mr. Hensman hails from Northampton and was proposed a member previous to starting. This peal was rung with bells fully muffled as a token of respect to the late secretary of the local band, Mr. W. Lowman, who was interred that afternoon.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

EDWARD GOODSELL	...*Treble*	ARTHUR B. CORDEN	5
STEPHEN STONE	2	ALFRED GREENFIELD	6
WILLIAM H. HOLLMAN	3	PERCY H. DOICK	7
JAMES BURDFIELD	4	PETER KNIGHT	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. MOORE, and
Conducted by ALFRED GREENFIELD.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. C. R. Haines, M.A., F.S.A., of Godalming and Pulborough, and Miss Dorothea Baker, of Nutbourne Manor, Pulborough.

STROUD, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.
On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

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

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

*DANIEL F. GIBBONS	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN AUSTIN	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal of Major. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Rev. Robert S. Gregory, Rector of Much Hadham, Herts, and for 17 years vicar of this parish.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

ERNEST PYE	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	BERTRAM PREWETT	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	REUBEN SANDERS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

J. H. B. Hesse's 150th peal.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.
Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS J. BRATTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM D. JAMES	5
JOHN NEAL	2	*THOMAS MILLER	6
SAMUEL GROVE	3	JAMES L. WELLS	7
MORRIS J. MORRIS	4	JAMES E. GROVES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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

ECKINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY).
On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

TOM O'HARA	...*Treble*	*THOMAS BARTHOLOMEW	5
SAMUEL WESLEY	2	JOHN BOOTHWELL	6
GEORGE LEWIS	3	WALTER ALLWOOD	7
JOSEPH MORTON	4	R. WILFRED COLLIER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT H. HAYWARD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
DAVID COLLINS	2	WILLIAM J. GROOM	6
PETER LAFLIN	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
WILLIAM ROSE	4	THOMAS TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ERNEST F. POPPY.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Cambell, who, to the regret of all, is leaving the district.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 12, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM STEELE	...*Treble*	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN	5
JOHN F. WILSON	2	ALFRED FUNNELL	6
*JOHN ALDIS, Senr.	3	GEORGE HOWCHIN	7
ALBERT G. WARNES	4	FRANK DAVEY, R.N.	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

SIX BELL PEALS.

EASTCHURCH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, July 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM E. SPICE	4
FREDERICK MACEY	2	WILLIAM SPICE	5
THOMAS JULL	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

The above peal was rung with the bells half-muffled after the unveiling of the Rolls-Grace memorial window by the Archbishop of Canterbury. The ringers thank the Rector for the use of the bells and also for the kind hospitality after the peal.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT	...*Treble*	JOHN SPENCER	4
ARTHUR J. NAUNTON	2	FRANCIS NAUNTON	5
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	3	JOHN LARTER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford, London.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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.

Bernard Fisher	...*Treble*	Walter Bonham	4
Henry W. Gayton	2	William Jacques	5
Albert J. Green	3	Cecil A. Valentine	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Jacques.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(North Bucks Branch.)

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford & Kent.
Tenor 11 cwt.

Walter W. Bonham	...*Treble*	Cecil A. Valentine ...	4
Herbert C. Edwards ...	2	Thomas C. Tompkins ...	5
Edwin Yates	3	*Albert J. Green ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert J. Green.

* First peal of Minor as Conductor.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt.

Frederick C. Lambert	...*Treble*	Herbert Pratt	4
Alfred G. Bennington ...	2	Thomas Crane	5
John O'Neill	3	John Larter	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

Arranged for Mr. A. G. Bennington, of Deptford, London.

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

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

*J. Sparrow	...*Treble*	*W. W. Kemp	4
E. Hunt	2	F. J. Levitt	5
†A. Ely	3	H. W. Foulger ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. Foulger.

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

WEST TARRING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

C. Goldring	...*Treble*	J. Farmer	4
B. Bassett	2	*B. Challen	5
H. Tullet	3	E. Lindup	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Lindup.

* First peal on six bells.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz., Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double and Single Court, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

Frank Shepherd ...	...*Treble*	John Hough	4
William W. Worthington	2	Herbert Hurdman ...	5
William J. Smith	3	David Cotton	...*Tenor*

Conducted by David Cotton.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Bowden and Stockport Branch.)

On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church of St. Thomas, Hazel Grove,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Sandal Exercise, Neasden, Kingston, Wragby, College Bob iv, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Islington.
Tenor 9 cwt.

Alfred Barnes	...*Treble*	Fred Holt	4
Rev. A. T. Beeston	2	James Fernley	5
John W. Hartley	3	Joseph Heckingbotham	*Tenor*

Conducted by James Fernley.

The above are all legitimate broken lead methods. The 2nd, 4th and 5th methods are 4th's place Delight. They are marked in the C.C. Collection — 1st, No. 2, page 8; 16, page 17; 18, page 12; 12, page 16; 20, page 18; 7, page 9; 8, page 9.

HANDBELL PEALS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 1—2	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 5—6
Rev. E. Bankes James 3—4	Rev. H. Law James ... 7—8

Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake ... 9—10

Composed by John Carter, and
Conducted by Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.
Umpire: T. R. Dennis.

First clerical peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
In the President's Rooms, Trinity College,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 1—2	Rev. E. Bankes James ... 5—6
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3—4	Rev. H. Law James ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.
Umpire: R. O. Street.

First clerical peal of Major on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

George Lewis ... ... 1—2	Walter Allwood ... 5—6
Clement Glenn ... ... 3—4	R. Wilfred Collier ... 7—8

Composed by Edgar Wightman, and
Conducted by C. Glenn.
Umpire: Sidney F. Palmer.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, August 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At 120, Croyland Road,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Wilby J. Hazell	1—2	John Thomas	5—6
Miss Edith K. Parker	3—4	*Charles H. Horton ...	7—8
James Parker	9—10		

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by John Thomas.

* First peal on handbells. First peal in the method by all except he conductor. Rung at the first attempt.
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HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
SILENT PEAL
On Sunday, August 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At Leyland, Queen's Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Arthur F. Shepherd ...	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Willoughby E. Maulden	7—8

Composed by G. Lindoff.
Umpires, F. Shepherd, Senr., R. J. Polley, J. Loveridge.
This peal was rung upon strictly non-conducted principles.

The ringer of the treble in the peal at Mathon, on August 4th, was Charles Powell, and not Rowell, as published.

THE NORFOLK TOUR.

The following peals were rung during the tour in Norfolk:

PALGRAVE.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7¾ cwt.

Charles Mills	...*Treble*	*Frank I. Hairs	5
Alfred W. Grimes	2	J. Armiger Trollope ...	6
Thomas Ford, Junr.	3	John H. B. Hesse	7
Ernest F. Poppy	4	†Clement More	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Clement More.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. † First peal of Oxford as conductor.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Charles Baker	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
Fred. Roope	3	Charles T. P. Brice ...	7
J. Armiger Trollope ...	4	Alfred W. Grimes	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. Lindoff, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE, 5056 CHANGES;
Middleton's Composition. Tenor 14½ cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
*Fred. Roope	2	*Charles Roope	6
Frank I. Hairs	3	*William Roope	7
J. Armiger Trollope ...	4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal of Old Cambridge. First peal of Old Cambridge on bells.

HETHERSETT.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, August 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10½ cwt.

George Howchin ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
Alfred W. Grimes	2	William Hewett	6
Edwin Whiting	3	Frank I. Hairs	7
J. Armiger Trollope ...	4	James E. Davis ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. Sottanstall, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

First peal of Bristol on bells.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter Mancroft,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 43 cwt., in C.

*John E. Burton ...	...*Treble*	*Frank I. Hairs	7
Albert G. Warnes ...	2	William Hewett	8
J. Armiger Trollope ...	3	James E. Davis	9
George Howchin	4	*John H. B. Hesse	10
Frank Bennett	5	Frederick Borrett ...	11
Frederick Howchin ...	6	Alfred W. Grimes ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Nathan J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal of Treble Twelve.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John-de-Sepulchre,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	*Frederick Borrett ...	5
William Hewett	2	Frank Bennett	6
Alfred W. Grimes	3	Frank I. Hairs	7
J. Armiger Trollope ...	4	James E. Davis ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* The first peal in the method. The first in the method on the bells and in the county.

MARSHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs., in B flat.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	Frederick Howchin ...	5
Alfred W. Grimes	2	J. Armiger Trollope ...	6
George Howchin	3	Frank Bennett	7
William Hewett	4	Frank I. Hairs ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.

First peal as conductor in the method.

AYLSHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

William Hewett ...	...*Treble*	John H. B. Hesse	6
George Howchin	2	Frank Bennett	7
*Bertie J. Howchin ...	3	Frank I. Hairs	8
Frederick J. Howchin ...	4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	9
J. Armiger Trollope ...	5	*John May	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. Daltry, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal of Stedman Caters.

DEBENHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT ...	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	2	WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	6
*GEORGE H. SPARROW ...	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	4	PETER LAFLIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal of Superlative.

PEALS IN NORTHANTS.

The following peals were the result of a few days' ringing in Northants:—

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, viz:—Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bobs, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*BEN SADDINGTON ...	...*Treble*	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3	†BERNARD J. SADDINGTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. J. SADDINGTON.

* First peal containing 'Treble Bob hunt.' † First 7 method peal as conductor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Plain and Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

*DENNIS MALLETT ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A BLAXLEY ...	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal containing Treble Bob methods.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	6
*MATTHIAS HOBBS	3	WALTER GILBERT	7
ALFRED KNIGHT	4	FRANK KIRK	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES HOUGHTON ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED KNIGHT	5
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	3	ROBERT F. TURNER	7
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	4	JAMES W. WARD ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The composition of this peal, now rung for the first time, contains all the 6-3's, 6-4's and 6-5's and the sixth her extent home in six course blocks.

RUSHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 changes each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Oxford, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED KNIGHT	...*Treble*	JAMES HOUGHTON	4
MATTHIAS HOBBS	2	J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ...	5
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3	DAVID J. NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. J. NICHOLS.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
ANNABLE'S THREE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Treble*	FRED. WILLFORD	5
*THOMAS W. YORK	2	*WILLIAM JACQUES	6
†HARRY GAYTON	3	*ARTHUR YORK	7
DAVID J. NICHOLS	4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. JACQUES.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method. Messrs Gayton and Jacques hail from Harrold and Olney, Beds. Messrs. York belong to the local company, and kindly rang on the band meeting short for Stedman Triples.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

BANK HOLIDAY MEETING.

The usual monthly meeting of this society was held on Bank Holiday, at Hope and Castleton, and, considering the very unsettled state of the weather, was well attended. Upwards of 30 ringers were present from Bolsterstone, Castleton, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Derby, Eckington, Hope, Norton, Ranmoor, Sheffield, Staveley, and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished. It was intended by certain members to have attempted a peal of Double Norwich in the morning at Castleton, but the "go" of the bells prevented this, and no start was made.

The village of Castleton is situated amidst lovely scenery, in the heart of the Peak district, and is notable for some wonderful caves in the adjoining hills, and also for the remains of the Peveril Castle, made famous by Scott in his "Peveril of the Peak." The church, an interesting old building, contains a ring of eight bells (tenor about 14 cwt.), cast about 1803. Though neither the tone nor "go" was of the best, touches of Superlative, Double Norwich, Plain Bob and Grandsire Triples were rung, before an interested crowd of locals and many holiday-makers, the ringing chamber being in the church. Handbell ringing was also indulged in in the ringing chamber, some good touches of Caters being much admired by visitors and others.

A short business meeting was held during the afternoon, one new member being elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Hobson (whose genial presence was much appreciated) for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously.

In the evening a move was made to Hope, which possesses a beautiful old church, containing a nice-toned heavy ring of six. Some well-struck touches of Kent and Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles were brought round, in spite of the fact that the long draught and Yorkshire rope ends proved a bit awkward at first. Some good handbell ringing was accomplished outside the church porch, and proved quite an attraction, the proceedings being watched by an admiring crowd, including the local policeman, who left his beat to see what was on. It had been intended to visit Hathersage, but time forbade, and after lowering the bells, a move was made for home.—Thanks are due to the Rev. Vincent (Hope), and Rev. Brookesbank (Hathersage) for granting the use of their bells.

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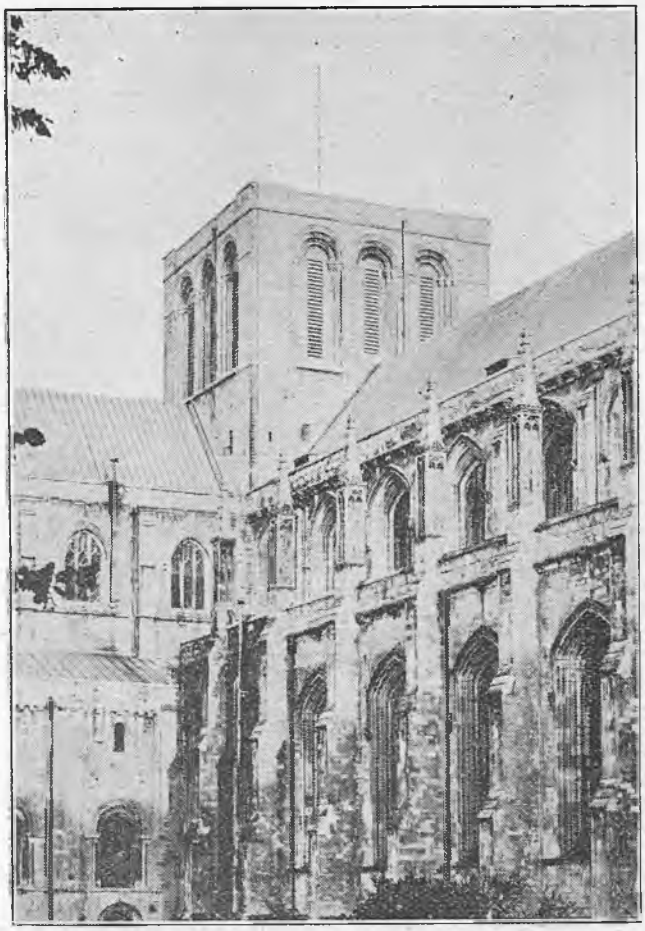
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—WINCHESTER.

By J. R. Jerram.

I have not been able to discover any account of the earlier pre-Reformation bells of this Cathedral. The present peal of ten seems to have been made up as follows: It appears to have originated with a heavy peal of six, cast by Richard Phelps, of the Whitechapel foundry, in 1734. To these Thomas Lester, his successor, added two trebles in 1742, thus making a peal of eight. The second bears the name of Theodore Ecclestone, probably the donor, to whom I shall allude later on. At different times the treble, fourth and sixth were recast by Robert and James Wells, respectively, of the Aldbourne foundry. In 1891 the tenor, weighing 32 cwt., was cracked, and was recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and in the following year, 1892, the same firm added two trebles, thus making a peal of ten bells. The first was given by the inhabitants of Winchester, and the second by the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers. The founders have made an excellent splice; so that the people of Winchester have now a fairly heavy peal of ten, of which they may be justly proud.



Photo] [*F. C. Dawe.*

A Peep of Winchester Cathedral showing the Tower.

Last of all, the old fifth bell, cast by Phelps, became cracked in 1903, and was successfully recast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The inscriptions on the bells as they now stand are as follows:—

Treble.

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i.e., "The citizens of Winchester gave me to God and the Cathedral of St. Swithin that I might sound the praises of the Lord."

Second.

AD . TE . DOMINE . LEVABO . VOCEM . MEAM . ME . S . SWITHUNO . DEDIT . PVLSATORVM . IN . DIOCESI . WINTON . GILDA . A . D . 1892. MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON.

i.e., "To Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my voice. The Winchester Diocesan Guild of Ringers gave me to St. Swithin's."

Third.

R: WELLS . ALDBOURNE . FECIT . MDCCLXXII.

Fourth.

THEDORE ECCLESTONE ESQ: 1742. T.L.

Fifth.

MEARS & STAINBANK, FOUNDERS, LONDON. QUINTA DEI RESONO QUAS QUONDAM TERTIA LAUDES . CONFLATA CIↃIↃCCXXXIV . FRACTA, RECOCTAQ: CIↃCCIↃIII.

i.e., "As fifth I now sound those praises which I formerly did as third. Cast 1734, cracked and recast 1903."

Sixth.

JAMES . WELLS . ALDBOURN . WILTS . FECIT . 1804.

Seventh.

R: PHELPS LONDINI FECIT . 1734.

Eighth.

JAMES . WELLS . ALDBOURNE . WILTS FECIT . 1814.

Ninth.

R: PHELPS LONDINI FECIT 1737.

Tenor.

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i.e., "The fleeting hours I number, I toll for the dead, I call the living to prayers."

The former tenor was inscribed as follows:—"God bless the Reverend Charles Naylor, Dean, and the Reverend Prebends of this Church. R. Phelps Londini fecit 1734 OOO." [three impressions of coins of William III.]

The appearance of the name of Theodore Ecclestone on the fourth bell is somewhat of a mystery, as I am not aware that he had any connection with Winchester. He lived at Crowfield Hall, in the parish of Coddenham, Suffolk; and his name appears on several of the peal of eight there, which were also cast by Thomas Lester in the same year as the fourth at Winchester Cathedral. Besides this we also find that he was the donor of the peal of ten at Stonham Aspall, Suffolk, the ninth of which bears the following inscription:—"In this tower hung 5 bells, the tenor weighing 10 hun: 2 qrs. 0 lb. In the year 1742 they were taken down and with ye addition of 3 tons 10 hun: of mettle were recast into ten att ye expence of Theodore Ecclestone, Esq., of Crowfield Hall, aged 27 years. He gave also a new frame att ye same time 1742. Thos. Lester made us all."

From this it appears that the two trebles of the then

peal of eight at Winchester, the peal of ten at Stonham Aspall, and the peal of eight at Coddenham were all in Thomas Lester's foundry at Whitechapel at the same time.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The recent bereavement of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Greenwood, of Streatham, Surrey, by the death of their daughter, who had been the mainstay of the home for many years, recalls the fact that for over 62 years Mr. Greenwood has been a bellringer at the Parish Church of St. Leonard, and also at Immanuel Church, Streatham Common, ever since that church was built. During the whole of this time he has only missed two occasions from ringing the old year out and the new year in. His custom was to ring first at St. Leonard's, and then proceed to Immanuel and help there.

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Mr. Greenwood is the oldest bellringer in the diocese, and to show in a practical form sympathy with Mr. and Mrs. Greenwood in their trouble, and appreciation of his long and faithful service, a subscription list has been opened. Contributions may be sent to Mr. C. B. Wood, London and South-Western Bank, Streatham, or to the Rev. T. Davis (honorary treasurers), 93, Gleneldon Road, Streatham, S.W. Up to the present the amount subscribed is £39 12s. 6d.

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We were under a misapprehension last week when we stated that the bells of Hereford Cathedral go badly. The Rev. E. V. Cox writes : "As one of the band who rang in the peal at Hereford Cathedral on August 5th, I wish to correct the statement that 'the bells go badly.' With the exception of the 6th, which draws over much, the bells go capitally—a fact to which most of us gave expression in The Close afterwards. I think this correction is due to the authorities at Hereford." We gladly make the correction.

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Mr. H. Taylor, Hereford, also writes to the same effect as the Rev. E. V. Cox. He says the peal was a very fine performance, the striking being excellent, but, he adds : "I think your correspondent made a great mistake when he said the bells go badly, as I myself raise the tenor in peal every Sunday evening (she is 48 cwt. with fittings), and I do not think you could find a better going ring of ten for their weight and position. We all know how awkward it is to strangers, and the noise is a little annoying, especially when a trip is made, but I heard one of the ringers pass the remark that it was not so noisy as he expected. Had the bells gone badly the striking would not have been so good."

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The bells of Beddington, as is usual on August Bank Holiday, were open to all comers. The annual flower show also takes place on this day. A goodly number of ringers assembled in the belfry, and a number of touches were rung in the following methods : Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob Royal, Superlative, Double Norwich and Stedman Triples, and the ringers were also honoured with the presence of our premier lady ringer—Miss Edith K. Parker—who rang in several touches (conducting one of Superlative). The conducting of the other touches were by Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. Driver, Smith, J. Parker, Joiner, Perrin and Perkins, and all were pleased at the pleasure it gave them in bringing every touch attempted to a successful issue.

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Mr. J. H. B. Hesse completed his 150 peals at Hersham on Saturday. They have been rung in 53 towers in 11 counties, and for 12 Associations.

AN APPEAL.

An appeal is being made to ringers for help for Mr. Edward Davies, a member of the Salop Guild, and a ringer at St. Chad's, Shrewsbury, for 14 years. Mr. Davies has had to have one of his legs amputated through cancer, and has, in consequence, lost his employment. The local ringers have started a fund with a sum of about £2, and it is hoped that other sympathisers will help, in order to assist Mr. Davies in starting a small business. Contributions will be gratefully received by Mr. Ernest Jones, 5, Cross Hill, Shrewsbury.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is my unpleasant duty to cancel the peal of Double Norwich called by me at St. John's, Leicester, on Monday, August 5th. On looking again at the figures, I find one false lead, and, unfortunately, I knew of its falseness long ago, and thought I had destroyed it. Instead, I looked it up and rang it. I offer my most humble and sincere apologies to the band who obliged me in this, my 200th peal, which must be rung again. Although the figures have not been published, I feel it incumbent upon me as a matter of honour and of conscience, to apologise and withdraw the peal. WILLIAM WILLSON.

RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO A VICAR.

The Vicar of St. James', Bolton, Bradford, Yorks (the Rev. C. H. King) attained his 82nd year on July 31st, and the ringers, to celebrate the event, made a presentation to him at a social gathering held at the Bolton Hotel. The churchwardens and a number of friends also attended, and the Chairman, on behalf of the company, wished the Vicar "many happy returns." The Rev. C. H. King had been a true friend to the ringers, and now that he was seeking retirement, after 37 years as Vicar of the parish, they hoped he would long be given health and happiness.—Mr. Broadley, in making the presentation, referred to the many kindnesses of Mr. King, and gave some details with regard to the bells, which were opened 34 years ago, Mr. Broadley being one of the first band.—Mr. A. V. Hammond and Mr. C. H. Owen also spoke, and the Vicar acknowledged the gift.—Messrs. Kendall, Nettleton, Broadley and Wickham, representing Shipley, and Messrs. Boddy, Mawson and Boocock, from Bradford, were also present, as well as Mr. Stead, the verger.—Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Plain Bob, were rung on tower and handbells during the evening.

DEATH OF A FARNHAM RINGER.

On Sunday, August 4th, there passed away, at Farnham, after a short but severe illness, William Lowman. Deceased had been ailing for some time from that dreaded complaint hemorrhage, and early in June this year, he was taken suddenly ill, and never again rallied. He was 46 years of age, and had lived in Farnham the whole of his life. He commenced ringing in 1886, but after a short time gave it up. He rejoined, however, about 1903, and rang his first peal of Grandsire Triples in 1905. He had rung ten peals in all, viz., Grandsire Triples, 5; Bob Major, 2; Bob Minor, 1; Minor in four methods, 1; in five methods, 1. As a striker he was one of the best, and delighted in hearing a touch or peal well struck.

Deceased leaves a widow and one daughter. The funeral took place on Wednesday week, and, in addition to the family mourners, was attended by deceased's fellow workmen and the ringers. Wreaths were sent from a number of friends, including the Guildford district of the Winchester Guild and the Farnham ringers. In the evening, a muffled peal was rung at the Parish Church, and at the express wish of the Rector the bells were half-muffled for Sunday ringing. The presence of William Lowman will be greatly missed in the tower. He had filled the office of secretary for several years, and carried out the duties with pride and zeal, of which the book of records of peals and touches will be a lasting memento.

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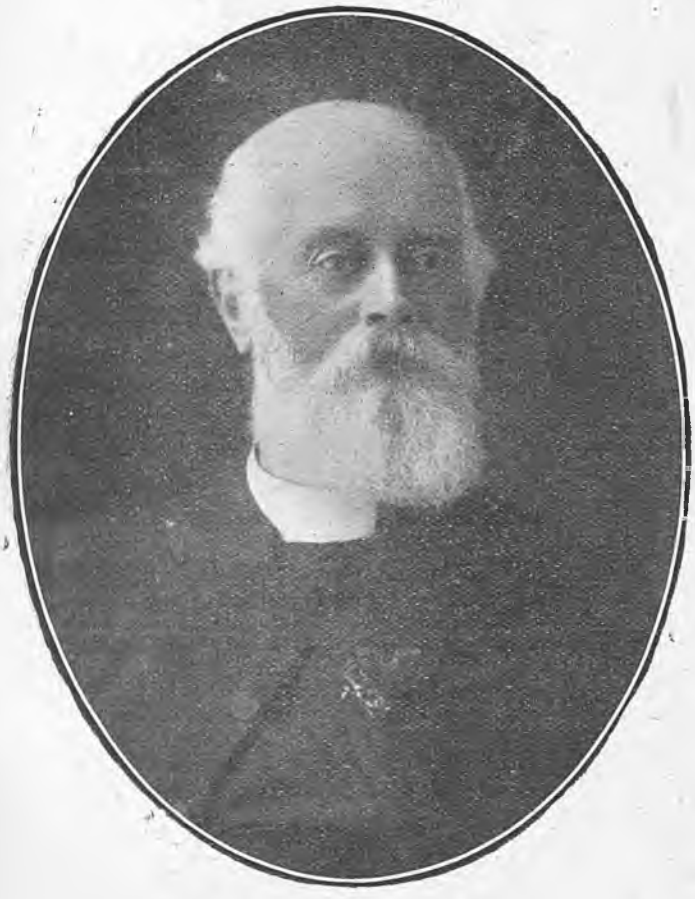
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THE CHESTER GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

PRESENTATION TO THE FOUNDER.

The annual meeting of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which was founded 25 years ago by the Ven. Archdeacon of Chester, was held at Chester on Bank Holiday, when a large number of ringers from all parts of the diocese attended. At eleven o'clock, a special service was held in the Cathedral, the sermon being preached by the Lord Bishop. His text was St. Paul's words: "Rejoice with them that rejoice, and weep with them that weep." He said he did not know whether these words were to be found among the inscriptions on bells, but they would all agree they might very well have a place there. Bells endeavoured to show a large and broad sympathy with the joys and sorrows of the parish, and beyond the parish the Church in her



THE VEN. ARCHDEACON BARBER, M.A.
Founder and Master of the Guild.

festivals, and with the nation on days of great national rejoicing or great national sorrow. Referring to the marvellous power of bell ringing, he said some of them had realised that power by the loss of the cherished delight. They had been in places where there were no bells, or just a single bell, and in some foreign countries bells were not allowed to be sounded. What a loss it was, and what infinite pleasure they experienced when the bells once more were allowed to deliver their message. If bell ringing was a good thing, and a thing to be recognised among the ministrations of the Church, obviously it ought to be made the very best. If they had a full peal of bells, even if they had skilful ringers, and there was not in the belfry a spirit of reverence worthy of the high calling of those who were bell ringers, then the downfall was a sad and lamentable one. The work of the Guild, he continued, was threefold. First of all it was to reform the belfry and all who laboured therein; secondly, to improve the art of change ringing, a peculiarly English art which caused our isle to be known as

"THE RINGING ISLE";

and, thirdly, to recognise the position of bell ringers as Church ministers, Church workers. In the Diocese of Chester there were nearly 600 members of the Guild, and about 80 honorary members, and would they not bear testimony that the influence of their membership had done a great deal to promote reverence within the belfry, to give greater skill and variety of interest and enthusiasm in the noble art of change ringing, and to make them realise, as well as others who had not their gifts, that they were nothing less than Church workers, ministers, who, like all the other ministers of the Church, should be clothed with righteousness? Alluding to the art of change ringing, he said it did not become him to speak of it, because he knew so little of it, but they could judge it by its fruits, by the glorious results which our English art of change ringing had produced; and they hoped that the work would go on from strength to strength, and continue to be one of the great glories of our native isle. He was sure they would not be content with calling others to the gladness of worship, but that they would be worshippers themselves in spirit and in truth; they would magnify their office (which was a different thing to magnifying themselves), and they would delight to know and feel that they were the authorised exponents of the sympathy of the Church with the parishioners in their hour of sorrow, and in their time of joy, and in that solemn moment when the old year passed away and gave place to the new. In days of national sorrow or rejoicing they would feel it was indeed a high trust to be exponents of those feelings and principles of sympathy, fellowship, and membership, which should be so characteristic of the body of Christ, and they would put the very best of themselves into the office. Music was not only to be found in the ringing of the bells, the playing of the organ, and the singing of the choristers and congregation. There was also the music of the heart—"Sing with grace in your hearts to the Lord"—which could be taken, and ought to be taken, about with us in all the business of life. We must not be contented until we had acquired this secret of minstrelsy and melody of the heart.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Guild was held in the Refactory, the Archdeacon of Chester (Master) presiding. He was supported by the Lord Bishop and the Hon. Secretary of the Guild, the Rev. A. T. Beeston (Stockport). — The Chairman was unanimously re-elected Master of the Guild, and, in replying, referred to its foundation. He said they might look upon the Oxford Guild as their parent, because it was from his experience there that he was induced to take such steps as he was able to take for the formation of the Chester Diocesan Guild. He thought the Chester Guild's membership of 600 compared favourably with Oxford's 1,000.—The annual report and the accounts were adopted.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston was re-elected hon. secretary, the Master remarking that he headed the list with 107 peals to his credit (applause). He was pleased to say that although he (the Archdeacon) was not a change ringer, a representative of his own belfry came second in the list.—It was decided to hold the next annual gathering in Stockport on the last Saturday in July.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Lord Bishop, the Dean and Chapter, and the incumbents who opened the following belfries to the ringers that day: Pulford, Aldford, Eccleston, and Christleton.—A resolution of congratulation was passed to the eight ladies in the south of England who had succeeded in ringing the first ladies' peal.

THE GIFTS TO THE MASTER.

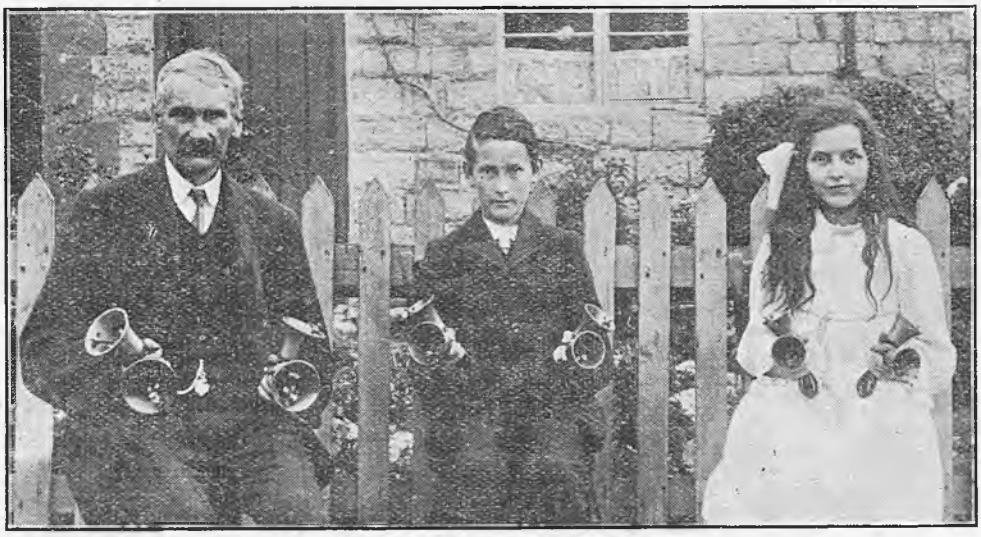
At the conclusion of the dinner, which was served by Mr. J. Williamson at the Freemason's Hall, the Master gave the toast of "Church and King," after which the Bishop presented to the Archdeacon a handsome silver salver, on which was inscribed a bell bearing the words: "Chester Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers. Presented to the Ven. Archdeacon Barber, Archdeacon of Chester, Founder and Master of the Guild, by the honorary and ringing members in recognition of his services as Master from 1887 to 1912."

The Bishop said they all hoped the Archdeacon would hold the office of Master for some time to come (hear, hear). He had brought the idea into diocese from the Diocese of Oxford, where he had seen the beneficent influences of a Ringers' Guild at work. He was not only the Master of the Guild, but he had fulfilled the duties of that office in a masterly way (applause). Out of 32 committee meetings he had attended 26, and out of 25 annual meetings had attended 22—a very creditable record (applause). He had never lost an opportunity of furthering the work of the Guild, and in carrying out inductions had spoken of the value of such an organisation and the dignity and usefulness of bell ringing. His service had not only been long, but admirable in its quality, and consequently they had desired to recognise it in a proper way. Four hundred members and 40 honorary members had contributed to the gift, so the Archdeacon would know how broad based was the recognition which was gratefully made to him that afternoon (applause). The Bishop also handed to the Master what he termed "a little friend not to be altogether despised"—a purse of gold.

The Master, who was taken completely by surprise, in acknowledging the gifts, said he was ever willing to do all he could for the Guild, and when he visited different parishes no greeting touched his heart as did the greeting, "How do you do, Master?" (applause). So long as he was spared he would do everything he could to further their interests (applause).

HADLEIGH. — At St. Mary's Church, on August 6th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Thorpe 1, W. Grimes 2, E. Willis 3, C. Willis 4, T. Reed 5, I. Emery, Bromley (conductor) 6

JUVENILE PEAL RINGERS.



MR. F. J. JOHNSON and his Son (aged 13) and Daughter (aged 11), who rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells on August 5th, as recorded in our last issue.

A RINGING TOUR IN NORFOLK.

HOW A SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY WAS SPENT.

Until a man has heard Mancroft bells he cannot say he has heard the best in England, and every good ringer has an ambition to score a peal there. So in due course our fellows said to me, "Fix us up a week-end round Norwich." With the generous help of local friends, I did what I could for the poor things, and the following is the sequel. Palgrave was the starting place, and Friday evening, August 2nd, the time, and thereon we had towers booked up to the following Thursday. Our aim was, if possible, not to ring the same thing twice over. Behold then the advance guard duly arrived at Diss, some by train and some by cycle, where we looked up Mr. Souter. He should have rung, but to our disappointment could not get away. There was, however, no lack of local ringers, and Mr. Poppy, of Eye, turning up at the right moment, was pressed into the band in place of Mr. F. Bennett, who has a grievance against the Great Eastern Railway for robbing him of his place in the first peal. At Diss they strike as well or better than any place in England, and as we rang the peal at Palgrave up to standard, you may take it that it was not a bad one.

STRANDED!

Some stayed the night at Diss, three of us cycled to Pulham, where I was supposed to have made arrangements. But now the first and only hitch of the tour occurred. First the four miles between the two places lengthened out to nine. We got there in the dead vast and middle of the night, or, to be less poetic and more precise, at 11.30 p.m., when all good people in the country had long since been safely tucked up in bed. In only one house was there a light, and, fortunately, that was Mr. Borrett's. He did his best to rouse the slumbering landlord. In vain. Then said he, "There are two things you can do. Take your choice. It is only a mile and a half up the road to the workhouse, or, if you prefer it, you can sleep under the hedge. It may not rain." Neither seemed to suit our views quite exactly, so he took pity on us and put us up himself. For all of which our thanks. I did feel somewhat of a fool, though, next morning, when I had to meet the ladies, after such an unseemly intrusion.

For Saturday, we had two peals arranged. The first was Superlative at Pulham, St. Mary the Virgin. Mr. C. T. P. Brice, formerly so well known as one of the excellent Rochester Row band, stood in, and we scored a first-class peal. Then on to St. Mary Magdalene, where we rang Middleton's 5056 of Cambridge—the first of Old Cambridge on the bells, and by the local men, though they ring New Cambridge as well as anyone.

THE CHIEF EVENT.

Some of us went on to Norwich that night, some of us lay at Pulham, but all turned up to time on Sunday afternoon at Hethersett, where, strengthened by Jim Davis and Bill Hewett, and Mr. Whiting from Pulham, we rang the first peal of Bristol on the bells. Monday morning was the time fixed for the peal at Mancroft, the central event of our visit, and the one we most wanted to get. We had the bells dropped to look at the ropes, but they wouldn't bear much looking at. Pray Heaven they last, and confound blisters! Kent Treble Twelve was called, and we quickly got the stride of the bells, and 3 hrs. 54 mins. saw a good peal ended. Our fellows were delighted with the noble twelve (and their equals are not yet cast), and mighty pleased with themselves, especially Jack Hesse, who had been looking forward to hearing the peal for a month or more. "And behold the half had not been told." Likewise, Alf. who rang the tenor, and rang her first-class. I am told, but can hardly believe it, that he had a whole pint of ale to himself to celebrate the occasion. This was his sixtieth peal this year. After the peal, one of our men was very anxious to hear the middle Gabriel eight, to the no small indignation of those whose hands were getting tender. During the next peals that man's hands got sorer than anyone's else, and when he was spied tenderly examining his blisters, he was sure to be invited to have a touch on the Gabriel eight.

THE FIRST PEAL OF NORFOLK IN NORFOLK.

From St. Peter's, with its 43 cwt. tenor, to St. John's, with its 10 cwt., is a big jump, and I was very much afraid the striking would suffer. It did not. With the help of Mr. Borrett, we rang the first peal of Norfolk Surprise in Norfolk. Outside, all the Norwich ringers listened, and the verdict was a jolly good peal in a jolly good method. The bells and belfry are in first-class order, and our thanks are due to Mr. George Mayers for meeting us and getting everything ready. Up early again Tuesday morning, and on to Marsham, the birthplace of Charles Middleton, of Cambridge Surprise fame. Here is a light peal, tenor 7 cwt., where aforetime was a good band. They rang one of the very first peals of Double Norwich; also a "touch" consisting of seven "peals" on six, and an "unparalleled" peal of 10,080, being the second time it was done. Here, with the heavy bellmen at the front and the light bellmen behind, and Alf. in command, we had no difficulty in ringing Double Norwich. Aylsham was the eighth tower, and Stedman Caters the method. This was the hardest job up to date. The bells all had a tendency to drop, and the ropes—well, the ropes were bad. The sallies all had had, as one put it, a very close hair-cut and shave. But our luck still held, and a good peal was the result. Frank Hair's 40th this year. Eight peals in eight methods and eight attempts wasn't so bad. And then Fortune, that fickle goddess, left us in the lurch. First, we missed the last train to Fakenham, and had to cut the attempt there. All the same, we are much indebted to Mr. Charles Tuthill for making arrangements for us, and are really sorry we could not visit him.

THE FIRST DEFEAT.

We went to East Dereham, where is a magnificent church and a detached bell tower. The bells are a lumpy peal, tenor 24 cwt. We started for Stedman Triples, but after two hours, a trip developed into a muddle, and out of the muddle the bells came shifted. Wednesday was a blank day. Then three had to go home to London, and the three left wended their way to Debenham, where a final peal of Superlative was rung. En route we called at Eye, to see Mr. Day, and spent several hours in his company. On Friday we should have gone

on to Felixstowe. We got that night to Woodbridge, but no further. Next day we went for a row on the river, but a heavy shower came on, and there was nothing for it but to go to an hotel and play bagatelle and drink bottled beer till the London train was due. It remains to express our hearty thanks to all those we met who did so much to make our visit the success it was: Messrs. Souter, F. R. Borrett, George Moy, C. Tuthill, Adcock, W. Grimes, and all the Pulham and Norwich men. Good-bye till we come again. J. A. TROLLOPE.

TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.

Situated among the Zowans (sand-dunes), which border the southern slopes of St. Ives' Bay, and in close proximity to the famous golf links, stands out boldly the ancient Parish Church of St. Uny, Lelant, dedicated to St. Elwyn, one of the numerous zealous Christians who migrated from Ireland in company with Fingar, son of a king named Clito, a convert of St. Patrick's.

The church possesses many objects of interest to the archæologist and antiquarian, with its Roman arch and piers, and several ancient crosses in the churchyard. The tower, containing six bells by Taylor, of Oxford, dated 1836, and rehung in iron frames, with "ball bearings," by Aggett, in 1905, with a tenor of 8½ cwts., was placed at the disposal of the Truro Diocesan Guild for the holding of a Minor Festival of the Penwith Deanery, by the respected Vicar, the Rev. W. R. Erskine.

Being favoured by an ideally fine day, there was a good muster of ringers from Gulval, Kea, Lelant, Madron and Towednack, notwithstanding the enforced absence of many in the harvest field. Ringing commenced at two o'clock, and was continued until late in the evening by the various bands in Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor.

A short service was held in the afternoon, conducted by the Rev. R. H. Sowell, Vicar of St. Kea, an enthusiastic ringer (in the absence from home of the Vicar), with an excellent address full of encouragement and advice to his brother ringers by the Rev. P. E. F. Berry, Vicar of St. Elwyn's, Hayle. A refreshing tea at the Lelant Hotel was not an unwelcome break in the proceedings of the day.

The main object of these Minor Festivals is educational, in that much of the afternoon is devoted to the assistance of individuals and bands of ringers in their endeavours to acquire the rudiments of half-pull change ringing. It is much to be hoped that the various Deaneries in the Diocese may be induced to inaugurate similar friendly gatherings for mutual help in a remote county, where the visits from the "giants in the art" are so rare.—Thanks were accorded to the Ringing Master (Dr. J Symons, Penzance), for arranging the festival, Dr. Symons received much valued help from Mr. W. J. Taylor, churchwarden, and also to the Vicar for the use of the tower.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday, at Middleton, and proved one of the best which has been held. Members were present from Middleton, Oldham Parish, Glodwich, Moorside, Milnrow, Rochdale Parish and St. Alban's, Balderstone, Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, Ashton, Pendleton, Radcliffe, Worsley and Manchester. The bells were set going to various methods during the afternoon.—At the subsequent business meeting, Mr. Sam Brierley was elected branch president, and Mr. Will Crabtree, committeeman for the next two years. Mr. William Saunders, of Coalbrookgate, Shropshire, was elected a non-resident member of the Association.—After the meeting, the bells were stopped till 8.15 p.m., owing to a band being in the park, which is close to the church. The ringers adjourned to the Ring o' Bells Inn, and courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters were rung on the handbells. On returning to the tower, the bells were kept going till 10 o'clock in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major.

A meeting of the Liverpool branch was held at Hale, on Saturday, members attending from Liverpool, Walton, Tuebrook, Widnes, Garston and Grassendale.—Tea was provided by the Vicar (the Rev. C. A. Clements), in whose absence the chair was taken by Mr. G. R. Newton. —One new member was elected, and Mr. W. Hughes was re-elected committeeman.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of bells, and for the tea, while a vote of welcome was passed to the visitors (Messrs. J. H. Sheppard and T. Groombridge, junr.). The methods rung were: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble, and Cambridge Surprise. A pleasant day was spent, and at the close, the Liverpool members had a drive home of about seven miles.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL "MISSIONARY" TOUR.

A meeting, arranged with the object of awaking interest in the outlying districts of the North Eastern branch, took place on Monday week. Members from Goldhanger, Kelvedon, Great Tey, Bocking, and Coggeshall, met at Coggeshall, where a start was made by brake, calling at Earl's Colne to pick up several more. The first halt was at Colne Engaine, where a few touches of Minor in several methods were rung, two of the local company taking part. Another three miles brought the party to Pebmarsh. Here a few six scores were rung on the five bells, including Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman. The ringers then proceeded to Gestingthorpe, where they were joined by some of the local men, and by others from Yeldham and Hedingham. —Touches of Oxford, Plain Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung after dinner, which was provided at Belchamp Walter. At Foxearth, on the lightest ring of eight in the county (tenor 7 cwt.), touches of Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative, were rung, and the party then returned to Belchamp Walter for tea. At the church, which was afterwards visited, they found the peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) badly in want of the attention of a bell hanger, for when trying to ring a touch of Major, part of the second wheel broke away, and after that the visitors had to be content with Minor on the back six. At all the stopping-places they were joined by the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (secretary of the Association), who journeyed by motor, and was accompanied by three other ringers, including Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Altogether the venture proved a success, and the ringers of Foxearth and Belchamp announced their intention of becoming members of the Association.

LEWES RINGER'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Mr. A. S. Langridge, for over 20 years steeplekeeper at Southover, Lewes, Sussex, took place on Wednesday week, when, in addition to the family mourners, there were present, among others, Mr. J. R. Lusted (churchwarden and vice-president of the Ringers' Guild, Mr. A. J. Turner (capt.). Mr. J. T. Rickman, Mr. G. Sturt, Mr. C. Errey, Mr. G. Moppett and Mr. A. Wheale (representing the Guild), Mr. D. Turner, Mr. R. Hide, Mr. E. Hillman, Mr. C. Blaber (representing the Ancient Order of Foresters, of which the deceased was a past Chief Ranger), Mr. Mayhew (representing the Order of Shepherds, of which deceased was a past Pastor). The service was conducted by Dr. Belcher, and four of the ringers acted as bearers. The floral tributes included one from the ringers in the shape of a bell, and composed of blue and white flowers. Mr. Langridge, who was 42 years of age, rang his first peal (Bob Triples), on October 14th, 1891, and his last (Bob Major) on October 25th, 1911, which was a birthday peal in his honour.

After the funeral, the bells at Southover were rung half-muffled, and in the evening a peal of Grandsire Triples, the record of which will be found in another column, was rung by past and present members of the Guild.

INTERMENT OF THE LATE MR. W. COOTER.

Among the large number of ringers present at the funeral of the late Mr W. Cooter, which took place, as recorded last week, at Manor Park Cemetery, were Messrs. A. D. Barker, G. Dorrington, T. Faulkner, E. Horrex, J. Rayner, R. K. Knight, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Joyce, Messrs. E. Lucas. J. Scholes. H. Springett, T. H. Taffender (Master of the College Youths), H. Torble, J. Waghorn, senr., and C. F. Winney. The family mourners included the widow and Mrs. Sharples (daughter). Afterwards, over the grave, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung upon handbells by: E. Horrex 1—2, S. E. Joyce 3—4, C. F. Winney 5—6, and T. H. Taffender 7—8.

WORKINGTON RINGER DROWNED.

SHEFFIELD RINGER'S FORTUNATE ESCAPE.

A sad boating fatality has occurred in Solway Firth, by which two Workington men lost their lives. One was Joseph Mawson, a member of the Parish Church ringers, and the other, William Bricknill. The former, who was 30 years of age, leaves a widow and three children, but Bricknill was unmarried. Mawson was an ardent boatman, and the owner of a half-deck 21ft. fishing boat, "The Briar," in which he and Bricknill, a competent seaman, went out about 6 a.m. Mr. G. Holmes, one of the Sheffield Parish Church ringers, who was visiting Workington, was to have accompanied the two men, and got up early especially to do so, but, having a bad face, he lingered over bathing it, and arrived after the boat had sailed. To this fortuitous circumstance he probably owes his life. The "Briar" and another boat, the "Louise," anchored between Workington and Harrington to fish for cod, and after they had been there about two hours were caught in a storm of wind and rain. Both boats tried to make for Harrington harbour. The "Louise" was grounded, and the occupants were rescued from the shore. Mr. Mawson, hoping to save his boat from damage, continued her course towards Whitehaven. Unable apparently to round Micklam Point in the teeth of the south-wester, he, however, put his boat round to the port, evidently intending to make for Maryport.

Once she was almost swamped, and the watchers gasped and paled, but she righted smartly again. When just opposite the wooden pier, barely four hundred yards away, a foam-crested wave swept down on the little craft, but her master luffed her up cleverly, and she rose like a bird stem on, but the weight of the water swept her nose round and broached her to for a fatal moment. Her way lost, her sails fluttering, she exposed the whole of her vulnerable length to the sea's assault. A bigger wave loomed and broke on her broadside, and in an instant boat and boatmen had disappeared from the sight of the scores gathered on the pier, so near and yet so incapable of aid.

A couple of hours later, the "Briar," stove through bottom and side, was washed on to the rocky shore near Moss Bay. The dead bodies were cast up at Workington, and at the inquest, which was held, a verdict of "Accidental death" was returned. Mr. Mawson had been a ringer at the parish church for some years, and had helped to win the challenge shield for ringing on many occasions.

NOTICES.

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LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, N.W., on Saturday, August 17th. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7.35 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited.—Wm. H. Hotten, Hon. Sec., 42, Thornhill Road, Barnsbury, N.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle rung will take place on Saturday, August 17th, to Alrewas (6) 3.30 p.m., and King's Bromley (6) 5 p.m.—Rev. E. V. Cox, Honorary Secretary, 6, Upper Forster Street, Walsall.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Long Buckby on August 17th, Isham or Weekby on August 24th, Earls Barton on August 31st, and Denford on September 7th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Worsley on Saturday, August 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome. The grounds at Worsley, belonging to the Earl of Elsmere, will be open to ringers and friends who can get to the church at 2.30 p.m.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on August 20th, St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street on the 29th, and St. Paul's Cathedral on the 20th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson. All members intending to attend the meeting are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Wednesday, August 21st.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brindle on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Drighlington on August 24th. Peal attempt at 2.30, business meeting at the Spotted Cow Inn at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8. Evensong 4.45. Tea (6d. each to members) at the Potter's Arms, Station Road, 5.30. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Wednesday, August 21st.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—A combined meeting of the Grappenhall, Runcorn and Stockport branches will be held at Warburton on Saturday, August 24th. Service 4.30.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, August 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 6. Tea (free) at the Wilberforce Temperance Hotel at 6.30, to be followed by annual general meeting. The Vicar, Rev. H. D. Dale, will preside at the tea and meeting. Will all members intending to be present at the tea kindly notify me not later than Tuesday, August 20th.—C. Tribe, Honorary Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS. — The address of Corpl. F. A. Holden is now Royal Marine Barracks, Chatham. —Mr. T. R. Hensher has removed to 2, Oakland Terrace, Agbrigg Road, Sandal, Wakefield, Yorks.—Mr. T. J. Salter's address is 12, Church Street, Kidderminster.

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MODERN WORK.

DISCIPLINE AMONG RINGERS.

The annual report of the Chester Diocesan Guild contains at least one point which, we think, concerns other associations as well as that for the members of which it was especially written. It refers to the question of unpaid subscriptions, and says "there are unmistakable traces amongst us of the spirit of independence and unwillingness to submit to the discipline attendant on being part of an organisation; and it would seem that the idea is entertained here and there that members can continue their membership on their own conditions." Now, this is a state of affairs which unhappily exists, we believe, in the majority of associations, and all secretaries experience at some time or another a difficulty in obtaining, with anything like promptitude, the payment of the annual contributions of some of the bands in union.

The causes are varied, but it may generally be attributed to apathy and slackness. There is no intention of breaking rules, but the importance of keeping the very essential one, which fixes the latest date by which subscriptions should be paid, is not realised. The fact that an Association is not in need of funds does not in any way improve the case of those who fail to observe the rules, but their action tends to undermine that discipline which should accompany belfry reform. When a band joins an Association they do so with the full knowledge that they subscribe to the rules by which the Association is governed, and for the sake of their own honour those rules should be strictly observed. We do not like the feeling that very largely exists that ringers are a law unto themselves not merely in the particular matter to which the Chester report calls attention, but in other things as well.

All too frequently, for instance, we have heard it said at a Central Council meeting: "We cannot compel ringers to do this, that or the other, we can only recommend." That is perfectly true as matters stand to-day. No ringers can be compelled to do anything, but we think, when they give their approval to the existence of such a body as the Central Council, by sending representatives to its deliberations, the decisions of that Council ought to be accepted and loyally acted upon. This point, upon which one might well enlarge, is used only as an illustration of the view that there is too much tendency in ringing circles to throw discipline to the winds. But where associations have difficulties in getting a full observance of their own rules it is not surprising that there is still less control when the authority and the individual are far less closely in touch with one another. The whole subject is one which might well receive consideration by the associations, but all we desire to do for the moment is to appeal to ringers to observe one of the rules which will lighten the work of every conscientious secretary in the kingdom.

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Tenor 17 cwt.

*CLIFFORD DAWSON ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH DAVIES	6
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ...	2	BART MITCHELL	7
*ARTHUR BRAINES	3	EDMUND WILLIS	8
ALBERT H. WARD	4	†FRED HICKLING	9
HERBERT DAY	5	ARTHUR BUTLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by FRED HICKLING.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor. This peal was arranged for Mr. Jos. Davies, who is home on a holiday from Northern Nigeria, West Africa; and the composition is now rung by this society for the first time.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

GILBERT GUEST... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM GOODMAN... ...	6
†SAMUEL PEARCE	2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	7
SAMUEL SPITTLE	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
‡CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
*FRANK W. PERRENS... ...	5	CHARLES FAULKES ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters with an inside bell. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor (Mr. John Goodman, Junr.). Messrs. Wallater and Perrens belong to Willenhall Parish Church, Pearce and Gough to Coseley, and the remainder to Dudley.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

EDGAR PEMBERTON ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	5
HARRY BARTON	2	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	6
WILLIAM J. NEVARD... ...	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
WALTER PERKINS	4	EDWIN GOODWIN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

Messrs. Catchpole, Motts, Pemberton and Sedgley belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower company, Ipswich; Perkins to Irthlingborough; Nevard to Great Bentley; and Barton and Goodwin to the local company.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

GEORGE E. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN T. BOTTRILL ...	5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	2	ALBERT E. WREAKS ...	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	3	WILFRED J. MOSS	7
WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

MARDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14¼ cwt.

CHARLES H. SONE, Senr. *Treble*		FRANK SHARP	5
†THOMAS E. SONE	2	FREDK. S. MACEY	6
*LEONARD STARTUP	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	4	*DAVID PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM JOHN JEFFRIES.

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

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...	*Treble*	GEORGE ROBERTS	5
JOHN JENNINGS	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
JOSEPH W. FIMENS	3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ...	7
GEORGE PARSONS	4	JACOB SEABORN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Witchell on their silver wedding day. The band heartily congratulated them, with thanks for Mr. and Mrs. Witchell's generous hospitality after the peal.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	...*Treble*	*ALBERT MILLS	5
DANIEL JONES	2	*WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ...	6
*ALBERT LITTLE...	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
JESSE SCREEN	4	HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

SALISBURY, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

FRANK W. ROMAINE ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	5
HARRY C. MARSH	2	*FREDERICK PRECEY ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT ...	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	ALBERT SOUTHEY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK PRECEY.

* First peal as conductor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES

Tenor 8¾ cwt.

*ARTHUR GOWER ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH SHARP	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr....	2	ERNEST GOWER...	6
JOHN THORNTON RICKMAN	3	EDWARD W. BRAY	7
GEORGE H. HOWSE... ...	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Canon Allen, B.D., Vicar of Christ Church and a vice-president of the Association.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM G. CRICKMER	*Treble*	*E. HOBART SMITH	5
†WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	6
ROBERT HAYWARD	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM FLORY	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. †First peal in the method on tower bells and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
*ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. F. Dawkins.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	*Treble*	*WILLIAM FOX	5
ERNEST B. CROWDER	2	GEORGE DURLING	6
*ALFRED JAMES	3	ISAAC EMERY	7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	4	*ARTHUR BYGRAVE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC EMERY.

* First peal of Stedman.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Friday, August 16, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN.
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION. Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

*CHARLES WILLIAMS	*Treble*	REV. ERNEST V. COX	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	THOMAS MILLER	6
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
MORRIS J. MORRIS	4	JAMES E. GROVES	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First Surprise peal, and rung on the 24th anniversary of his first peal.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE	*Treble*	GEORGE BULL	5
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2	LEONARD BULLOCK	6
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN	7
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	4	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal in the method as conductor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR CRANE	*Treble*	WALTER SEAR	5
JOHN MEAD	2	CHARLES W. SMITH	6
ALBERT J. GREEN	3	HARRY SEAR	7
CECIL A. VALENTINE	4	ALFRED G. CRANE	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

This peal was arranged and rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Crane and Miss Hopkins, the marriage taking place at St. Barnabas' Church, Sutton, Surrey, on Monday, August 12th.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT	*Treble*	JOHN HOYLE	5
JARROLD HAYWARD	2	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS	6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT	3	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	7
WILLIAM A. GARRARD	4	GEORGE A. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.

LYMINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST FISHER	*Treble*	GEORGE H. DAYNES	5
LOUIS HEAD	2	ALFRED G. KEDWELL	6
ERNEST CHEESMAN	3	WILLIAM H. WOOD	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	*JACK SKEER	*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

* First peal. The peal was arranged for George H. Daynes, captain of the St. Nicholas (Deptford) band.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

*ARTHUR R. KEELING	*Treble*	ARTHUR J. NEALE	5
†ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
†ARTHUR SPELLER	3	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN	7
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

*First peal. † First peal of Kent Treble Bob. The ringers of the treble and 4th were proposed members of the Association before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	*Treble*	JOHN CAPP	5
HERBERT RANN	2	ALFRED J. TURNER	6
JOHN T. RICKMAN	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
GEORGE PENFOLD	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

George Allder	...*Treble*	Herbert Cox	5
John Beams	2	James Blackmore	6
Jesse Eldridge	3	George Martin	7
Joseph J. Parker	4	William Henley ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Martin.

Mr. Beams, for whom the peal was arranged, was made a member of the above Guild before starting.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Lawrence,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

Albert V. Moore ...	...*Treble*	Arthur Knights	5
George W. Bemrose ...	2	Benjamin A. Knights ...	6
William Lambert	3	John Flint	7
John C. Dicken	4	George W. Moss ...	...*Tenor*

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

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,
A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Frederick C. Rich ...	...*Treble*	Sydney Hillier	5
Louis A. Wilson	2	Samuel J. Hector	6
Thomas Hogsflesh	3	Gilbert H. Harding ...	7
Charles J. Gardiner ...	4	Luther P. Smith ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Gilbert H. Harding.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, Mr. Gilbert H. Harding, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day. Messrs. T. Hogsflesh and L. P. Smith were elected members of the Salisbury Guild previous to starting for the peal.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Reading Branch.)
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Walter Webb	...*Treble*	Albert D. Cullum ...	5
Hubert Hatto	2	Joseph Hands	6
Charles Stone	3	Ambrose W. Osborne ...	7
George Essex	4	Ernest W. Menday	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. W. Menday.

HALSTEAD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Taken from "Clavis." Tenor 14½ cwt.

William Root	...*Treble*	Horace H. Cooper ...	5
James Fleuty	2	Ernest Ridgwell	6
Andrew Shufflebotham	3	Ernest Newman	7
Lewis Wiseman	4	*Frank Claydon ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. Claydon.

* First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Root; also as a farewell to the Vicar, the Rev. J. Oakley.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles in the Fields,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse ...	...*Treble*	Maurice F. R. Hibbert	5
Ernest Pye	2	Alfred W. Grimes ...	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	James E. Davis	7
Charles T. Coles	4	William Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by William Pye.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SILSDEN.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(Silsden Branch.)
On Saturday, August 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising 720 each of New London, Duke of York, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 12 cwt.

*John Winstanley ...	...*Treble*	Richard Brown	4
*John Horace Winstanley	2	*John Cooper, Junr. ...	5
Arthur Ellis Lambert ...	3	*Arthur Adams ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Adams.

* First peal. This peal was rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the consecration of the church, and is the first peal rung on the bells by the local company.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, August 17, 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 Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and College Exercise, and two 720's each of Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Treble Bob.

Roland Pollard ...	...*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Stoneley ...	4
Walter J. Horton	2	Thomas W. Chapman ...	5
Thomas H. Vallance ...	3	E. Harry Stoneley	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Washbrook's No. 1.

Maurice Smither	1—2	James Hunt	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Conducted by Alfred H. Pulling.
Umpire: W. E. Maulden.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, August 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At George IV, Brunswick Street, Haggerston,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1—2	Bertram Prewett ...	5—6
George R. Pye	3—4	William Pye	7—8
Ernest Pye		9—10	

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by William Pye.
Umpire: A. W. Grimes.

Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey and Mr. W. Pye, both of which fall on the same date.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, August 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At Leyland, Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

William Shepherd ...	1—2	*John S. Goldsmith ...	5—6
Arthur F. Shepherd ...	3—4	Alfred H. Pulling ...	7—8

Composed by J. A. Trollope, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.
Umpire: R. J. Polley.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, August 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

James Hunt	1—2	Maurice Smither	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	*William A. Woodrow ...	7—8

Frank Blondell ... 9—10

Composed by Cornelius Charge, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire: S. Radford.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair.

ROTHERHAM, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.)

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
In the Ringing Chamber of St. Stephen's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Handbells, size 18 in G.

*Arthur Hague	1—2	Clement Glenn	5—6
George Lewis	3—4	Walter Allwood	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire: John H. Brothwell. Witness: Wilfred Lloyd.

* First handbell peal in the method away from the tenors.

RECEIVED TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

HINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

George Whitehand ...	*Treble*	A. G. Bennington	5
George H. Cross	2	George Howchin	6
Frank H. Davey, R.N. ...	3	Albert G. Warnes ...	7
Frederick J. Howchin ...	4	Bertie J. Howchin	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Bennington, who hails from St. John's, Deptford. The ringers thank the Rector (Rev. A. C. W. Upcher) for the use of the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Remigius,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Carter's Twelve-Part. Tenor 10 cwt.

George H. Cross ...	*Treble*	Frederick J Howchin ...	5
Frederick Knights, Senr.	2	Bertie J. Howchin ...	6
A. G. Bennington	3	Albert G. Warnes ...	7
William A. Hempel ...	4	George Howchin ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frederick J. Howchin.

Arranged for A. G. Bennington, of Deptford. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. Canon J. Still for the use of the bells.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

*Charles Mills ...	*Treble*	George Archer	5
*Tom Ford, Junr.	2	Frederick Roope	6
Clement J. More	3	William Roope	7
John Souter	4	Frederick R. Borrett ...	*Tenor*

Composed by York Green, and
Conducted by Frederick R. Borrett.

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

ST. ALBANS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Thomas Hull	*Treble*	Richard Chalkley	4
Ernest Hunt	2	*James Payne, Junr. ...	5
John Malyan	3	Frederick Jeffs ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Malyan.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. R. Chalkley, and also in celebration of his recent wedding.

The ringer of the 6th in the peal at Eckington, on August 10th, was J. Brothwell, not Boothwell as published.

THE PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In going through life we frequently experience instances of "things that had better have been left unsaid," and this has recently occurred in your journal—the live paper we all think so much of. On looking through Odd Changes last week, together with letters on the same subject this week, I feel, as conductor of the peal of Stedman Caters recently rung at Hereford Cathedral, that I ought to say a few words on the subject. Peals of Stedman and other methods have been attempted here by various bands for a very long time past, many years before the time of the present generation, but all have failed. Those acquainted with the place know the cause. The report of our success in the local papers, amongst other things, has the following announcement: "Thirteen attempts can be recalled, but every time a failure, the Cheltenham band, and the pick of all England, being amongst those who acknowledged themselves defeated. But on Bank Holiday a band of members of the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, had a trial by permission of the Dean of Hereford. . . . Many ringers assembled in the Cathedral Close, and very much enjoyed the grand striking which sounded spendidly over the City—like a dulcimer playing."

Speaking from a long experience I may sum up the case as follows:—The bells are a magnificent ring of ten, tenor 44 cwt. in C, and the "go" of each bell individually is perfect, but my experience certainly showed that they go "lumpy" in peal, for at the same positions of the heavy bells in each course, some of them tend to "drop," whilst later on they "run up," or "horse" as it is generally termed. Of course the weight necessarily causes a great deal of vibration to be set up with an old wooden frame, which, together with the oscillation of the tower as well, causes all this. Mr. Cox alludes to the going of the 6th, but I rang this particular bell on the Sunday, and greatly prefer it to the treble.

The local company may well be proud of their bells, and I am proof positive that every care is taken by the steeplekeeper, and others concerned. Your correspondent, Mr. H. Taylor, is quite correct, for I have seen him raise the tenor single-handed in peal! We are also greatly indebted to this gentleman for his kindness in greasing the bells twice during the progress of the peal, and to me personally during the visit he was kindness itself! His devotion and attention to the bells and ringers are beyond all praise.

During a peal, these bells have to be kept well in hand—in fact over rung, and owing to this fact my hands became very sore, and there is not the slightest doubt that showing them to some friends together with a casual remark that "it was enough for one day," led the writer of your paragraph to conclude that the "bells went badly." The greatest difficulty of all is the deafening noise, which, owing to the bells swinging only a few feet above the ringers' heads, is very great indeed, and most confusing. Enthusiasm is the great key note to success here, together with proved ringers of stirling ability, and these are what I had on the present occasion, for, being holiday time, and the train services disorganised, many of my Birmingham friends had to leave their city at four o'clock in the morning! Without the services of such an excellent and trusty band, I should indeed have failed here, as many others before me had done.—Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT COSELEY.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A handsome peal board has been presented to Christ Church, Coseley, by Mr. W. Cheshire, a former ringer and chorister. The board records two peals of Grandsire Triples, and a peal of Bob Major, the latter the first peal of Major rung by a Coseley band. The dedication and unveiling of the board took place on Saturday week, at a special service that was held. The new Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Price) officiated, and among those present were the Rev. E. V. Cox (honorary secretary of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford), Mr. H. Mason (representing the Dudley Guild), Mr. A. E. Parsons (representing the Worcestershire Association) and ringers from the following towers:—Bilston, Bradley, Lichfield, Sedgley, Walsall, Tipton, Smethwick (including Miss Pigott), Wednesbury, Wollaston, Willenhall, West Bromwich All Saints, West Bromwich Christ Church, Wolverhampton St. Peter's, Wolverhampton St. Luke's, and the Coseley ringers.

Ringing commenced at 3.30 with a touch of Canterbury Pleasure Major by the Coseley ringers, and was then taken up by the visitors before and after the service in the methods of Grandsire, Stedman, Oxford Bob and Darlaston Bob Triples, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich and Bob Major, the bells going up to 9 p.m.

The service was choral, and the Vicar preached an appropriate sermon on the uses and the message of the bells.

At the conclusion of the service, the board was unveiled by Mrs. W. H. Hawthorne (wife of the Vicar's warden).

THE BOARD.

The inscription on the board, which is of handsome design, is as follows:—

Society of Bellringers for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. On Friday, May 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells, in honour of Queen Mary's birthday, Groves' Variation, Parker's 12-Part Peal of Grandsire Triples, 5040 changes, in two hours and forty-one minutes. Wm. A. Jeavons, treble; Arthur Baker, 2nd; Walter Grinsell, 3rd; Samuel Pearce, 4th; Benjamin Gough, 5th; Samuel Baker, 6th; W. Fisher, 7th; Albert E. Law, tenor; conducted by W. Fisher.

On Tuesday, December 26th, 1911, eight members of this church rang upon these bells to commemorate the 28th anniversary of the institution of the Rev. W. Spencer, Vicar of Coseley, J. J. Parker's 10-Part (No. 1) Peal of Oxford Bob Triples, 5040 changes, in two hours and forty-three minutes. The ringers' names follow.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells, and by all except the conductor.

On Tuesday, February 6th, 1912, eight members of this church rang upon these bells in honour of the safe return from India of their Majesties, King George and Queen Mary, a peal of Bob Major, 5040 changes, in three hours and nine minutes, composed by Sir Arthur P. Heywood, Bart. (Then follow the ringers' names). First peal of Major by all excepting the ringers of the 5th (Ben Gough); 6th (W. Fisher); and tenor (Samuel Baker). This is the first peal of Major ever accomplished by a Coseley Band of Ringers.

W. Spencer, M.A., R.D., Vicar; W. H. Hawthorne; W. E. F. Marsden (churchwardens)

This peal tablet was presented by William Cheshire, Esq., a former ringer and chorister of this church, in honour of the first peal of Major being rung by a Coseley Band of Ringers.

A SOCIAL GATHERING.

Afterwards about 80 sat down to tea in the schoolroom, the catering being under the supervision of Miss Law, assisted by the ringers' wives and friends. Letters of apology were read from Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Haworth (Ettingshall), Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Cheshire (Smethwick), Mr. Rowland Cartwright (Wombourne), Miss Parker (London), Mr. W. D. James (Clergy House, Bordesley), Dudley Parish Church Ringers (per Mr. H. Sheppard), Mr. J. E. Groves (Birmingham St. Martin's Guild). Mr. Wm. Cheshire (the donor of the peal board) was unable to be present through indisposition.

The Vicar, in welcoming the visitors, referred to the spirit of co-operation which existed among them, as was shown by the presence of ringers from other parishes. They were all part of one great church and one brotherhood. He was pleased to see among them his clerical brother, Rev. E. V. Cox (from Rushall).

Mr. Gough said that Mr. Cheshire had sent photos of the peal board to all the ringers whose names were on the board, and to the churchwardens and Vicar.—Mrs. Price (the Vicar's wife) kindly presented these to each performer, and to the churchwardens' wives.

Mr. B. Gough then moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Cheshire for presenting the peal board. The donor was an old Coseley ringer, and with the speaker (Mr. Gough) used to travel about to the different belfries. Messrs. W. R. Small and Mr. John Goodman, senr., were the instructors to their band many years ago, and Mr. Pardoe introduced change-ringing into Coseley, while Mr. Cheshire was the first Coseley man to ring a peal of Stedman Triples. A little over a year ago Mr. Cheshire promised them the peal board when they could ring a peal of Major. They started with Bob Major, and accomplished it at the second attempt. The peal board would record the names of the ringers for their children's children, and would be handed down to posterity.

Mr. Wm. Fisher seconded the vote of thanks, and it was carried with acclamation.

Mr. A. E. Law proposed, and Mr. S. Baker seconded, a vote of thanks to Mrs. Hawthorne for unveiling the peal board, and both Mr. and Mrs. Hawthorne replied.

Mr. W. E. F. Marsden (people's warden) proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for preparing the tea. He was proud of the fact that they could find all of their ringers at the communion table, which was the test of churchmanship.—The Rev. S. Floyd seconded, and the vote of thanks was heartily endorsed.

Mr. W. Rock Small (Tipton) proposed a vote of thanks to the clergy, choir and others who had officiated at the service. They were all pleased with the Vicar's words that afternoon, and he thought that the new Vicar was the right man in the right place. Their Vicar would look after the ringers. If the Vicars always understood the ringers there would be more harmony between Vicar and belfry than often existed. He had been a bellringer in that neighbourhood for fifty years, and he could assure the Vicar that the present times in respect of ringers could not be compared with early days. In past years the bellringers were not of the class that they were at the present time, and at the same time they did not receive the encouragement that they ought to have had. The old days of conviviality in the belfry were past. There was a great improvement in change-ringing. Bellringing was not frolicing, and often meant four or five hours conscientious work. He could say that more than half the ringers now attended church, once if not oftener on the Sunday.

Mr. Harry Mason, the Rev. E. V. Cox, Mr. A. Parsons and the Rev. S. Floyd also spoke, and the Vicar, in responding, said there was no better friend to the Coseley ringers than Mr. W. H. Hawthorne. Referring to the suggestion that had been made that a ringing chamber should be put in the tower, the Vicar said he and the churchwardens would do their best in the matter.

Selections were given on handbells, and the ringers then returned to the tower.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT HINTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I expected to see a communication from a more highly-placed official in last week's "Ringing World," in respect of one or two points in connection with the handbell peal at Hinton, Worcestershire. No one can be more sorry than myself to say anything that will appear to detract from such an unusual and extraordinary performance. The peal report says Miss E. M. Johnson was elected a member previous to starting. Now as the peal was rung at Mr. Johnson's house, I presume the election took place there, and such a proceeding is not provided for by our rules. If Mr. Johnson will read the last paragraph of Rule 3, he will see it distinctly says an election may, when actually necessary, take place at a belfry meeting of the association—a private house cannot by any method of reasoning be construed into a belfry. Further, who was there to do the election? Going on the report, only Mr. Johnson and his son were there; that would be father and son to elect the daughter—quite a family arrangement. Mr. Johnson must see the thing is a farce, and if allowed, there is no knowing where elections would be taking place in future, as the Association could refuse nothing after accepting this, and we should become a by-word in the ringing world.

Secondly, there is no mention of an umpire. I think it is most unfortunate Mr. Johnson did not take the precaution to have the presence of a person qualified to guarantee the truth of both ringing and conducting, so that in future there could not be any possible chance of saying "if" or "but," about such a very creditable performance. Anything in the nature of a record should always be done under conditions that permits of no possible doubt, whether it be Doubles, Cinques or anything else I hope Mr. Johnson will take the earliest opportunity of getting his daughter duly elected, and repeat the performance with a qualified umpire.—Faithfully yours,

W. PAGE.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Aug. 11, at St. Mary's Church for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 45 mins.: G. Usher 1, J. Tarbun 2, A. Speller 3, W. Wellington (conductor) 4, H. Richell 5, A. Tarbun jun. 6, A. Tarbun 7, A. Bowers 8.

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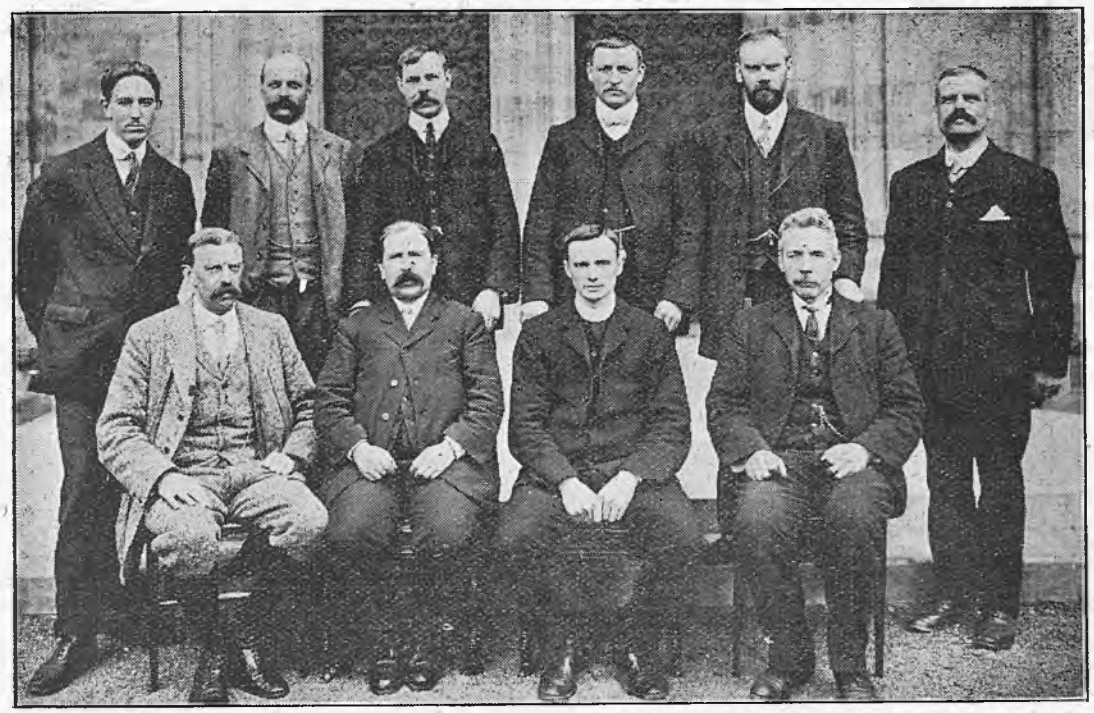
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THE PEAL AT HEREFORD CATHEDRAL.



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Standing: W. D. James (5), J. H. Shepherd (6), S. Grove (7), R. Matthews (8), J. E. Groves (9), J. Neal (tenor).

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We hear that the fabric of the tower of Gloucester Cathedral has been declared unsafe to withstand much ringing of the bells, and that there is little likelihood of this grand peal being rung to any extent in the future. It may be that steps will be taken to strengthen the tower. We sincerely hope so; indeed it is a work that ought not to be neglected. The safety of such a building is a diocesan, if not a national concern, and we imagine the responsible authorities are fully alive to their responsibilities in the matter.

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The state of affairs at the Cathedral, however, gives a wider interest to the appeal which is being made for funds to restore and augment the ancient peal at the church of St. Mary-de-Lode, in the city of Gloucester. In this tower there is at present a peal of six, with a tenor about 13½ cwts. They are, however, in a dilapidated condition, the fifth being entirely broken down so that only five bells can now be chimed. The 4th and 5th are bells dating from 1636, while the 2nd and 3rd were cast in 1705, and the tenor in 1710. If sufficient funds are forthcoming the peal will be restored and made into a ring of eight, and an appeal for assistance is made to all ringers, and especially to ringers in the dioceses of Gloucester and Bristol. Outside help will be necessary if the work is to be carried out, for the parish of St. Mary-de-Lode is one of the poorest in the city.

Certain ringers who visited Cambridge on August Bank Holiday and the previous day were lucky to escape alive, for we hear that some of the inhabitants would like to have the scalps of those who disturbed their Sunday afternoon siesta, and gave them something like eight hours music on the Monday.

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The Sunday afternoon peal at St. Andrew's was lost after an hour and three-quarters ringing. What would have been said had the peal been successful? During the second peal of Stedman Cinques at Great St. Mary's on Monday the Provost of King's College thirsted for the blood of the ringers. The bells disturbed the college evensong, and a porter of ponderous proportions was dispatched with peremptory orders to stop the ringing immediately. The ringers, perhaps luckily for them, were secure behind locked doors, and the emissary of King's knocked in vain. Happily there is, as Vicar of Great St. Mary's, such a man as the Rev. A. H. Boughey.

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Mention of St. Andrew's recalls the fact that the bells of this church have been heard ringing in London. This is no catch. The bells are over 50 miles from the metropolis, but they almost overhang the Cambridge Post Office, and their pealing has been distinctly heard over the telephone by persons in London. This must be a record for the distance at which bells have been heard.

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St. Mary's Church, Oatlands Park, Surrey, will shortly possess a new ring of eight bells (tenor 12 cwt.). The

bells in question are those which were used for the "Festival of Empire," at the Crystal Palace last year, and were booked by the church authorities subject to their ability to raise the necessary funds. The work is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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The Arthurs have scored another peal. As long ago as October 31st, 1896, they rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at Lewisham for the Kent Association; last Saturday they scored a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major for the Essex Association, Mr. Arthur Neale having taken part in both.

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Great credit is due to the ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Superlative at St. Peter's, Palgrave, on Monday. Young Tom Ford is only 16 years of age, and it was his 24th peal. His performances have all been on an inside bell, and comprise the following: Grandsire Triples 1, Stedman Triples 1, Bob Major 2, Oxford Treble Bob 9, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich Major 9, Superlative Surprise Major 1, total 24. This is quite a remarkable record.

SPLICING OF MINOR METHODS.

The system of ringing more than one Minor method in a true 720, as advocated by the Rev. H. Law James, is one which all those who seek for progress in ringing must favour. The "splicing," however, has its pitfalls, and, in view of the fact that a false peal has been rung by the Chester Diocesan Guild through ignorance of the conditions necessary for joining up the methods, Mr. E. H. Lewis, of Frodsham, sends following rules which have to be observed :—

Two or more methods which are to be spliced into a true and complete 720 of Minor, must have the same place made at a plain lead-end. That is to say, methods with 2nd's place made at a plain lead-end can only be spliced to methods with 2nd's place at a plain lead-end; and methods with 6th's place to methods with 6th's place. Subject always to this condition there are three ways of splicing methods, as follows :—

(1) In the case of plain methods only, if the in and out-of-course of the changes correspond row for row in a lead of two methods, those methods can be singled together. The in-course lead-ends are rung in one method; and the out-of-course lead-ends, in the other method, may be singled in either in a single block of 360 changes, or in a number of smaller blocks.

(2) If two or more methods contain the same changes in the plain course, one of the methods may be substituted for another, wherever a complete course occurs between two consecutive bobs.

(3) Certain groups of Treble Bob methods contain the same changes in a plain lead. In this case a lead of any method of the group may be substituted for any other method at any lead-end of the 720, be it plain or bobbed.

By combining two of these ways of splicing it is possible to get as many as four plain methods or five Treble Bob methods into a 720. There are 40 Treble Bob and Delight methods which will go into eight 720's.

It is possible, Mr. Lewis adds, to single together by method 1, two 360's, which have been built up, each of two methods, by method 2. He also gives an interesting example of what may be done by splicing methods together :—

	23456		Plain Bob
—	23564	1	Double Bob
s	63452	1	Hereward
s	64352	5	Double Bob
—	45236	1	
—	45362	3	Plain Bob
s	32456	4	Double Oxford
s	34256	5	Plain Bob

Twice repeated.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells on Saturday, August 31st. The length will be about 20,000, and the starting time about 12 o'clock noon. Ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford.

A PEAL WITHDRAWN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is my duty to cancel a peal of Treble Bob Minor in ten methods rung at Norbury, Cheshire, on April 8th, 1912. The peal contained a 720 of Oxford and Burton coupled together, which, after investigation, is false through a repetition of some 32 changes. Evidently, these methods will not go together for a true 720. I therefore offer my sincere apologies to the band who rang it. — Yours faithfully,

JOHN W. HARTLEY.

AN INQUIRY.

Mr. James Fernley writes that on July 25th, at Norbury, Cheshire, a 720, marked No. 13, page 17, in the "Collection of Legitimate Methods" was rung. If not already named the company that rang it would call it "Grove Delight," as it is a 4th's place Delight Method.

Mr. Fernley adds that progressive Minor ringers very often find themselves mixed up with the names of methods, and it would greatly help them if the Central Council once and for all, named all the methods in the collection.

A STAFFORDSHIRE CYCLE RUN.

On Saturday last, a visit on cycles was paid by members of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, to Alrewas and King's Bromley, ringers being present from Burton, Rushall, Rugeley, Tamworth and Wolverhampton. It was gratifying to find that as a result of a visit, which some of the members paid to Alrewas about a year ago, the Society's advice had been taken, with a consequent improvement in the "go" of the bells. Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Canterbury Minor were rung there after requisitioning the local handbell box to make up for the lack of stature on the part of one of the visitors who had unfortunately left his own "box" behind. A run of four miles then brought the party to King's Bromley, where the new vicar (Rev. W. V. Chilwell), has recently been instituted. Being a ringer himself he was very pleased to welcome the society and help to raise the bells. His father-in-law (Mr. Baldwin), happened to be on a visit from Handsworth, and accompanied him to the belfry. Mr. Baldwin belonged to the St. Martin's, Birmingham, company some forty years ago, and, although he rarely takes a rope now, joined in some six-scores of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a 420 of Bob Minor. One of the party, who is not unknown at meetings far and wide, left the village with a high appreciation of the vigilance of the local constabulary, and, as we expect, made up his mind to test no more footpaths, as to their superiority over greasy roads in country villages. It is rumoured that he wished that the Shenstone peal had been "on." Ere this appears in print we believe he will have paid a flying visit to Stafford, but alas! not for ringing. Before the cyclists' departure, Mr. Osborne, one of the local men, rang the treble to a few courses of Grandsire Doubles, this being his first introduction to change ringing. The best thanks of the society are due to the incumbents for putting the bells at the disposal of the visitors, and to Mr. Kent for having everything ready at Alrewas.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.—On August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the 25th annual festival of the Cheshire Diocesan Guild, a touch of 1440 Minor, being 720 of Plain, and 720 of Oxford Bob was rung in 51 mins: J. Thomas 1, J. Dunning 2, W. Thomas 3, *G. Pierce 4, J. Morgan 5, E. Richards (conductor) 6. *1st 720 of Oxford Bob.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCS.—On Tuesday July 23rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 50 mins., in honour of the marriage of the Rev. C. H. K. Boughton, son of the Vicar and President of the Guild: T. H. Parkin 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, W. A. Miller 3, C. H. Bird 4, T. P. Hockuell 5, R. Oliver 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.

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THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

The annual outing of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, was held on Saturday. "Six a.m. sharp" was the order, and didn't it fetch the sluggards out of bed? We were all there excepting three, who were to be picked up at the other end of the town, by 6.30. The programme was a drive round to some of the famous rings in Suffolk, and having boarded our conveyance we set out, although be it said, not in very high spirits, for it was raining, and, by the look of the skies, it looked as if it might be going to rain all day. Stoneham Aspall was our first stopping place, but before reaching there the rain had ceased, and the weather fortunately kept fine for the rest of the day. There is a nice musical peal of ten at Stoneham Aspall (tenor 24 cwt.), all from the Whitechapel Foundry, although they are not all of a family, there being five different dates, ranging from 1742 to 1826. It was here, and at Coddenham, three or four miles away, that Theodore Ecclestone, the ringing squire of a hundred and fifty or so years ago used to ring. A couple of courses of Stedman Caters, and three leads of Treble Ten were rung, after which we visited another "Ten Bells," namely the village inn of that ilk, where more changes were disposed of, in the shape of breakfast.

We were under way again by 9 a.m., and an hour's drive brought us to Mendlesham, a peal of five, tenor weighing about 16 cwt. Here Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and then, under the conductorship of the Rector, we inspected the rare and interesting collection of armour, in the priest's chamber, over the north porch. Leaving at 10.45, we had a long drive, through old world villages, straggling and sumbrous, "The haunt of ancient peace," to Yaxley, a peal of six, tenor about 12 cwt. The Rector was waiting to greet us, and whilst some of the party rang, he showed the others round the church, pointing out the different features of interest, and more especially, the finely proportioned north porch. After all had rung here, it was only about a half hour's ride to our furthest point Eye, where we were met by Mr. F. Day, the well-known bell-hanger, who had everything in readiness for us. Before ringing, lunch was partaken of at the hostelry of "The Eight Bells," after which the tower was visited, and touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples rung upon the fine peal of eight. Leaving Eye, we took the road back to Ipswich, through Debenham, our first stopping place being Thorndon, where we found, after a hunt for the keys of the church, a light ring of six, with tenor about ten cwt. Our stoppage here was memorable for two things, firstly, one of the party, who shall be nameless, suffice it to say that he has rung a considerable number of peals, successfully called his first touch, viz., three leads of Treble Bob. The other was an attempted "cease," of which the less said the better. They evidently do not keep a fire engine in this village, or it would have been brought out. From here we went on to Debenham, the home of the long peal of Oxford, where we arrived at 4.30. The genial steeplekeeper, Mr. W. Grimes, had things in readiness for us, and we soon had this grand peal going to Double Norwich, after which a couple of courses of Stedman Triples and a course of London Surprise was rung. Dinner was the next thing at the Cherry Tree Hotel. The usual toasts were drunk, and votes of thanks passed afterwards, and a very enjoyable hour spent. Debenham was left at 7.0, and a half hour's drive brought us to Helmingham, our last call. These are a fine peal, with tenor just on a ton, with the note of E flat. They are all by T. Mears, jun., and bear the date 1815, so they were evidently cast in celebration of the victory at Waterloo. Mr. Whiting, the steepekeeper, had the bells in readiness for us. A course of Oxford, and a touch of Grandsire Triples were soon rung, and thus, right away for Ipswich, which was reached at 10 p.m. Thus ended a very successful outing, which will live long in the memories of all who took part in it. In conclusion this opportunity is taken of tendering the thanks of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society to all who helped to make the outing so successful; incumbents for the use of the bells, steeplekeepers for having things in readiness, and last, but not least, Messrs. J. and W. Motts, who made all the arrangements.—C.J.S.

PENDLETON RINGERS AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The eighteenth annual picnic of the St. Thomas', Pendleton, ringers was held on Bank Holiday. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Taylor, a party of twelve journeyed to Loughborough, but several who should have gone were prevented from various causes. As soon as Loughborough was reached, a near cut was taken to the foundry, where refreshments were waiting, and proved extremely acceptable to the party after travelling over 78 miles. A look round the tuning shop and fitting shop, where were found bells of all sizes, in various stages of completion, and some old ones ready to be broken up, followed, and then the belfry, with its little octave, was reached. After a touch of Stedman, Kent and Superlative were rung to give all a chance. Then the moulding shop was inspected. Here there were more bells and moulds, some in the sand and others on benches waiting for holidays to be over and men back to work them, to complete them for the pleasure of some out-of-the-way town miles away.

The next move was to the bells of long peal renown for a touch of Stedman Caters and Kent Royal, time not permitting for more. "I don't wonder at ringing the clock round here," "I could keep them going for hours," and such-like remarks passed round after the peal had been tried. A conveyance was then waiting, and "go" was called for a seven-mile spin over the country roads, which gave the party an appetite for what was waiting at the "Durham Ox," Sixhills. After three good "courses," a short walk brought the visitors to Mr. Taylor's bungalow, and after a walk round the grounds, another short drive brought them to Prestwold, a church almost buried in the trees. Here they found a light peal of eight, which were once started to make history, but did not succeed. On this occasion, touches of Superlative and Stedman sufficed, and then the journey was continued to Stamford-on-Soar, where time would not permit of more than a touch of Superlative. The next halt was at Mr. D. Taylor's home, and tea was spread on the lawn tennis court.—After tea, "beef" challenged "mutton" to a game of bowls, and after a fine struggle, "beef" got home two points in front. Then the heavyweights had to try their skill, but they had no Joshua among them to command the sun to stand still. The worst part of the day's outing came next, when the party had to say good-bye to all friends old and new, who had helped to make the day so enjoyable. The company wish to thank Messrs. Taylor and ringing friends for their kindness.—Mr. J. Taylor took charge of the oldest and youngest of the party, and drove them in front of the rest in his motor, but he, having to leave before the rest, the youngster was disappointed that the motor was not left behind to drive him to the station—common horses seemed vulgar after a day out in the motor-car.

HAMMERSMITH.

The St. Paul's, Hammersmith, Guild of Ringers and friends visited Hertford for their annual outing on Aug. 5th. Reaching Hertford about 11.45 a.m., the party at once made their way to St. Andrew's Church, where there is a nice ring of eight, upon which some well struck touches of Bob Major, Grandsire, and Stedman Triples were rung. Lunch was partaken of at the White Hart Hotel, after which the tower of All Saints' was visited. There is a fine ring of ten in the tower, and touches of Grandsire Caters, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major were rung. After tea a walk was taken to Bengo, where some touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent were rung on the light ring of six. A return was then made to St. Andrew's tower, where some well struck touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were brought round.

The members of the Guild desire to thank the Clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the local ringers for having everything in readiness, and for their pleasant company.

ST. PETER'S, BOURNEMOUTH.

The ringers of the above church held their annual outing on Saturday, Aug. 3, when a party augmented with friends set out from Bournemouth on an eighty-mile motor trip. Journeying by way of Ringwood and Fordingbridge, with brief stops at each place for "petrol," which, by-the-way, was sold by the glass in the New Forest, Salisbury was reached. Here the party had the bells at St. Martin's at their disposal, and found Mr. J. S. Rumming, the genial district secretary of the Salisbury Guild, waiting to receive them. Touches of Stedman Triples and Bob Major were safely brought round. After lunch and a look round Salisbury, the car was again boarded en route for Romsey, which was reached well up to time. Here Mr. A. R. Macdonald joined the party, having come out from Southampton for the purpose. Touches of Stedman and Bob Major were rung on the bells of the historical Abbey, whilst the non-ringing members of the party found plenty to interest them. Southampton, the next stop, was reached well up to schedule time, and here Mr. and Mrs. George Williams joined the party en route for Bournemouth. A visit was paid to the docks, to inspect the giant liner "Olympic." The huge liner was an object of great interest, but somehow one's mind would go back to her ill-fated sister ship, the "Titanic," and it was possible to feel how feeble man's efforts are against nature. At last the party were compelled to leave the great vessel and join their car for the homeward trip, which was accomplished with a brief stop at Lyndhurst, the echoes of the New Forest being awakened by some of the vocalist members of the party. Bournemouth was safely reached just after ten, everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day.—The best thanks of the party are due to all those who helped to make the outing a success.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.

The Uckfield ringers had their annual outing on Monday, Aug. 5, when they journeyed by brake to Burgess Hill and Bolney. They indulged in ringing at both churches, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Minor and Major being brought round.—Luncheon was provided at Burgess Hill, Mr. F. W. Gould presiding.—Mr. J. A. Hart (the captain) proposed "The health of the Chairman," and referred to the keen interest which Mr. Gould had displayed in the ringers.—Tea was partaken of at Bolney, and after tunes on the handbells, the party returned to Uckfield via Cuckfield and Hayward's Heath.

SHIPLEY, YORKS.

The Shipley Parish Church Society held their annual outing on Monday, July 29th, when they visited Loughborough. After a long ride through country which was under water for miles and miles, Lough-

borough was reached about 11.30 a.m., and a visit paid to the bell foundry, where the visitors were met by Mr. J. W. Taylor, who placed the party in the hands of Mr. Dexter, who piloted them round the works, where everything of note was explained, and to the foundry tower, where, on the most musical peal of 8 a short touch of Treble Bob was rung, and a touch of Bob Major was attempted, but came to grief owing to a broken stay. Subsequently the visitors rang at the Parish Church, and after an inspection of the interior, wended their way back to the foundry, where, at the kind invitation of Mr. Taylor, they had tea.—A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Taylor for the kind way in which he had entertained the party, and for the arrangements which had been made for their comfort.—A similar vote was accorded to the Vicar of Loughborough for the use of the bells in the Parish Church, and to the Shipley churchwardens for making the trip possible.

CHRIST CHURCH, WANSTEAD.

The members of the Christ Church Society, Wanstead, had their sixth annual outing on July 13th, when, accompanied by Rev. A. W. Goodhart (one of the curates), they visited the neighbourhood of Colchester. They were met by Mr. W. J. Nevard, who had very kindly undertaken the arrangements for the day. The party breakfasted at Great Horkesley, and afterwards were welcomed at the church by the Rev. Storr. A 720 Minor was rung, the first by Jack Smith. After several short touches the drive was continued to Nayland Church. Several touches were rung to enable all the party to take part in the ringing, and afterwards the interior of the church was inspected. Over the altar may be seen a very fine drawing of the Saviour, by Constable, and at the west end are some old brasses in fairly good preservation.

Stoke by Nayland was the next objective, and here the bells, although a heavy peal of six, go fairly well, and touches of Minor and Bob Doubles were successfully brought round. The view from the top of the tower is well worth the labour of the climb, as on a clear day Lavenham and other churches may be seen. No individual visiting the district should omit the opportunity of seeing the interior of the church, the monuments and carving being exceedingly fine. The next call was at the Angel Inn, where a most bountiful dinner had been prepared.

Higham was reached about three o'clock, and half an hour was spent in ringing Minor and Doubles. Then the party proceeded to Stratford St. Mary, where Mr. Winney was awaiting their arrival, and the bells were soon off for 720 Oxford. After ringing for 15 minutes, however, the visitors were requested to stop, owing to illness almost next door to the church. Greatly disappointed by this, the bells being such a beautiful peal, the ringers wended their way to the Gun Inn at Dedham, where an excellent tea had been provided. Tea over, the Secretary thanked the Rev. A. W. Goodhart for accompanying the party, and asked Mr. Nevard to accept the sincere thanks of all for the trouble he had taken in making the arrangements, that being the third time he had undertaken to do so on their behalf.—Both the Rev. Goodhart and Mr. Nevard replied, after which the company adjourned to Langham Church, which is situated in the Park. Here the bells were kept going for about an hour and a half to touches of Minor and Doubles, and 720 of Bob Minor, which was C. Pethy's first 720. Leaving Dedham at eight o'clock, a very pleasant drive of six miles brought the party to Colchester Station, and Wanstead was reached by midnight. Thanks are due to the various clergy for allowing the visitors the use of the bells, and also to the tower keepers for having the bells in readiness.

Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.

CHESTER GUILD.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The published report of the Chester Guild, which, as recorded in our last issue, was adopted at the annual meeting, is one which evidences a most satisfactory state of affairs. The Guild has been established for just 25 years, and for the first time, after meeting all claims there remains in the hands of the treasurer a sum exceeding £100, the actual amount being £102 6s. 9d., to which has to be added £3 18s. for subscriptions outstanding, and £51 10s. 6d. balances in the hands of branch secretaries, making a total of £157 15s. 3d. During the year three fresh towers—Dodleston, Hayfield and Nantwich, came into union, and the strength of the membership at the close of 1911 was: Life members 5, hon. members 69, ringing and probationer members 626, non-residence life members 89, total 789. The number of peals rung was 56, a decrease of eight on the previous year, and it was rather regrettable, the report adds, that the area over which they were distributed was considerably less. The returns showed the greatest activity in the Bowdon and Stockport, Chester and Crewe branches. The number of members who took part in peals was the largest on record.

The report proceeds: It is regrettable that the necessity has once more arisen of calling attention to the failure here and there to comply with the rule of the Guild respecting the time when payment of subscriptions should be made. Only last year the Master made a special appeal for punctuality in this matter, and at the last Annual Meeting the members judged it necessary to record by resolution their regret at, and protest against, an instance of neglect of the rule by a whole Branch. It is most discouraging to say that no apparent improvement has resulted. Neglect of proper supervision and freedom from the discipline of organisation in the past naturally resulted in our ringing ancestors becoming a law to themselves, and so independent of all external control. Such a practice and attitude were naturally passed from one generation of ringers to another, and in some measure at least we of the present generation have inherited, and are being influenced by them. There are unmistakeable traces amongst us of the spirit of independence and unwillingness to submit to the discipline attendant on being part of an organisation; and it would seem that the idea is entertained here and there that members can continue their membership on their own conditions. It is obvious that the true peace and growth of our organisation are threatened by the presence of such a spirit and idea; for we must not forget that Belfry Reform, with the introduction and maintenance of a true system of order and discipline, is one of the main objects of the Guild. It would be a thousand pities to sink back from the level of improvement we have reached during recent years; and as such improvement has not been gained by ignoring or by treating as trifling and unimportant any irregularity, so we are constrained again to refer to the continued failure here and there to observe the rule mentioned, and to appeal to all to co-operate in preventing such failure in the future.

The report added, in conclusion, that the bells at Cheadle and Weaverham, had received the attention of the bellhangers, the old six at Frodsham had been retuned, and two new trebles added, and a new rung of six had been put in the new church at Wallasey.

RINGERS AT CRICKET.

RUGBY BEAT LUTTERWORTH.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Lutterworth, and St. Andrew's, Rugby, had an enjoyable day on Saturday last, when a cricket match was played between the two companies. The weather, although dull, kept fine during the progress of the match, and although the scoring was not high on account of the wicket being decidedly in favour of the bowlers, the quality of the play generally was good.

The match was played at Lutterworth on a field kindly lent by Mr. P. Rourke, one of the local ringers, and was watched by a few interested spectators, most of whom were friends of some of the players. It is worthy of note that the Rugbians had a London Surprise band on the field, and incidentally a "Rugby Surprise" band too, as their Lutterworth friends found, and the result of the match will show. The rival captains were the respective Ringing Masters, Messrs. Williams and Fenton, and on the latter winning the toss, the St. Andrew's men decided to bat first. Messrs. Fenton and George opened the innings, but, alas, friend James did not stay long, being splendidly bowled by Tipler, a trundler of some fame, who also took four of the Rugby wickets at very small cost. The remainder of the wickets fell to Messrs. Jackson and Rogers, the latter being responsible for the downfall of Malins who made top score for Rugby.

The Lutterworth innings opened disastrously, the first six wickets falling for three runs. The whole of the wickets were taken by Messrs. Heywood and Joynes, the former being responsible for six. The full scores were as follows:—

RUGBY.		LUTTERWORTH.	
George b Tipler	0	Ross c and b Heywood	1
Fenton run out	1	Rourke b Heywood	0
Chandler run out	1	F. Poole b Heywood	0
Wheeler b Tipler	5	A. Poole	0
Bramall b Tipler	0	Tipler lbw. b Heywood ...	1
Oliver b Jackson	0	Jackson b Joynes	1
Heywood c Tipler b Jackson	0	Rogers not out	2
Joynes b Tipler	2	Tilcock b Joynes	4
Malins b Rogers	7	Green b Heywood	0
Hessian not out	4	Williams c Hessian b	
White c Butler b Rogers ...	0	Heywood	2
Extras	3	Butler run out	2
		Extras	2
Total	23	Total	15

At the conclusion of the match a visit was made to the tower where the bells were raised, and a touch of Grandsire Triples rung, after which an adjournment was made for tea.

The Wycliffites were certainly more of a success with the knife and fork, than with bat and ball, and naturally both sides came in for a deal of good natured chaff. Tea over, the tower was again visited, and the bells set going to Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Kent, Superlative and London, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Williams, George and Fenton. Some of the local men rang Stedman for the first time, and it is hoped that ere long we shall hear of some of them ringing their first peal in the method.

A social gathering was afterwards held, courses of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Stedman Caters being rung on the handbells. Those contributing to the vocal part of the programme were Messrs. Rourke, Prentice, Chandler and our old friend Sam Poole, who although not in the best of health kindly obliged by singing, "The Mangle," which was the "star" turn of the evening.

The Rugby ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank most sincerely their Lutterworth friends for their kindness in making all arrangements for the match, tea and ringing, which made such an enjoyable outing for all who were fortunate enough to take part.—A.J.H.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Northern District of the London County Association was held at St. Martin's, Gospel Oak, on Saturday, and during the afternoon and evening touches in the following methods were rung, viz., Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Double Stedman, Plain Bob Minor, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor, and Woodbine. A large number of members attended, and the quality of the ringing was good. Afterwards the members adjourned to St. Anne's, Highgate, where an hour was spent in ringing touches of Triples and Major on this very fine peal, which has only just recently been rehung. The business meeting was held at the conclusion of the ringing.

MISCELLANEOUS.

MAIDS MORETON.—On June 20th, 720 Bob Minor: *H. Hayden 1, *A. Jones 2, *H. Jones 3, E. Nichols 4, *H. Jones 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Minor.—On June 25th, 720 Bob Minor: A. Jones 1, E. Nichols 2, H. Jones 3, H. Stopp 4, H. Jones 5, A. J. Green (conductor) 6.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—On Sunday, June 23rd, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, T. J. Watts 2, J. Ansell 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.—On June 30th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, G. Jordan 2, J. Luckey 3, F. M. Butler (conductor) 4, T. Jordan 5, W. Watts 6, T. J. Watts 7, A. Jordan 8.

BISHOP RYDERS, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday evening, July 7th, on the occasion of the 12th anniversary of the Vicar's appointment, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: S. Coley 1, A. T. Scrivens 2, J. Porter 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, G. A. Taylor 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. B. Collett 7, T. Pearce 8.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME. — On Sunday, July 7th, after evening service, on the 68th anniversary, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Hallbrook 1, A. Bashforth 2, R. Davies 3, W. H. Idle 4, F. Ryder 5, R. Newton 6, W. Ryder (conductor) 7, S. Burrows (first quarter-peal) 8.

NORTHAMPTON.—On July 8th, at St. Giles', 1080 Stedman Caters: H. Blundell 1, S. Millward 2, W. Allen 3, J. Metherall 4, W. Farey 5, W. Sharp 6, J. Hensman 7, F. Wilford 8, F. Hopper (conductor) 9, E. James 10.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—On Saturday, July 6th, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief after ringing 2540 changes, in 1 hr. 32 mins.: A. Evans 1, A. E. Coles 2, G. Chamberlain 3, F. Iley 4, E. B. Crowder 5, M. Morgan 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7, G. H. Pruen 8.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On July 12th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *E. Wells 1, H. V. Fletcher 2, *Miss C. E. Banks 3, *L. Reed 4, J. B. Hallifax (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. V. Fletcher. * First 720.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX. — At St. Nicholas' Church, on Sunday, July 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. H. Lee 1, H. Stalham 2, A. Swetman 3, E. Lindup 4, E. Ede 5, G. Balchin 6, C. Blackman 7, Alf. Mills 8. Conducted by H. Stalham. Great credit is due to Mr. Alf. Mills in assisting in this quarter-peal owing to his loss of a leg.

OXFORD.—On Sunday, July 14th, for evening service, at St. Mary Magdalene, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: C. H. Hughes 1, W. J. Smith (conductor) 2, R. W. Green 3, T. H. Taffender 4, F. Hedges 5, F. J. Hardy 6.

LEICESTER.—A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1261 changes) was rung with bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late A. Millis: G. Holmes 1, L. E. Allen 2, G. Pilmore 3, A. S. Pettitt 4, C. H. Fowler 5, W. J. Scriven 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (composer and conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.—On July 20th, 720 Victoria Treble Bob: W. Hollocks (conductor) 1, H. Gladwell 2, A. Symonds 3, C. W. R. Grimwood (Tooting) 4, H. Crick 5, H. Poulson 6. This was Mr. Grimwood's first attempt in the method.

HEPTONSTALL.—On Sunday, July 28th, in 1 hr. 3 mins., a date touch of 1912 changes in five different methods, including 720 Woodbine, 600 Oxford, 504 Kent, 72 Duke of York, 16 Bob Minor: T. Robertshaw (conductor) 1, W. Ingham 2, J. Armstrong 3, F. Robertshaw 4, R. Vowell 5, J. Robertshaw 6. Rung as a farewell to the old six bells which are going to be recast and two new tenors added (the tenor to be about 17 cwt.) by Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughboro'.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 1280 Bob Major: W. Short 1, Miss K. Thatcher 2, W. Boughton, senr., 3 C. Boughton 4, F. Boughton 5, W. Shilvock 6, W. Boughton 7, J. Barber (conductor) 8. Rung as a farewell to F. Boughton, who sailed for Melbourne on August 2nd, with the best wishes of his fellow ringers.

LONG EATON.—On Sunday, July 28th, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Hickton 1, R. Drage 2, R. Hickton 3, G. Freebury 4, N. Widdowson 5, G. Walker 6, J. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. Andrews 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Friday, July 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: J. Taylor 1, A. Wilson 2, H. Hastings 3, M. Harris 4, H. Kettle (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6.

CAMBRIDGE.—Society of Cambridge Youths.—On Monday, August 12th, at Great St. Mary's Church, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major in 50 mins.: W. B. Kempton 1, G. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, T. R. Dennis 4, P. Taylor 5, F. Brown 6, W. Eusden 7, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (conductor 8).

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Long Buckby on Saturday. The church is dedicated to St. Lawrence, and has a peal of five bells, with tenor about 18 cwt., in good condition. Touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening. Tea was partaken at Mr Mason's, 18 being present from St. Giles', St. Edmund's and St. Peter's, Northampton, Weston Favel, Isham, Guilsborough and Harlestone, a short business meeting following, the chair being taken by the Rev. J. O. Hichens (Rector of Guilsborough.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at St. Giles' or St. Edmund's, Northampton, on "Mop" Saturday, October 12th.—Mr. W. Sibley, of St. Peter's, Northampton, wsa elected a member.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector (the Rev. Geo. Crossley) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. J. O. Hichens for presiding, and to Mr. Mason for the excellent tea.

TOUCHES IN ESSEX AND SUFFOLK.

While staying at Great Bentley, Essex, as the guest of Mr. W. J. Nevard, the following ringing was arranged for Mr. W. Perkins, of Irthlingborough.

Great Bentley.—Aug. 3rd, 168 Grandsire Triples, and a course each of Double Norwich, Kent, Treble Bob, and Stedman.

Hadleigh, Suffolk.—On Sunday, Aug. 4th, 224 Kent Treble Bob, and 224 Bob Major: F. Reed 1, P. Almond 2, J. Bowell 3, W. Perkins (conductor) 4, A. Andrews 5, G. A. Andrews 6, W. J. Nevard 7, W. J. Hazell 8.

Polsted, Suffolk. — For the Gospel Oak Service, 360 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Perkins 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Andrews 3, J. Bowell 4, G. A. Andrews (conductor) 5, W. J. Hazell 6.—360 Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, W. Perkins 3, T. Reed 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. J. Hazell 6; and 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. Symonds (conductor) 1, T. Reed 2, H. Crick 3, J. King 4, I. Emery 5, T. Hollis 6.

Stoke, Suffolk.—A plain course each of Cambridge, Double Court, Oxford and Kent. The bells at this church are sadly in need of the bellhanger. They run in the order of 1 2 3 6 4 5.

Ardleigh, Suffolk.—A course each of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major.

Cove Hythe, Suffolk.—120 Grandsire and Stedman Doubles: J. Motts 1, C. J. Sedgley 2, C. W. Catchpole 3, W. Perkins 4, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 5.

Thorington, Essex. — 720 each of Cambridge, Double Court and Oxford Treble Bob: P. Almond 1, W. J. Nevard 2, A. Andrews 3, W. J. Hazell 4, G. A. Andrews 5, W. Perkins 6.

Great Bromley.—On Aug. 6th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor, P. Aldmond 1, A. Andrews 2, W. Perkins 3, J. Bowell 4, W. J. Hazell 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor) 6.

Tendering. — On Aug. 8th, 720 Plain Bob: P. Almond 1, A. Andrews 2, C. Madin 3, W. J. Nevard 4, G. Jennings 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

St. Osyth, Essex.—On Aug. 9th, 720 Plain Bob: W. Dines 1, P. Almond 2, A. Andrews 3, E. Eady 4, W. Perkins 5, W. J. Nevard (conductor, 6.—720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Eady 1, H. Savell 2, A Andrews 3, P. Almond 4, W. J. Nevard 5, W. Perkins (conductor) 6.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A monthly meeting of the Biggleswade branch was held at Southill on Thursday week, but was not very well attended, owing to holidays and other counter attractions. The towers represented were Sandy, Old Warden, Blunham, Clifton, Biggleswade, and Hitchin, while Miss E. Steele, of Bedford, and two local ringers were also present. A 360 Bob Doubles was rung by J. Vinter (Warden) 1, Miss E. Steele (Bedford) 2, F. Blood (Biggleswade) conductor 3, C. A. Pratt (Clifton) 4, W. J. Mayes (Warden) 5, J. Elkins (Blunham) 6; also a 720 Plain Bob in 26 mins., by Job Vinters 1, W. J. Croft 2, C. A. Pratt 3, W. J. Mayes 4, G. T. Croft 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6. Touches of Treble Bob with the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake, of Sandy, were also brought round. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Arlesey on Thursday, Sept. 5th.—The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of bells.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Seal Chart on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open at 3.30. Service in church at 5. Tea will be provided at Frankfield after the service, by the kindness of the Misses Wilkinson.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Brindle on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Accrington, on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Burgess Hill on Saturday, August 24th. Tower open from 3.30 till 8. Evensong 4.45. Tea (6d. each to members) at the Potter's Arms, Station Road, 5.30—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Hythe on Saturday, August 24th. Ringing to commence at 3 o'clock. Special service at 6. Tea (free) at the Wilberforce Temperance Hotel at 6.30, to be followed by annual general meeting. The Vicar, Rev. H. D. Dale, will preside at the tea and meeting.—C. Tribe, Honorary Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Rawtenstall on Saturday, August 24th. Bells ready 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 prompt. Appointment of branch secretary and committeeman. A good attendance is requested.—T. Rollerson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 7th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The school room close by will be available for the business meeting, about 5 p.m., and also for handbell ringing. The Worksop Company's handbells (61 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Permission has been granted for members to view the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion. Tea may be obtained at 1s. per head by advising Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop, by September 5th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. All are welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and should be paid as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5.30, which members and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Tea at 6, 6d. each.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Dronfield (6 bells) on Saturday, September 7th, 1912.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGERS AND THE PUBLIC.

The vilification of the bell ringer is not new. Very frequently in the public press those who do not appreciate the music of the bells vent their feelings by spiteful and usually anonymous wordy attacks, and invoke malediction upon the devoted heads of those who give their services in calling the congregation to worship. A case of this sort has just happened at Congresbury, where "a parishioner" has complained of the bells being rung regularly for Sunday services, and suggesting that the ringing should be confined to one or two Sundays a month, the bells being chimed on the other occasions. Other points are raised in the letter to the "Weston Mercury," but this is one which is of no small concern to the Exercise generally. It is almost needless to say that there followed, in the next issue of the paper, a very effective reply. The Vicar of Congresbury had a complete answer to all the allegations and criticisms, and we are glad to see that the cudgels were taken up on behalf of the ringers by one thus in authority.

This question of the relationship between ringers and the public has more than once been discussed in these columns, and we should imagine that there can be no occasion when complaint can be less justified than when it concerns bells rung for the Sunday services. Apart from any question of rite or custom, there are few people who have a real objection to ringing on these occasions, and in the Congresbury case the whole tone of the complaint looks as if some ulterior motive prompted the writer, who has probably been completely silenced by the Vicar.

In regard to peal ringing, however, another and a wider question is opened up, and some notes which appeared in our last issue have drawn a striking letter from the Rector of Great Munden, who is a ringer and Master of the Hertfordshire Association. He takes a bold line upon the subject of ringing long lengths in populous districts, and from the unprejudiced standpoint there is much to be said for the views he has put forward as to the position between ringers and public, although few members of the Exercise will, we think, agree with his suggestion for reducing the arbitrary minimum of what constitutes a peal. The great point which we would urge and, because we believe it to be in the truest interests of the Exercise we emphasise it with all the power at our command, is that ringers should show consideration, as we believe it is shown to a large degree, for the feelings of the public by exercising reasonableness in the use of the bells for their own pleasure, even to the extent of making sacrifices. Moderation in the amount of ringing done, and effective steps in the structural arrangements of the tower to prevent annoyance to the public, will add to the respect in which ringers are held.

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On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5184 CHANGES;

ROBERT CHRISTIAN ...	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN THOMPSON ...	6
ARTHUR ELLIS	2	HARRY WRIGHT	7
DENISON HAYWARD	3	JOHN GOLDING	8
WILLIAM BLYTH...	4	THOMAS FAULKNER	9
EDWIN TODD	5	WILLIAM LEE	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. ANDREWS, and
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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs.

FREDERICK ROOPE ...	...*Treble*	*GEORGE BAXTER	5
WILLIAM STEELE	2	FREDERICK SURRIDGE ...	6
CHARLES ROOPE	3	WILLIAM ROOPE	7
CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK BORRETT ...	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by FREDERICK ROOPE.

* First peal in the method.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, August 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BIDDLESTONE'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

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 as a farewell to the conductor, prior to his leaving for Australia.

FORDINGBRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, August 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PRECEY... ...	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	ROBERT P. KNIGHT... ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	7
LEONARD HARRIS	4	ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS...	...*Treble*	CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	5
FRED BRACE	2	†JAMES W. NEWMAN... ...	6
WILLIAM NEWMAN	3	CHARLES F. WHITE... ...	7
*ALFRED DODD	4	WILLIAM A. PUGH ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late W. Whitehouse, for 19 years a ringer and tower keeper at this church.

CHESTER, CHESHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, August 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	WALTER THOMAS	5
HENRY W. WILDE	2	JAMES MORGAN...	6
WILLIAM SCONCE	3	ERNEST CHANELL	7
CHARLES PRICE	4	JAMES V. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

First peal in the method by the Association and on the bells.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM D. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	SIDNEY CARTER	7
DANIEL F. GIBBONS	4	ARTHUR HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

The peal was arranged for J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM DELLOW ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	5
FREDERICK C. PERRIN ...	2	HENRY G. THOMPSON ...	6
LAWRENCE G. THURGOOD	3	HENRY G. ROWE	7
HARRY SMALE	4	GEORGE RADLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ASPINWALL, and
Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal in the method. Rung after meeting short for Treble Bob.

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

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS R. SCOTT ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT E. STAVERT ...	5
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
RICHARD DARLOW	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	FREDERICK G. GEORGE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY FARLOW	...*Treble*	ALBERT LITTLE	5
DANIEL JONES	2	*BENJAMIN CLARK	6
EDWARD HORTIN...	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
GEORGE CLAYBROOK	4	WILLIAM LAWLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. FALLON.

* First peal with a bob bell.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, August 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MODWEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Treble*	LEONARD BULLOCK	5
WILLIAM J. SMITH	2	JOSEPH T. DYKE	6
*JOSEPH H. BRITTAN	3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	7
THOMAS DICKEN	4	FRANK SHEPHERD	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

WELLS, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 28 cwt.

*HARRY FRY	*Treble*	WALTER J. MILLS	5
HARRY J. TRIM	2	WALTER FARLEY	6
EDGAR G. LUSH	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
A. E. COLES	4	HERBERT G. FARLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Treble*	JOHN W. JONES	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	7
ERNEST BRETT	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

Arranged for J. W. Jones, who hails from Newport, Mon.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	JOSEPH MADDOCK	5
ALFRED WYATT	2	ALBERT E. COLES	6
SIDNEY WYATT	3	ISAAC CREED	7
HENRY J. CREED	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

First peal of Kent for all, excepting the ringers of the treble, 5th and tenor, and first on an inside bell in the method for the ringer of the 5th. Arranged specially by C. R. Lilley for J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., by whom the best thanks are given to the band, especially J. Maddock for getting the use of the bells and having everything in readiness.

WOOLWICH.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG	*Treble*	HARRY C. BECKFORD	5
WILLIAM J. ALDRIDGE	2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	6
ERNEST PYE	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	†WILLIAM HORSLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. Pickering).

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, August 23, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARTHUR H. READER	*Treble*	FREDERICK BUTCHERS	5
STEPHEN J. PERKINS	2	ALBERT RELFE	6
JIM BEACH	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	7
ANDREW MARSHALL	4	EDWIN LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

First peal in the method by all the band, and by the Association.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	THOMAS FITZJOHN	5
ARTHUR SYMONDS	2	*WILLIAM STANNARD	6
PERCY FORDHAM	3	JOHN R. POULSON	7
FREDERICK A. POULSON	4	HARRY S. RICHOLD	*Tenor*

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. This was arranged for the ringers of the 3rd, 5th, 6th and tenor, who hail from Mildenhall, Thetford, Worlington and Long Melford respectively. This is the first peal on the bells since they have been rehung by Messrs. Day & Sons, of Eye, Suffolk, the "go" being excellent.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

A. F. MARTIN STEWART	*Treble*	JOHN H. BENSTEAD	5
*DANIEL F. GIBBONS	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE A. CARD	3	JAMES PARKER	7
MISS EDITH K PARKER	4	GEORGE PAICE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. F. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10¾ cwt.

R. ALLAN HICKTON	*Treble*	ALBERT H. WARD	5
EDWARD C. GOBEY	2	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON	6
GEORGE WALKER	3	ALBERT COPPOCK	7
JOSEPH BAILEY	4	JOSEPH DAVIES	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK I. HAIRS	*Treble*	*WILLIAM J. NUDDS	5
HENRY J. RANZETTA	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
ISAAC EMERY	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Old Cambridge.

LONG ASHTON, CLIFTON, BRISTOL.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	*Treble*	THOMAS F. KING	5
GILBERT H. HARDING ...	2	*GEORGE HENRY GALE ...	6
JOHN A. BURFORD	3	WILLIAM A. CAVE	7
WILLIAM KNIGHT	4	*JOSEPH CAPLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

* First peal of Stedman. Ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th hail from Bristol; 2nd and 5th from Bath; treble (who was elected a member previous to starting) from London; 6th (for whom the peal was arranged) and tenor from Easton-in-Gordano. Quickest peal on the bells.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUTON'S TWELVE-PART.

FRANK COOK	*Treble*	SIDNEY ANNIS	5
WILLIAM SHEPPARD	2	CHARLES CAMM	6
GEORGE DOLPHIN	3	JAMES ADDIS	7
WILLIAM NEED	4	*WILLIAM DAVIES ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

* First peal.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*TOM W. CREED... ...	*Treble*	ALBERT E. COLES	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	GEORGE H. HEAD	6
ISAAC CREED	3	*GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
JOHN W. JONES...	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells. This peal was arranged specially by C. R. Lilley for J. W. Jones, of Newport, Mon., by whom the best thanks are given to the band and to the Vicar for granting the use of the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY GUILD.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TEN-PART, No. 39. Tenor 16 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX	*Treble*	EDGAR T. SMITH	5
GEORGE PEATE	2	WILLIAM FISHER	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	7
*SAMUEL PEARCE	4	RICHARD DUNN... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell peal to Thomas Watton, the conductor of the Sedgley band, who is going to Australia. The ringers wish to thank Mr. B. Fullwood for having everything in readiness, and for kindly entertaining them after the peal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES... ...	5
WILLIAM J. KEMP	2	BERTRAM PREWETT... ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	HENRY DEW	7
ARTHUR J. NEALE	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by C. T. COLES.

SIX BELL PEALS.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Woodbine and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*GEORGE WOODHALL...	*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	4
THOMAS J. MORRIS	2	EDWARD CAUNCE	5
THOMAS JENNION	3	JOHN TURNER... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on six bells. It was intended to have rung a peal in seven Treble Bob methods, but, meeting short, G. Woodhall stood in at short notice.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*WILLIAM MACE... ...	*Treble*	FRANK S. ANDREW	4
WALTER T. WILSON ...	2	CHARLES W. BIRD	5
GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ...	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal of Minor. The ringers of treble and 5th hail from Kettering and the rest from Isham, Northants.

GROBY, LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE H. GEARY ...	*Treble*	VICTOR GEARY...	4
WILLIAM SMITH	2	ERNEST GEARY...	5
JOHN W. SPENCER	3	ERNEST MORRIS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and by all the band. It was rung as a farewell to John W. Spencer, who sailed for Australia on August 27th.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt.

*HENRY J. TAYLOR ...	*Treble*	JOHN CLARK	4
HARRY MARKLOVE	2	WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ...	5
EDWARD SUMMERS	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal of Minor. Arranged for Messrs. Taylor and Williams, of the Hereford Cathedral band.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE	*Treble*	WALTER J. HORTON ...	4
E. HARRY STONELEY... ...	2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY...	5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the festival of St. Bartholomew, A. & M.

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. FAITH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Kent Treble Bob, four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently, and one each of Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire.

*CHARLES WHITTLE ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	4
HARRY COLLEY...	2	HUBERT SALISBURY	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	LEONARD NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by L. NICHOLS.

* First peal and first attempt. This was the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch. After the peal the Vicar (the Rev. W. Lea) entertained the ringers to supper, a vote of thanks being passed for his hospitality.

HANDBELL PEALS.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, August 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;

*JAMES PAGETT	1—2	†ALBERT H. WARD	5—6
WALTER WALLACE ...	3—4	†ARTHUR BRAINES	7—8

*BART MITCHELL ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Referee: C. E. HART.

* First peal on handbells. † First peal of Caters on handbells. It is also the first handbell peal of Caters ever rung in Derby.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT...	1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS	5—6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK BENNETT	7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: F. G. WOODISS.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILFRED LLOYD	1—2	JOHN THORPE	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	ARTHUR HAGUE	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire: SIDNEY F. PALMER.

* First peal on handbells.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, August 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT OAKAMOOR HOUSE, 75, CALAIS ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 size, in C.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF ...	1—2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ...	5—6
CHARLES SANDERS... ...	3—4	MISS WINIFRED SANDERS	7—8

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

Umpire: J. T. DYKE.

First attempt for a peal by the ringer of the tenors, who is the first lady to ring a handbell peal for the M.C.A.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT 42, WYMER STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. HEMPNALL	1—2	B. J. HOWCHIN	5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	3—4	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

First peal of Treble Bob in hand by all. First peal of Kent by the ringer of 1—2. This is supposed to be the first peal of Kent in hand in Norfolk.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal of Stedman Triples at Erdington, on August 14th, was Joseph W. Timms, and not Fimens as published.

RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor.

Sir,—It is with a sad heart that I have read the two paragraphs of "Odd Changes" in your last issue, which refer to the ringing at Cambridge. I am sad not because the description lacks interest or even amusement, but because I feel it very faithfully represents once again the old difficulty so well known to all ringers. "How are we to exercise the Art without being a nuisance to those who do not appreciate it?" With the best intentions we are a nuisance in such a place as Cambridge. Only in out of the way country towers can we do as we like without fear of giving offence. Our case is not improved by the argument of "unreasonableness, etc.," on the part of the public. Ringers are in a large minority, and likely to remain so, and majorities must be considered, however true it be that distinction implies minority.

I believe ringers are winning a growing respect for all but their ringing, and that the ringing is better and more scientific than ever the steady procession of records in your journal is ample evidence. How is it going to end? I contend, sir, that if ringing is going to end at all it cannot be reckoned as a serious art. But there are those of us who believe it to be such, and that as an art it should be capable of ministering pleasure even to those who do not understand it. At present it ministers irritation.

There is another point of view. Your correspondent speaks of those who disturbed their (the inhabitants) Sunday afternoon siesta, and gave them something like eight hours' music on the Monday. When we ringers are begging funds for the restoration of our bells, is the above the kind of purpose we set before subscribers as an inducement? Is a church the proper place for the infliction of eight hours' music on a helpless and protesting population? This may appear fighting on the side of the enemy. I care not. I believe in this change ringing. I want it to continue. Though only a beginner, I have a great faith in its power for good, and looking to the future, I doubt whereunto it will grow.

Do we ringers recognise that this Art, like others, has its limitations, and must be worked within them? Can we face these limitations even if we find one of them to be that we must not annoy? Where is the solution of this problem? Is it to be found along the line of shortening what counts as a peal? For instance, are we always to be under the tyranny of the 5000? Can we ring no method unless we have safely passed this arbitrary number of changes in it? Or will it ever be possible to discover some means whereby we can persue our studies in the belfry and cause no complaint without? I believe, now ringing grows apace, something ought to be done in both these directions, though both involve loss. But there! we have heard of a truthful paradox which speaks of preserving only by loss. Now many ringers are seeking diligently to save this Art. Let us take care. If we seek to save it only for ourselves, who ring, we shall lose it.—Yours faithfully,

The Rectory, Great Munden. A. G. LANGDON.

OVER THE TELEPHONE.

To the Editor.

Dear, Sir,—With reference to your remark in the last number of "The Ringing World" that 50 miles must be the record distance at which bells have been heard, on February 25th of last year, when Oakham bells were dedicated after being recast and rehung, I heard them very distinctly over the telephone at Doncaster, which is just over 100 miles by wire. The same bells have been heard, but not so distinctly, in Manchester. An ordinary telephone transmitter, without any auxiliary apparatus, was used, the instrument being near an open window about 50 yards from the church tower.

If any of your readers wish to try the experiment of listening to bells over the telephone, they may ring me up at the Library, 56a, Oakham, next Saturday afternoon, August 31st, between 2.30 and 5.30 p.m., when a band is going for a peal of Stedman Triples.—Yours truly,

H. S. PHILLIPS.

SMALLEY CHURCH BELLS.

A MAGNIFICENT CHIME FROM THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

The new chime of five bells (the largest of which is now the biggest bell in Derbyshire) has been provided for the village of Smalley at a cost of about £1,100 by the bequest of the late Rev. Charles Kerry, a native of Smalley, and late Rector of Upper Stondon, Beds. The bells were conveyed from the bell foundry of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., at Loughborough, on Tuesday week, to Smalley, by road, by means of Messrs. Z. Onions' steam traction engine. All the village came out to greet them, and upon arriving at the boundary of the parish the bells were decorated, and a procession, consisting of the Church officials and parishioners, was formed, and proceeded to the churchyard, headed by the Mapperley Colliery Brass Band. On reaching the graveside of the donor of the bells, a short service was held, prayers being offered, and an address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. B. Phelips), who hoped that the peal would be much admired and appreciated by the village and by all who heard them.

The formal dedication of the bells is expected to take place in about a month's time.

The donor of the peal (the Rev. Charles Kerry) died on January 28th, 1908, at the age of 74 years. He was widely known by his writings, the most recently completed being his "History of Smalley," a work which was actually written in the sick room. He was also probably the only clergyman to make stained glass windows, an art in which he was very proficient, and beautiful examples of his work are to be found at Shillington Church, Beds.; South Wingfield Church, Derbyshire; and also at the church to which he has left the grand chime of bells, viz., Smalley. He had his own private ovens erected for the work, and not only painted the windows, but also designed them.

THE INSCRIPTIONS.

The new bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THESE FIVE BELLS WERE GIVEN TO THIS
CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST SMALLEY
BY THE REVEREND CHARLES KERRY A.D. 1908
REVEREND B. PHELIPS VICAR
1912

2nd: IF ANY OF US BE CAST AGAIN WE OUGHT TO BEAR OUR DONOR'S NAME
TO IGNORE HIS GIFT WOULD SURELY BE A GRIEVOUS BREACH OF COURTESY
REVEREND CHARLES KERRY DONOR A.D. 1908.
1912

3rd: GIVEN BY THE REVEREND CHARLES KERRY
IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED FATHER
SAMUEL KERRY OF THE OLD GREEN FARM
SMALLEY A.D. 1908
1912

4th: GIVEN BY THE REVEREND CHARLES KERRY
IN MEMORY OF HIS BELOVED MOTHER
ELIZABETH KERRY A.D. 1908
1912

Tenor: GIVEN TO THE CHURCH OF
HIS NATIVE VILLAGE BY CHARLES KERRY
(LATE RECTOR OF UPPER STONDON, BEDS.)
WHO DIED A.D. 1908, AGED 74 YEARS
1912

The diameters, weights and notes of the bells are as under:—

	Diameters ft. in.	Weights Cwts.	qrs.	lbs.	Notes
Treble	3—4½	12	0	15	F Sharp
2nd:	3—9½	16	2	22	E
3rd:	4—0¾	20	0	0	D Sharp
4th:	4—6⅛	27	3	21	C Sharp
Tenor	5—1⅛	40	1	2	B
	Total weight	117	0	4	

5007 STEDMAN CATERS.

BY JOSEPH W. PARKER, SUNDERLAND.

231456789	
421563378	1, 3, 5, 11, 16, 18, 21, 24
453261	15. 16
351162	5, 16
351462879	2, 8, 9, 15
345162	15
312465	15, 16

The last four courses ten times repeated with a single instead of bob at 5 in the 2nd and 8th parts.

First rung at Newcastle, Aug. 5th, 1912 Conducted by W. H. Barber.

DISCIPLINE AMONG RINGERS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The unwillingness to submit to the discipline of an organisation by keeping its rules, of which the Chester Diocesan Guild's officials complain, is not peculiar to ringers. Anyone who has been concerned in starting a guild or society, parochial or other, knows that men will readily agree to any proposed system of rules; the trouble comes when the rules have to be enforced. We see this on a large scale in trade disputes: Union leaders cannot enforce their own rules; men refuse to be bound by agreements to which they themselves have assented. One reason of this, I am sure, is that people do not think about or take in the meaning of rules to which they subscribe. There is no trouble so irksome to the average mind as that of thought. People accustom themselves, as Bishop Butler says in the preface to his famous sermons, "To let things pass through their minds rather than to think about them. Review and attention, and even forming a judgment becomes fatigue; and to lay anything before them that requires it is putting them quite out of their way." You confront a man with the rules to which he agreed, and a copy of which has been supplied to him; and you find, in all probability, that he has either never read them, or if he has, that he did not take in their meaning: so that, when occasion for applying them arises, he feels a law unto himself. It is not, in the majority of cases, deliberate insubordination, it rises rather from reluctance to go through the unfamiliar and irksome process of thought—a reluctance which, I fear, is not likely to be diminished by the growing habit of taking opinions upon every conceivable subject ready made from newspapers, without ever thinking them out.—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON.

SOME SUGGESTIONS.

Dear Sir,—The particular trouble you refer to is largely the fault of individual tower management. The tower secretary or treasurer should make a point of collecting the subscriptions when the Christmas money is being divided—its no use asking a man with an empty pocket for a subscription, whereas if they were dunned for it just after having secured a share of the funds they could not have the excuse that they had no money, and if the official was up to it he would see they had suitable change, so that there would not be the excuse of not having change.

There is another way out of the difficulty, whereby the subscription comes in automatically, and the individual ringers never feel they are paying it. That is to make the subscription a "first charge" on the funds in which case the subscription according to the number of members is set aside before division takes places. Of course this necessitates all the participating members being members of the association, which is only right and proper if the tower is affiliated to the Association. Certainly it should not be the work of the secretary or even the deanery secretaries to get in each individual subscription; the cost of doing so would be a very serious charge on the funds of the Association.

I enclose you a copy of rules which were adopted by the ringers themselves—not framed by Vicar or churchwardens and the ringers made to conform to them. The first rule obviates any tendency to secede from the Association, and another rule makes it quite clear that the subscription is to be paid before the monies are divided. These rules have worked well and kept the band together for nine years.

DEANERY SECRETARY.

THE HANDBELL PEAL AT HINTON.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I was sorry to see that Mr. W. Page had opened correspondence in your columns in regard to this peal; and as he seems to infer that the matter is not receiving attention, may I, in reply, assure him that the points he mentions will be attended to, at the time mentioned in the Rule he quotes. As I believe newspaper correspondence will but tend to arouse ill-feeling in this matter, I have advised those directly concerned not to reply to his letter. In conclusion, may I draw Mr. Page's attention to Rule 13.—Yours truly, J. R. NEWMAN.

Hon. Secretary, Worcestershire and Districts Association.

NAMED AND UNNAMED METHODS.

To the Editor.

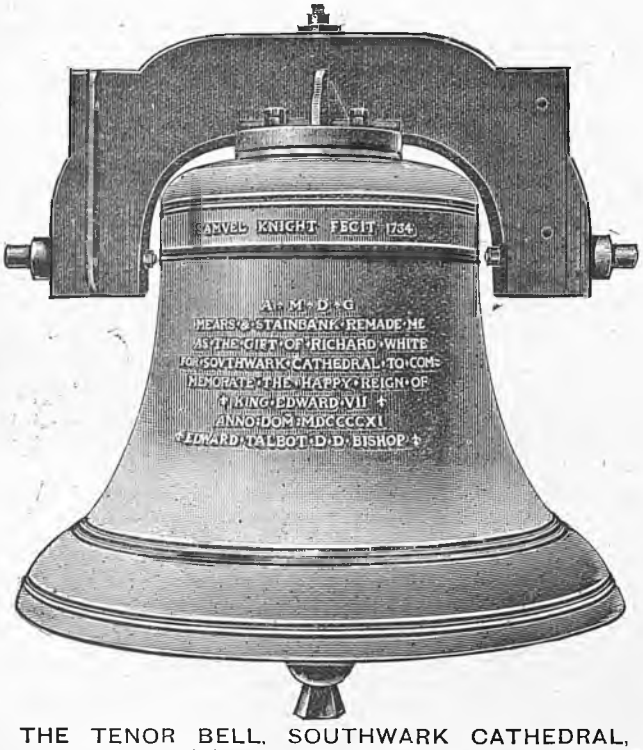
Dear Sir,—In answer to the letter which appeared in your issue of the 24th, I wish to inform "Inquirer" that the method he mentions has previously been rung and named Willesden Delight. With regard to the other suggestion, as to getting the whole of the methods named, would the Whitley Bay company, who have rung all the Surprise Methods, publish the names given to the following, which I think have never been stated: Nos. 10, 11, 12, 13, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 40. The others have been rung and named as follows: No. 1 Munden, 2 Alnwick, 3 Canterbury, 4 Morpeth, 5 Newcastle, 6 Chester, 7 Whitley, 8 Northumberland, 9 Carlisle, 14 London, 15 Wells, 16 Lincoln (this has also been named Southwell), 17 Cunecastre, 22 Lancashire, 23 Lightfoot, 24 Stamford, 25 Wearmouth, 26 Westminster, 27 Annable's London, 28 Netherseale, 29 Norwich, 30 Hexham, 31 Surfleet, 32 York, 33 Durham, 34 Berwick, 35 Beverley, 36 Norfolk, 37 Ipswich, 38 Primrose, 39 Cambridge, 41 Bourne, 42 Superlative.—Yours truly, F. BLOOD.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

A CLEVER LADY HANDBELL RINGER.

Although not yet out of her 'teens, Miss Elsie Bennett is one of the most accomplished of our lady ringers, for her performances upon handbells, crowned the other day by a peal of Bob Maximus, are unique among members of the fair sex. The daughter of that talented conductor and enthusiastic ringer, Mr. Frank Bennett, the Secretary of the Cumberland Youths, it is perhaps not surprising that the young lady should have acquired a love of the Art, and the same keenness and quick grasp of a most difficult branch of practical campanology which made her an apt pupil, has brought about her development as a most skilled exponent of double-handed ringing.

Miss Bennett was born at Guildford, Surrey, on Oct. 22nd, 1892, and it must surely have been an omen that the



Miss Elsie Bennett.

event occurred on the very day that the Surrey Association were holding a quarterly meeting in the town. Miss Bennett first learnt to ring handbells about two years ago, when her father taught her to ring 1—2 to Bob Minor. Very soon a 720 was scored and this was followed by a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples, rung with the assistance of Mr. W. Shepherd, on the day after the ladies' attempt at Cubitt Town in 1911. Miss Alice White rang 7—8 to this touch.

Miss Bennett's first attempt for a peal had a disastrous ending, for it was lost in the last two or three leads. Misfortune seemed to dog all her efforts after this, and no less than nine attempts came to grief in the last half. With splendid pluck, however, the young lady tried again and again, and the tenth attempt ended successfully. This peal was rung on August 22 last year, and within 12 months she has brought her peal total up to nineteen. After the first nothing came amiss, and Bob Major, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Maximus have been accomplished, as well as a peal of Grandsire Triples on 5—6, and it is hoped that Stedman will shortly be added to the list.

In addition to the Bob Maximus, which was the first twelve-bell peal in which a lady had taken part, Miss Bennett also rang in the 8,099 Grandsire Caters—the longest length ever rung in the method "in hand." All her peals have been rung on handbells, and she has not followed up the Art in the tower beyond ringing a bell in rounds. Miss Bennett, whose ringing career will always be watched with interest, is a member of the Kent County Association, the Winchester Diocesan Guild, the Royal Cumberland Youths, and the All Saints' Society, Fulham. Her peals are as follow:

Grandsire Triples	2	
Grandsire Caters	3	including 8,099
Bob Major	7	
Bob Royal	6	
Bob Maximus	1	
Total	19	

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The appeal for funds to restore and augment the bells of St. Mary-de-Lode, Gloucester, will, we hope, meet with a generous response. Contributions may be sent to the Vicar (the Rev. W. C. Macklin), St. Mary-de-Lode Vicarage; Alderman J. Clark, 9, Kingsholm Road; or J. Stephens, tower-keeper, 12, St. Mary's Square, Gloucester.

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A concert in aid of the funds for the restoration of Shoreditch bells is to be given in the Parish Room on Saturday, October 12th. Ringers should book this date and secure tickets from the hon. secretary, Mr. H. J. Bradley, Clerks House, Parish Church, Shoreditch.

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In this issue, in reply to inquiries, Mr. F. Blood, of Biggleswade, gives the names of all the Surprise Minor methods in the Central Council's collection, which have been named up to now. As frequent inquiries are made as to these names we suggest that those who possess a copy of the work should insert the names for future reference. Further, we hope the Witley Bay Company who have rung all the methods, should name those at present unnamed, and settle up this little matter once and for all.

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If any reader can furnish the names of the Treble Bob and Delight Methods, so far as they have been rung, we shall be pleased to publish them.

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Next week the Cambridge University Guild have a tour in Devon, and on September 7th, a band organised by Mr. W. Pye will commence a tour in Somerset.

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The ring of eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.) of the Parish Church, Kirton-in-Holland, near Boston, Lincs., are to be re-hung with iron headstocks, and all modern fittings. The work of restoration which includes the recasting of the seventh and fourth bells is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

According to a Croydon paper, the recasting of the ring of eight bells (tenor 26 cwt.) of St. Peter's Church, Croydon, has now been made possible by an anonymous gift of £150, and the churchwardens appeal to the parishioners and townsmen for their loyal and substantial support. The tenor bell is a very indifferent casting, and the tone and tuning of the other bells is very poor. The eight bells are to be recast into nine, and the ring of ten will be completed by a new treble, which has been generously given by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon.

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The congratulations and good wishes of the Exercise, and particularly of members of the Salisbury Guild, will be extended to Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart, of Ferndown, Wimborne, upon his marriage to Miss Beatrice Constable Littlejohn, of Dundee. Mr. Stewart is the popular Master of the Salisbury Guild.

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Peals are sometimes recorded in odd fashions, but we think a record on a jug must be unique. At Brooker's Hotel (formerly the Millstone Inn), Barnsley, there is a large jug, manufactured by the noted firm of Doulton and Co., which bears, on one side, the announcement that a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, 6,080 changes, was rung at St. Mary's Church, Barnsley, on December 26th, 1879, in 3 hrs. 50 mins. On the other is given the names of the performers as follows: Treble, C. H. Hattersley; 2nd, W. Richardson; 3rd, G. S. Tyas; 4th, W. Whittaker; 5th, R. Sharks; 6th, A. Brearley; 7th, T. Hattersley; tenor, R. H. Pease.

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Our correspondent (Mr. T. R. Hensher), who sends us this information, says he is informed that the name of the ringer of the fifth was Sparks. The capacity of the jug is nearly two gallons, and he asks can this be the "little brown jug," of the immortal ballad?

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Quite a number of ringers have this year left these shores for the Colonies. Among the latest to depart is Mr. John W. Spencer, a member of the Midland Counties Association, who sailed for Australia on Tuesday. As a farewell, a peal in seven Minor methods was rung at Groby on Saturday, and afterwards Mr. Spencer was made the recipient of a gent's dressing case from the local ringers, with best wishes for his success in his new sphere.

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A farewell peal was also rung on Saturday at Sedgley, Staffs. Mr. Thomas Watton, the conductor of the Sedgley band is leaving for Australia, and sails with the good wishes of a large circle of ringing friends.

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A fortnight ago we published a peal of Treble Bob Minor rung at Norbury, Cheshire, which was chronicled as a peal in "broken lead" methods. The Central Council allot more points to these methods than to simple Treble Bob methods, but we remember on one occasion a member of the Analysis Committee appealing for information as to what a "broken lead" method was.

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Doubtless there are many members of the Exercise who are ignorant of the meaning of the term. For their benefit we may explain that a broken lead method is a method which does not possess a continuous slow work, such as Kent or Oxford Treble Bob, but has the slow work broken up, as is the case, for example, in London Scholars' Pleasure, in which the slow work in the first lead is done half by the 2nd and half by the 6th.

DEATH OF MR. MATT. WOOD.

A FAMOUS LONDON RINGER.

How fast the veterans of the Exercise are disappearing. James Pettit and William Cooter have passed away within the last few months, and to-day it is our melancholy duty to record the death of Mr. Matthew A. Wood; the sad event taking place on Tuesday, at his residence, Church Row, Bethnal Green. For over 60 years Mr. Wood was among the leading exponents of the Art in the metropolis, and was well-known to the older generation of ringers throughout the country.

Had he lived to September 22nd, he would have been 86 years of age, but for some months past he had been in indifferent health, and the end was not unexpected. Mr. Wood had had a remarkable career as a ringer, having rung 380 peals in England, Ireland and Scotland. His first peal was one of Grandsire Triples at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, on February 18th, 1846, conducted by George Stockham, and rung for the St. James' Society. Afterwards he joined the Cumberland Youths, but about 1856 he threw in his lot with the College Youths, of which he has been Master, and for 30 years held the office of Treasurer.

In our next issue we shall be able to give an extended history of Mr. Wood's interesting ringing career.

The funeral will take place to-morrow (Saturday). The first part of the service will be held at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, the church that he loved so well, and under whose shadow he had lived since 1829. The interment is at Abney Park Cemetery, at 4 p.m.

A PROMISING YOUTH.



Photo by [*A. D. Maling, Diss.*

TOM FORD, JUNR., OF PALGRAVE.

This young ringer, who is only 16 years of age, has rung 24 peals, all on inside bells, made up as follows:

Grandsire Triples	1
Stedman Triples	1
Bob Major	2
Oxford Treble Bob	9
Kent Treble Bob	1
Double Norwich	9
Superlative Surprise	1

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

All being well five members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild will attempt a long peal of Stedman Caters on handbells on Saturday, August 31st. The length will be about 20,000, and the starting time about 12 o'clock noon. Ringing will take place in Holy Trinity belfry, Guildford.

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SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last members of the Dorchester branch paid a visit to the historical village of Abbotsbury The party arrived early in the afternoon by motor train, and made tracks for the church, where they were given a hearty reception by the genial Vicar (the Rev. C. O. Brutton) and Mr. H. Cozens (the captain of the local band). The bells (6), a very old peal, dating back to the 17th century, but which, having been rehung in the last decade by Messrs. Stokes, go remarkably well, were raised in peal and set off to the tune of Grandsire Doubles. Stedman Doubles and a touch of Minor, followed, and a 720 of Doubles (believed to be the first on the bells) was tapped off in honour of the marriage of the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart) to Miss Littlejohn, which took place in Scotland on the preceding Tuesday.

The Vicar kindly entertained the ringers (12) to a substantial tea, and afterwards the father of the branch, Mr. Hodges, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar and his good lady for their kindness.—The Hon. Secretary seconded, and stated that he hoped at some future date the Abbotsbury Guild would see their way clear to join the Diocesan Guild, and take up the art of change ringing. He also hoped that next year they would be able to hold a branch meeting at Abbotsbury.—The Vicar, in responding, said he should be only too pleased to welcome the branch to his parish. He had been interested in ringing for many years, and when in Newcastle he was an hon. member of the Durham and Newcastle Association.

The local ringers kindly escorted the visitors around the places of interest, which are many, including the grand old church, which bears marks of Cromwell's bullets, and the old Monastery, St. Catherine's Chapel (the writer thinks this chapel should be handed to the care of the nation, as it is showing very bad signs of decay), the Swannery, the largest in the world, and the famous tropical gardens, where plants grow the likes of which are not grown anywhere else in Great Britain.

Another visit was then paid to the belfry, and the bells kept going till 8.30, some of the local men ringing the tenor to their first 120. The Vicar and the ringers afterwards went to the station to speed the parting guests.—The branch wish to thank the Vicar and Mrs. Brutton, through the medium of "The Ringing World," for their kind hospitality on this visit.

HERE AND THERE.

Mr. James George (Ringing Master of the Warwickshire Guild) writes: It will be noticed that a monthly meeting of the Guild is to take place on Saturday, 31st inst., at Monks Kirby. The church at this place contains a fine peal of six bells with a tenor about 28 cwt. It is hoped that ringers who possibly can do so will avail themselves of this favourable opportunity of ringing upon them.

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Steps have been taken to organise a large as well as competent band at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, where the bells have recently been hung for ringing. Among the ringers who have joined are: Messrs. W. Lawrence, J. A. Trollope, E. Brown, T. Crocker, C. Edwards, G. E. Harbour, A. Harding and E. J. Watson, and a society has been formed under the presidency of Mr. W. C. Tyndale, one of the sidesmen. Quite a number of young hands have also been procured from among members of the congregation.

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Mr. A. E. Wreaks, late general secretary of the Lancashire Association, has been spending his holiday in Manchester, and three peals were arranged for him by his old friends. The first, Superlative Surprise at Pendleton, was successful, and was recorded last week. Another peal in the same method on the following evening, however, came to grief after an hour's ringing, and a peal of Stedman on the Thursday, finished prematurely about ten minutes from home. After the failure on the Tuesday, a course of London, and two courses of Stedman were brought round, with Mr. J. W. Washbrook ringing 3—4.

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The bells of Stockton-on-Tees were kept going on August 15th to celebrate the marriage of Miss Fanny Beatrice Martin, fourth daughter of Canon H. Martin, M.A., Rural Dean, of Stockton-on-Tees, to Mr. E. Josslyn, of Newark-on-Trent. Immediately after the ceremony, which was performed by the bride's father, assisted by her brother, the bells struck off in rounds, queens and firing. Then a capital 774 Grandsire Caters was brought round, and then refreshments, including a substantial cake, were enjoyed. Afterwards 540 Grandsire Caters were rung, and the bells lowered in peal. The ringers desire, through "The Ringing World," to thank Canon and Mrs. Martin for their hospitality and to couple with these thanks an expression of goodwill towards the happy pair.

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A combined practice of the Sonning Branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday last, at Sonning, there being a good attendance of members, representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Hurst, Waltham, Reading, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative, were rung.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT SEAL CHART.

The summer meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at Seal Chart on Saturday last, and, considering the wretched weather, and the difficulty of reaching the village, was very well attended, nearly 30 members being present from Speldhurst, Shipbourne, Hadlow, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local band. A special service was held in church, and was attended by a good number of parishioners, including Mr. Conrad Wilkinson (one of the churchwardens) and Miss Wilkinson, as well as the ringers. The Association's special form of service was used, and two hymns were heartily sung.—The Vicar (the Rev. A. S. H. Scott) gave an excellent address, taking his text from St. Luke xii, 31st verse. After service, the members adjourned to "Frankfield," where Miss Wilkinson had very kindly provided an excellent meat tea to which, it is needless to say, ample justice was done.

The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding. It was decided to attempt the next quarterly peal at Hadlow, on Oct. 5th, the method to be Bob Major, conductor, the District Secretary; and the band for the peal was made up.—The District Secretary proposed, and Mr. A. Jarvis seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his excellent address, and for presiding at the meeting, to the lady who presided at the organ, to Miss Wilkinson for kindly entertaining them to tea, and to Mr. Harding for making the arrangements.—The motion was carried with applause, and the Vicar, in replying, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to meet the members. Personally, he had great respect for the Association and its work, and it showed great enthusiasm on their part to come there that day through the rain to attend the meeting. He met one of his ringers earlier in the afternoon, and expressed the opinion that there would not be anyone turn up, and he was agreeably surprised to see such a number in church. He said he was very proud of his own ringers, who performed their duty in a very reverent manner, and he was very glad that they were members of the Association. He hoped the Association would visit them again at some future time.

This concluded the meeting, and the members enjoyed a look round the greenhouses, and a pleasant walk through the grounds to the church, where ringing was indulged in by mixed bands during the evening.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division of the Sussex Association was held at Burgess Hill on Saturday. During the afternoon touches in various methods were rung till 4.45, when a short service was held, and a capital address given by the senior curate (the Rev. Viret).—Tea was afterwards partaken of at the Potter's Arms, and was followed by the usual business meeting, Mr. J. T. Rickman being in the chair.—Several new members were elected, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and the Rev. Viret for his address. The tower was then again visited, Superlative, Double Norwich, Bob Major Stedman and Grandsire being among the methods rung, and those present spent an enjoyable and instructive time. The towers represented included Balcombe, Horley, Crawley, Lindfield, Lewes, Keymer, Ditchling, St. Peter's, Brighton, and also the local ringers.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AT WORSLEY.

A meeting of the Manchester Branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Worsley, on Saturday week, when, despite the inclement weather, ringers were present from Pendleton, Deane, Reddish, Haywood, Rochdale, Pendlebury, and Manchester, together with the local company. Many of the visitors took the opportunity of inspecting the beautiful grounds of the Earl of Elsmere.

At the meeting, which was held in the belfry, the Vicar (the Rev. C. B. Hulton) was voted to the chair, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many ringers present. He stated that he had arranged for the formal opening of the bells, which have recently been rehung, to take place on the afternoon of September 8th, and on the same occasion he hoped to unveil the tablet to be erected to the memory of the late Mr. Richard Ridyard. He invited all ringers who could do so to be present on that occasion.—Some discussion took place as to the shape and size of the tablet, and the matter was eventually left in the hands of the Vicar and the local band.

It was decided to visit Didsbury for the next monthly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the liberty of inspecting the grounds at the Hall.

The Vicar joined in ringing a touch of Stedman, and Miss Barnes, of Reddish, took part in three courses of Bob Major. Touches in other methods were also rung.

ARKSEY, DONCASTER. — On Saturday, August 10th, 720 College Single: G. Clarke (conductor) 1, Rev. Rhys James 2, H. Woodhouse 2, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardsmore 5, F. Clarke 6. First 720 in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: F. Garner 1, F. Clarke (conductor) 2, E. Arrand 3, A. Wilson 4, F. Beardsmore 5, H. Trout 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Garner 1, G. Clarke 2, F. Clarke (conductor) 3, E. Arrand 4, F. Beardsmore 5, H. Trout 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SCENES AND INCIDENTS.

VISIT TO WESTMORLAND.

During a visit to Kirkby Stephen, a 720 Kent Minor was rung at the Parish Church, by: A. F. Hillier 1, J. W. Parker 2, C. O. Sayer 3, J. E. Keen (conductor) 4, B. W. Dixon 5, O. Simm 6. These six ringers from Newcastle and Sunderland, with two others whom the fates did not permit to make the journey, were in hopes of scoring the first peal on the bells, a nice peal, with a 15 cwt. tenor, from Warner's foundry. With the aid of two or three of the local band, courses of Stedman and Bob Triples were rung for service, and in spite of the rain, the visitors found much to interest them in and about the fine old church, and the combined attractions of beautiful scenery and eight bells will no doubt lead to another and more successful visit at some later date.

EVESHAM RINGERS AT BRISTOL

On Aug. 17th, the Evesham band, together with a few friends, journeyed to Bristol for their day's outing. Bristol was reached about eleven o'clock, and the visitors were met by Mr. W. Knight, of the St. Stephen's band. After refreshments the party made their way to Clifton Parish Church, where they were joined by Mr. R. J. Wilkins, of the Clifton band, and this pretty peal of eight were set going to various standard methods, including: Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.—Subsequently the party took a stroll to the Suspension Bridge, down the Rock Railway to Cumberland Basin, thence by tram to St. Nicholas Street, where dinner was partaken of at the Admiral Duncan Hotel, Mrs. Walker catering for the visitors in excellent style. Next came one of the most pleasurable parts of the day's excursion. Through the kindness of Mr. P. W. H. Came, a pull was allowed the ringers on the fine peal of twelve of St. Mary Redcliffe, three courses of Grandsire Cinques being brought round, in which the ringers stood as follows: P. W. H. Came 1, R. J. Wilkins 2, W. Knight 3, T. Edwin 4, H. Jordan 5, J. Hemming 6, F. Jordan 7, F. Cook 8, F. Johnson 9, H. J. Phipps 10, H. Middleton (conductor) 11, W. Workman 12. This was the first touch of Cinques and first attempt on twelve bells by the ringers of 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 12. A return was then made to the Admiral Duncan Hotel, when tea was served. Afterwards a move was made to St. Stephen's, where more ringing was done, including Bob Royal and Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples. Then, after a social hour with handbells and songs, Bristol was left soon after 11 p.m., home being reached in the small hours of the morning. Although rain fell the greater part of the day, it did not damp the spirits of the ringers, everyone thoroughly enjoying himself, and hopes were entertained of paying another visit to Bristol at some future time. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank Mr. P. W. H. Came, for his kindness in allowing a ring on St. Mary's bells, Mr. W. Knight for arranging for St. Stephen's, and Mr. R. J. Wilkins for Clifton.

ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

The St. Martin's Society, augmented by Messrs. Buttery, Fowler, Morris, Needham and Sevier, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when they visited Church Langton and Kibworth Harcourt. On arriving at Langton, after a pleasant journey by brake, the party at once made for the belfry, where they were met by Mr. R. W. Jesson, who had everything in readiness. The peal (8), it was soon found, did not intend to be played with, and after a re-shuffling of the band and a little humouring of the bells, touches of Stedman and Double Norwich were brought into rounds. A move was then made for the Langton Arms, where a capital tea was waiting, to which full justice was done. The bells were afterwards set going to Stedman and Superlative, these being the first touches in the methods on the bells.—After a course of Caters and a tune by Messrs. Cotton and Morris on the handbells, which was much appreciated by the locals, as well as by the other visitors, a start was made for Kibworth, where the arrival of the party was heralded by the bells going up in peal. The local ringers were in force to give them welcome, and touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Duffield, Double Norwich and Superlative were brought round. It was the first time Kibworth bells had gone to Duffield and Superlative.—A pleasant hour was afterwards spent with the Kibworth men, the handbells and the talent of the ringers as singers forming the major part of the entertainment.

Special thanks are due to Mr. R. W. Jesson, of Langton, and also Mr. F. Staniforth and company, of Kibworth, who made the arrangements for the visit.

CLIFTON.

On Monday week the Emmanuel Guild, Clifton, held their annual excursion. Leaving Bristol at 3.5 a.m., Bournemouth was reached at 7 o'clock, and after a substantial breakfast at the Star Hotel, the party went to the beach to bathe, but only the hon. secretary (Mr. C. Rawlings) was brave enough to face the cold sea. The hon. treasurer (Mr. H. Gregory), who, unfortunately, could only spend a few hours with the excursionists, joined the party later, and they then proceeded to Christchurch, where the Vicar had kindly given permission to use the bells. Two short touches of Grandsire Triples—223 and 265 changes—were rung by S. Popham, E. Guise (conductor), G. Tudball, W. J. Rawlings, S. Best and friend, and T. Holman and C. T. Rawlings. The party afterwards proceeded to Boscombe, where dinner was served at the Salisbury Hotel, and a few hours were spent on the beach. The visitors returned to Bournemouth for tea, and then visited the Picture House. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. Cooke Garborough for the use of bells, and Mr. Stephen Best and friend for kindly making arrangements which contributed so largely to the success of the outing.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Drighlington on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Armley, Bramley, Bolton, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Leeds, Pudsey, Shipley, Tong, Bradford, Mirfield, Liversedge, and the local band. — An attempt for a peal did not prove successful, and touches were rung on the bells until time for the business meeting, which was held at the Spotted Cow Inn.—In the absence of the President, Mr. G. Bolland (vice-president), occupied the chair. — Mr. F. Thorpe, of Mirfield, and Mr. W. Brierley, of Liversedge, were elected members of the society.—Owing to the next meeting, which is to be held at Bolton, falling on the same date as the Yorkshire Association meeting at Gargrave, it was decided to hold the society's meeting the following Saturday, September 28th, and members are requested to note this change of date. The peal arrangements were left to the secretary.—Mr. H. Smith proposed, and Mr. J. Guy seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Drighlington for the use of the bells.—The Chairman then announced that Mr. Wm. Boocock, of Bradford, was shortly leaving for Canada, and the best wishes of the members were accorded to him, Mr. Boocock responding. The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing.

THE "TEMPTER'S" POWER.

In foreign lands men journey far,
Some thousand miles to see
A baby girl; scarce, women are,
As corals of the sea.

But here at home Eve's daughters seem
As plentiful as shrimps,
Where often men do not esteem,
But spurn the lovely nymphs.

At home we heard the other day
A ringer had not seen
Or rung with any charming maid—
In belfry-tower I mean.

How many miles he cantered full
I cannot now inform,
'Twas only just to get a pull
Beside her angel form.

He braved the storms upon the road,
And hurried on pell-mell,
Like famous Johnny Gilpin strove
Until he reached the "Belle."

'Tis said his wife remained at home
And questioned him at night;
"Lor, missus, I'm so pleased," he 'phoned,
"For 'twas a splendid sight

"To see the lady's dainty sleeves,
Her tresses falling slack,
How gracefully she bent her knees—
It was a treat!" said Jack.

"If you can't ring," his wife replied,
Void ladies in your train,
You'd better call a 'Go,'" she cried,
"And touch no rope again.

"I don't intend at home to stay
To suit your lady ringers."
And now we hear on washing-day,
She keeps Jack at the wringer.

G. F. MARGETSON.

LUTTERWORTH.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: T. H. Green 1, P. Rouke 2, S. Poole 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, W. Williams (conductor) 6, T. A. Rogers 7, W. G. Tilcock 8.—On July 30th, 504, with E. Tipler ringing the 7th. These are the longest touches by the local band with their own conductor.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Leigh on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A monthly meeting will be held at Monks Kirby (6) on Saturday, August 31st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meetings will be held at Earls Barton on August 31st, and Denford on September 7th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 3rd and 17th, St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 3rd; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 7th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The school room close by will be available for the business meeting, about 5 p.m., and also for handbell ringing. The Worksop Company's handbells (61 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Permission has been granted for members to view the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion. Tea may be obtained at 1s. per head by advising Mr. H. Haigh, Worksop, by September 5th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. All are welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and should be paid as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5.30, which members and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Tea at 6, 6d. each.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Dronfield (6 bells) on Saturday, September 7th, 1912.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, September 7th, 1912, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at Brushmakers Arms. — James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's Tower open during afternoon. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Vestry. Short service 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Church; Preacher, Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea 6 p.m., St. Chad's Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—A meeting of the society will take place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday, September 19th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

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WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.—Tenders wanted to rehang peal of five, one bell to be recast. Specification to be seen on appointment with the Rev. E. H. Beattie, Wellington Vicarage, Hereford.

MARRIAGE.

STEWART—LITTLEJOHN.—At Carona Villa, Carnoustie, N.B., on the 20th inst., by the Rev. John F. Dempster, Erskine United Free Church, A. F. Martin Stewart, Ferndown, Wimborne, Dorset, to Beatrice Constable, daughter of the late Thomas Littlejohn, Solicitor, Dundee.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD.—At St. Mary's Church, on July 30th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Searle 1, C. Golding 2, H. Golding (conductor) 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 224 Bob Major: A. Searle 1, W. H. Newell 2, W. Floyd 3, C. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, G. Sells 7, H. Golding (conductor) 8. In the evening, 546 Oxford Bob Triples: F. Walker 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, A. Searle 3, C. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. Floyd 7, W. Charge 8.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: R. Fosdike 1, F. S. Bacon 2, J. Law 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. Crowder 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, W. Daynes 8.

TENTERDEN.—Kent County Association.—At St. Mildred's Church, on Sunday, July 28th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, R. Edwards (conductor) 2, G. Cramp 3, J. Manktelow 4, N. Tickner 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 518 in same method: H. Baker, senr., 1, H. Baker, junr. 2, A. Snelling 3, C. Tribe (conductor) 4, N. Tickner 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, J. Manktelow 8.—On Sunday, August 11th, 518 in same method: C. Tribe (conductor) 1, R. Edwards 2, J. Manktelow 3, G. Cramp 4, N. Tickner 5, G. Neve 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 37 mins.: F. Curtis 1, P. Kneath 2, E. Searle 3, H. T. Gowlett (London) 4, J. A. Hoare 5, J. Davies 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.

CHEDISTON.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Bob Minor in 24 mins: L. Hammond 1, F. C. Lambert (conductor) 2, E. A. Head 3, F. Crane 4, L. Hembling 5, H. Pratt 6. Rung as a compliment to Mr. E. A. Head, on his 21st birthday.

LICHFIELD, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Aug. 11th, for evening service at St. Mary's Church, 938 Grandsire Triples: R. Phillips 1, A. Bowler 2, W. Dempster 3, W. Hopley 4, M. Pole Routh 5, F. Cope, junr. 6, F. Cope, senr. (conductor) 7, O. Sawyer 8.

PONTYPOOL.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Saturday, Aug. 10th at Trevethin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 43 mins.: D. Pinney 1, T. Morgan 2, F. Churchill 3, H. Pinney 4, W. Williams 5, W. Chanch 6, S. Rogers (conductor) 7, H. Appley 8.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Monday, August 12th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Arthur Crane (one of the local branch), to Miss Mary Hopkins, a quarter peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Mead (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, T. Mead 3, W. Sear 4, L. Meager 5, E. Marks 6, Rev. W. P. Wright (Howton, Yorks) 7, F. Goodman 8.

LEEDS.—Recently after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal at St. Mary's Church, Hunslet, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: J. R. Kemp 1, F. Cundale 2, G. Jowett 3, H. Williams 4, W. Powell 5, P. J. Johnson 6, C. O. Sayer (conductor) 7, G. Smith 8.—At St. Michael's, Headingly, 672 Superlative Surprise Major: P. Scott 1, C. O. Sayer 2, R. Thomas 3, H. Williams (conductor) 4, G. Slack 5, W. Wood 6, H. Lindsay 7, A. Haste 8. Mr. C. O. Sayer hails from Sunderland.

LYMINGE, KENT.—On Saturday, July 27th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 47 mins.: E. Fisher 1, C. Turner 2, H. G. Saywell 3, W. E. Pitman 4, P. Page 5, H. S. Humphrey 6, L. Head (composer and conductor) 7, J. Skeer 8.

PLYMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 11th, at Charles Church, 612 of Grandsire Caters: F. Purse 1, W. Hooper 2, W. Hornbrook 3, R. Hornbrook 4, Walter Marsh 5, F. Hockaday 6, R. Dobson 7, G. Stroud 8, W. Hiscott (conductor) 9, J. Woodley 10.

WALSOKEN.—Peterborough and District Association.—At All Saints' Church, on Aug. 10th, in one hr. six mins. a date touch of Bob Minor (1912 changes): G. Jutson (conductor) 1, J. Jutson 2, T. Blunt 3, A. Sargeant 4, J. Storey 5, R. Narborough 6. Longest length by ringers of 3rd, 4th and 5th, and rung after failure in attempt for a peal.

PETERBOROUGH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 360 Oxford Bob. For evensong, 720 Double Bob by J. Dunthorne 1, W. Waldron 2, E. Tilley 3, J. Jutson 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.—On Monday, August 12th, 1912, a date touch of Minor, consisting of 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 360 Oxford Bob and 112 Plain Bob, in 1 hr. 2 mins.: F. Davis 1, T. Vaughan 2, J. Jutson 3, F. Cooke 4, H. Traynar 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—On July 31st, at Charles' Church, 378 Erin Caters: W. H. Marsh 1, W. Hornbrook 2, Rev. E. S. Powell (conductor) 3, R. Dobson 4, W. Rundle 5, G. Stroud 6, F. Hockaday 7, W. Hiscott 8, W. Ford 9, F. Purse 10.

ASTON.—On Sunday, July 28th, for evening service, 647 Grandsire Caters, in 30 mins.: *A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, P. Laflin 4, W. H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, F. Bennett 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, *W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10. *Longest length.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On Wednesday, July 24th, 720 Grandsire Minor: G. Dinham 1, T. J. Lloyd 2, T. W. Creed 3, A. Wheadon 4, G. Lock 5, H. J. Creed (Taunton), conductor, 6. Another 720: W. T. Jeanes 1, Wm. Tout 2, T. W. Creed 3, A. Wheadon 4, H. J. Creed 5, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 6.

DENTON, MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, July 28th, on the anniversary of the dedication of the Church of St. Anne's, for morning service, 720 Arnold's Victory; for afternoon service, 720 Tanner's Pleasure; for evening service, 720 Oxford: H. Bardsley 1, W. Wilde 2, A. E. Marshall (conductor, afternoon) 3, J. Pollitt (conductor, evening, and first attempt) 4, W. Wright 5, J. Heckingbottom (conductor, morning) 6. The two first-named are the first in the methods by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

MALVERN LINK.—Worcestershire and Districts Association. — At St. Martha's Church, on Sunday, July 28th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Niblett 1, E. E. Barber 2, F. Stanton 3, J. Brown 4, H. Chance 5, C. Camm (longest length) 6, R. G. Knowles (conductor) 7, A. Richings 8.

RESTORATION AT STOKEINTEIGNHEAD, DEVON.

The tenor bell of the peal of five in Stokeinteignhead Church having become cracked during the ringing of a peal on Old Year's Eve, 1911, the Misses Morris, of Ouston Maidencombe, provided funds for recasting it and adding a new treble bell, in memory of their late sister, Miss Evelyn Morris. The old wood frame and floors and beams, and the fittings of the bells, being in a bad condition, it was decided to replace them with all new work. The contract was entrusted to Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, Church bell hangers, of Woodbury, and they provided and fixed a new frame and hung the six bells with all new fittings complete, the work having been carried out to the entire satisfaction of all concerned. Previous to the re-opening of the bells, about £140 had been subscribed. The dedication service was largely attended.—The Rector (the Rev. K. A. Lake) officiated, and the dedication prayer was offered by the Rev. Maitland Kelly, President of the Devon Guild of Ringers, who gave an excellent address on bells and their uses. Afterwards merry peals were rung on the bells by bands of ringers from Combeinteignhead, Kingskerswell, Cockington, St. Mary Church, Coffinswell, Wolborough, Newton Abbot, Highweek, Babbacombe, St. James', Teignmouth, and other members of the Devon Guild of Ringers including the President, and Mr. Frank Davey, of Exeter, and Mr. H. Stokes, junr.

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MODERN WORK.

THE PASSING OF A GREAT RINGER.

The death of Mr. Matthew Wood removes another link with a past generation of ringers, and there is now only one of note in the Exercise remaining, who was associated with the wonderful old man of Bethnal Green in his earliest ringing days. Mr. William Banister, who, despite his 88 years, is still enjoying good health, is the sole survivor of the London peal ringing bands of the '40's. There were great performances even in those days, and Matthew Wood shared in the glories of many an interesting feat. Unquestionably he was one of the finest ringers that ever entered a belfry. With a reach that gave him splendid command of a bell, a strength that he knew how to use to the best advantage, an ear that enabled him to make every blow a good one, and an intellect that endowed him with power to ring without mistakes, he possessed, in his prime, a combination of qualities seldom found to so marked a degree in any ringer.

In Mr. Wood's young days a good deal more attention was paid to the all important question of striking than, we are afraid, is sometimes now the case, and he served his apprenticeship to the art in a school in which nothing but the best was admissible. Since those days remarkable progress has been made in the development of ringing from the scientific point of view, in the spread of the cult, and in other directions, but it is really doubtful if quite the same high standard has been universally preserved in the matter of striking.

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NORTH SHIELDS, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5033 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILLIAM H. BARBER	...*Treble*	EDWARD A. HERN ...	... 6
HARRY HOSKINS ...	... 2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON	... 7
ALFRED F. HILLIER...	... 3	GEORGE J. POTTER ...	... 8
*JOHN ROBINSON... ...	... 4	JOSEPH E. SYKES ...	... 9
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	... 5	GEORGE R. POTTER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten bells. Arranged for Harry Hoskins, of Greenwich, who was elected a member of the above association previous to starting. It was also rung as a birthday peal to J. E. R. Keen, and a farewell to W. T. Tipping, of St. John's, Newcastle, who sailed for Spain on the 29th. This composition contains the 6th her extent (40 courses) at home in the tittums.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

HENRY DEW...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT...	... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr.	... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS	... 7
GEORGE R. PYE	... 3	REUBEN SANDERS	... 8
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ...	... 5	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM PYE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

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

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM SHORT... ...	...*Treble*	EDMOND J. HYLAND	... 6
*THOMAS RUSSAM ...	... 2	SAMUEL GROVE	... 7
ALF PADDON SMITH ...	... 3	JOHN NEAL	... 8
CHARLES DICKENS ...	... 4	†JAMES L. WELLS ...	... 9
PERCY O. LAFLIN ...	... 5	JAMES E. GROVES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First Surprise peal inside. † First peal of Cambridge Royal. Rung on the occasion of the christening of Brian Harvey Goodwin, son of Rev. and Mrs. Wormald, of All Saints, Four Oaks, Sutton Coalfield, and grandson of Rev. T. B. Harvey Brooks, Rector of Solihull.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR EDGERTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN CORRIGAN	... 6
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	... 2	FRANK BENNETT	... 7
JAMES JONES	... 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS...	... 8
JOHN CARTER	... 4	JOHN BRADNEY... ...	... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES...	... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, August 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK DAY	...*Treble*	EDWIN WHITING	... 5
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY	... 2	HARRY MOSS ...	... 6
WILLIAM ROSE	... 3	JAMES MOTTS ...	... 7
ERNEST F. POPPY ...	... 4	PETER LAFLIN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,
AND THE SOCIETY OF BROMLEY YOUTHS.

On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*ALFRED JAMES, Junr.	...*Treble*	ALFRED JAMES, Senr.	... 5
*ALBERT E. NEWICK...	... 2	ISAAC EMERY	... 6
GEORGE DURLING ...	... 3	SPENCER MARSHALL...	... 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ...	4	ARTHUR BYGRAVE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 15. This peal was rung on the 21st birthday of Miss Bygrave, the eldest daughter of the ringer of the tenor.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' TEN-PART. Tenor 12¾ cwt.

WILLIAM FLOYD	...*Treble*	EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	5
ERNEST H. OXENHAM	... 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY ...	... 6
GEORGE POVEY	... 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	7
JOHN WHEADON	... 4	*SIDNEY ANSTEAD ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal.

SANDHURST, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES L. SADLER	... 5
THOMAS BALDWYN ...	... 2	*SAMUEL NEWMAN ...	... 6
JESSE TYLER	... 3	JOHN AUSTIN	... 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	4	REV. H. LAW JAMES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS NEWMAN.

* First peal.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT...	...*Treble*	ALBERT LEE	... 5
*HERBERT PRATT	2	JAMES HOWARD... ...	... 6
REV. E. S. POWELL	... 3	JOHN LARTER	... 7
WILLIAM PIERCE	4	CHARLES MOSS... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Bob Major. Arranged for the Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WALLACE HARDWICK	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM SMITH	5
THOMAS J. EVANS	2	WILLIAM EDGINGTON ...	6
DAVID R. JAMES	3	JOHN COX	7
RICHARD EVANS...	4	RICHARD BUNSTONE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN COX.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal. Messrs. Hardwick, Smith, and Edgington were elected members before starting. Rung for the eighth anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and in memory of the birthday of the late Mrs. Prichard, wife of Mr. R. K. Prichard, Brynterlon, Bridgend, a most generous supporter of the St. Illtyd bellringers and one who was keenly interested in campanology, and to whom the bellringers owe a debt of gratitude for many kindnesses in the past.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 26 cwt.

FRED ILEY	...*Treble*	WALTER FARLEY	5
HENRY JOHN TRIM	2	ALBERT E. COLES	6
REV. W. M. K. WARREN ...	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	4	HERBERT G. FARLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. LILLEY.

Rung with the bells fully muffled as a last token of respect to the late Rev. Preb. H. Lowry Barnwell, an hon. member of the above association, for five years' curate and eighteen years' vicar of the above parish, who entered into rest on Thursday, Aug. 22nd, after a long and severe illness, and was interred in the Glastonbury Cemetery, on Monday, August 26th. Also to the memory of Mr. Matt. Wood. The above band represents eight towers. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. W. M. K. Warren for his hospitality after the peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH-WESTERN DIVISION.)
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER ...	...*Treble*	D'OYLEY S. SIMONS ...	5
EDWARD H. HAWKINS ...	2	GEORGE W. FAULKNER ...	6
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	ALBERT C. HARDY	7
GEORGE W. PLAYLE	4	FREDERICK J. FREESTONE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

First peal by Messrs. Playle and Butler, and first on eight bells by Messrs. Freestone and Hawkins. They are all members of the Dagenham company.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

THOMAS LINCOLN	...*Treble*	WILLIAM LINCOLN	5
HENRY F. COOPER	2	*ARTHUR EDWARDS	6
*HARRY SMALE	3	HARRY MOORE	7
*ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ...	4	*ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. First peal in the method on the bells. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of a daughter of Mr. A. Tarbun, the sexton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;
Tenor 24½ cwt.

*FRANK JACOBS	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	3	JOHN FLINT	7
WILLIAM LAMBERT	4	SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of London. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Flint.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

WILLIAM FISHER... ...	...*Treble*	JOHN BASS...	5
ALBERT LITTLE	2	REV. E. V. COX	6
DANIEL JONES	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
GEORGE PIGOTT	4	CHARLES F. WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for London, D. Jones kindly filling the gap.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN...	...*Treble*	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	5
GEORGE WOODHALL	2	WALTER HUGHES	6
THOMAS JENNION	3	SAM. W. STEWART	7
HENRY FYLES	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*WALTER EMMETT	...*Treble*	CHARLES DELL	5
GEORGE A. RANSOM... ...	2	FREDERICK G. GODDARD	6
*ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD	3	WILLIAM NEW	7
THOMAS BEADLE	4	GEORGE SPENCER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by GEORGE SPENCER.

* First peal of Major.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY G. FAIRBRASS	...*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ...	5
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE...	2	JOHN WILLIS	6
ARTHUR A. ANDREWS ...	3	CHARLES W. BRETT ...	7
FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	4	FREDERICK DAVISON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

Rung as a farewell to John Willis, who is leaving Canterbury.

OAKHAM, RUTLAND.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*ERNEST BARTRAM ...	...*Treble*	*JOSEPH LORD	... 5
J. JAMES JACKSON ...	... 2	*R. HENRY BARTRAM	... 6
WILLIAM E. WHITE...	... 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	... 7
JOSEPH T. DYKE ...	... 4	*RICHARD W. BAKER	.. *Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal of Stedman in the county. The conductor has now rung the above composition from every bell.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH HACKNEY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

THOMAS KING	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS ...	... 5
HAROLD BURTON ...	... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	... 6
ISAAC EMERY	... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 7
FRANK BENNETT... ...	... 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled in memory of the late Mr. M. A. Wood.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt., in F.	
JOHN HOYLE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. CORBETT	... 5
THOMAS TUTTE	... 2	JOHN BEAMS	... 6
CHARLES E. READ ...	... 3	ARTHUR DEAN	... 7
EDWARD T. GROVE ...	... 4	GEORGE COOK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN BEAMS.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A sharp.	
EDGAR PEMBERTON ...	...*Treble*	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY	... 6
WILLIAM MOTTS... ...	... 3	JAMES MOTTS	... 7
HARRY C. GILLINGHAM	... 4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

CHARLES MILLS	...*Treble*	GEORGE ARCHER ...	... 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr....	... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	... 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ...	... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	... 4	CLEMENT J. MORE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Quickest peal on the bells.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	... 5
JOHN T. RICKMAN ...	... 2	WILLIAM C. HART ...	... 6
JOHN CAPP	... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ...	... 7
RICHARD STREDWICK ...	... 4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

*FREDERICK GEORGE ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH BAILEY... ...	... 5
EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	... 2	EDWARD READER ...	... 6
ALLEN R. HICKTON...	... 3	*JOHN OLDHAM	... 7
HARRY WHITTLE ...	... 4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Quickest peal of Major on the bells. Rung to celebrate the birthday of Eliza and William Trigg, members of the local band.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	...*Treble*	*FRANK W. PERRENS	... 5
THOMAS HUGHES	... 2	GEORGE PEATE	... 6
EDGAR T. SMITH	... 3	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	... 7
DANIEL JONES	... 4	EDWIN J. TYLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman.

PERRY BARR, BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

WILLIAM SHORT	...*Treble*	CHARLES WILLIAMS...	... 5
REV. ERNEST V. COX	... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ...	... 6
THOMAS J. BRATTON ...	... 3	JAMES E. GROVES ...	... 7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT	... 4	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

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

Mr. Corbett hails from Dorrington, Shrewsbury, and this is his first peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES FRAY... ...	... 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	... 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD	... 6
HENRY W. WILKES ...	... 3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	... 4	OWEN GILES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for W. H. Fussell, of Slough.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

William H. Shuker	*Treble*	George E. Turner	5
*Harry Wilson	2	Thomas J. Bottrill	6
*Harry Washbrook	3	Harry Chapman	7
Joseph Winterbottom	4	James W. Washbrook	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

* First peal in the method. In this peal the 2nd is never wrong with the tenor till the last course and it is the first with these qualities. Rung half-muffled for the late Mr. S. Brierley, vice-president of the association.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

Frederick Day	*Treble*	James M. Bailey	5
Thomas Ford, Junr.	2	Ernest S. Bailey	6
Clement J. More	3	John Souter	7
Edgar H. Bailey	4	Charles F. Bailey	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

SIX BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 24, 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 London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob IV., Norwich Surprise, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 20 cwt.

Fredk. C. M. Skinner	*Treble*	Bertie Turner	4
Fred Seager	2	George Snelling	5
Albert Brown	3	John Snelling	*Tenor*

Conducted by B. Turner.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Sonning Deanery Branch.)
On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

*Sidney Gearing	*Treble*	Ernest C. Lambert	4
*Edward Bungay, Senr.	2	*William Gearing	5
†Albert Pierce	3	‡Harry Bungay	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Bungay.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. ‡ First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. It is also the quickest peal on the bells.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Halesworth District)
On Tuesday, August 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

Frederick Lambert, Junr.	*Treble*	Herbert Pratt	4
Frederick C. Lambert	2	Walter Kerrison	5
Rev. E. S. Powell	3	Charles Moss	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

First peal of Minor by F. Lambert, Junr., who is only 15 years of age. Arranged for Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Miss Mary E. N. Jukes	*Treble*	Harry Hall	4
William G. Crickmer	2	John W. Mallett	5
John Hall	3	William Burgess	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. Crickmer.

This peal was arranged for Miss Jukes, of Portishead, Somerset, and is her first peal of Minor.

FOXTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 29, 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, St. Clement's, Double Court, Double Oxford, Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

Alban Jarman	*Treble*	Joseph T. Dyke	4
J. James Jackson	2	Albert P. Wakley	5
Rev. C. J. Sturton	3	E. Harry Stoneley	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. Stoneley.

Rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

WENHASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Halesworth District.)
On Friday, August 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 14 cwt.

Frederick C. Lambert	*Treble*	George Easthaugh	4
Rev. E. S. Powell	2	*George Pearce	5
Albert Lee	3	John Larter	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

* First peal. Arranged for Rev. E. S. Powell, of Holbeton, Devon.

EAST HOATHLY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 3 lbs.

Alfred J. Pierpoint	*Treble*	Albert Reed	4
William H. Jenner	2	Albert Martin	5
James A. Hart	3	Wilfred Booth	*Tenor*

Conducted by Wilfred Booth.

First peal of Minor on the bells.

BENTLEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E.

*Ernest King	*Treble*	William Horne	4
Charles Edwards	2	†George Upshall	5
†Hubert Chaffey	3	John W. Russell	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Edwards.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods. First peal on the bells.

ADDINGHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Comprising 720 each of Duke of York, New London, Woodbine, Violet, Oxford Delight, Oxford, Kent. Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN WINSTANLEY ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD BROWN	4
JOHN H. WINSTANLEY ...	2	JOHN COOPER	5
A. ELLIS LAMBERT	3	ARTHUR ADAMS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR ADAMS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

NEW HANDBELL RECORD.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Nine Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 19,738 CHANGES;
Handbells, size 16 in B flat.

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, A. H. WINCH, T. W. RADFORD, S. RADFORD, W. LOADER, W. E. MAULDEN and M. SMITHER.

This is the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men on either tower or handbells, and was the conductor's 300th peal. The peal was rung on a magnificent set of bells, recently tuned by Messrs. Warner & Sons.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. G. WARNES, 21A, UNTHANK ROAD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. CROSS... ...	1—2	*ALBERT G. WARNES ...	5—6
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	3—4	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method. Bertie J. Howchin has now rung, and the conductor has now called, a peal on each pair of bells in this method.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	†WILLIAM A. WOODROW	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells. † First peal of Grandsire Triples on an inside pair. Rung as a compliment to Mr. G. B. Edser, hon. secretary of the York Town District, on the birth of a son and heir.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, August 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT 7, THE BROADWAY,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

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

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This peal is in short courses throughout and is the first peal of this description to be rung in the method on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, August 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER	1—2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	1—2	ERNEST PYE	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: BERT HORTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF S. NICOLAS CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MAURICE SMITHER ...	1—2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: F. BLONDELL and W. LOADER.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the wedding of Miss C. E. Raddon, daughter of the secretary of S. Nicolas Society, to Mr. G. S. Paddison, the event taking place at St. Mary's Church, Guildford, on that date. The peal was rung on handbells as S. Nicolas bells are not pealable.

The umpire in the handbell peal rung at Norwich, on August 25th, was Bertie Fry.

The peal of Grandsire Caters at Great Yarmouth, on August 20th, was 5148, and not 5184 changes as published.

A handsome peal board has been placed in the belfry at Irthlingborough, Northants. It records two peals, one of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, rung with the bells deeply muffled for the funeral of King Edward VII; and the other a peal of London Surprise Major. Both these peals were rung by the local company. The tablet has been erected in memory of Mr. F. Palmer and Mr. W. V. Newman, who were very much respected members of this belfry. The board was made by Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford.

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The ring of six bells of Wallasey Parish Church, near Liverpool, which is dedicated to St. Hilary, are to be rehung. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, who recently erected the new ring at the church of St. Nicholas, Wallasey, have been entrusted with the work of restoration.

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THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

Our contributor "Conductor," will be glad to reply to the inquiries of beginners through this column. Communications should be addressed to him, care of The Editor.

Those who have only five bells to ring, and thus are limited to Doubles, may find variety, if they are in the habit of practising Grandsire, in ringing both Reverse Grandsire and Double Grandsire. The principle of the former is that the 3rd's place is made when the treble is behind instead of in front, and in the latter it is made both when the treble is in front and behind. A lead of each will help to explain :—

Reverse.	Double.
1 2 3 4 5	1 2 3 4 5
2 1 4 3 5	2 1 3 5 4
2 4 1 5 3	2 3 1 4 5
4 2 5 1 3	3 2 4 1 5
4 5 2 3 1	3 4 2 5 1
5 4 3 2 1	4 3 5 2 1
4 5 3 1 2	3 4 5 1 2
5 4 1 3 2	4 3 1 5 2
5 1 4 2 3	4 1 3 2 5
1 5 2 4 3	1 4 2 3 5
1 2 5 3 4	1 2 4 5 3

It will be seen that in each the 2nd is in the hunt in the plain course, as in the ordinary method. Bobs and Singles in Reverse Grandsire are the same as in Grandsire, but made, of course, when the treble is behind.

In Double Grandsire the bobs are made as in ordinary Grandsire, and can be called either when the treble is in front or behind, but a special single is required. It must be made in one or other of the following ways. When the treble is in front, thus :—

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

or when the treble is behind, thus :—

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

C. F. G. will find London Doubles explained in "The Ringing World" of July 5th last.

CONDUCTOR.

An attractive programme has been arranged for the tour in Somerset which begins to-morrow. The following is the itinerary :—

Saturday, September 7th, Wrington.
Sunday, September 8th, Yatton.
Monday, September 9th, Shepton Mallet and Evercreech.
Tuesday, September 10th, Yeovil and Sherborne.
Wednesday, September 11th, East Coker and West Coker.
Thursday, September 12th, Crewkerne and Chard.
Friday, September 13th, Axminster and Lyme Regis.
Saturday, September 14th, Bradpole and Beaminster.

WOODEN "BELLS."

RELICS OF MEDIÆVALISM.

The statement is sometimes met with in print that wooden bells were at one time used in England. This obvious error, perhaps, had its origin in the fact that before the year 680 the early British Christians were wont to call the faithful together by means of wooden rattles. A few of these inharmonious instruments may still be encountered in mediæval towers on the Continent, notably in Spain, where they are sounded during the three days of the Passion in Holy Week, when, in Catholic countries, it is not permitted to ring church bells.

Such a rattle of ponderous dimensions (matraca) is suspended in one of the lofty belfry arches of the famous Giralda tower in Seville, one of the minarets left by the Moors upon the surrender of the city to the Christians in the year 1248, after a resistance of fifteen months. This rattle is composed of four elongated boxes attached equi-distant to a common axletree in such a way that when the affair is revolved by means of a crank a series of iron hammers fall successively upon each box. When kept in continuous revolution these boxes emit a rhythmical series of sounds not unlike the explosion of a bunch of cannon fire-crackers.

In the larger campanarios and towers of Spain are apartments fitted for the habitation of the steeplekeeper and his family, all of whom lend a hand at ringing the bells, which are heard from early morn till vespers. When, at my request, the obliging custodian set in motion this instrument the noise produced, as heard near by, was stupendous, and in a quiet locality might be audible, like the call to prayer of the muezzin, within an area of one half mile. In a noisy metropolis, however, sounds produced by percussion upon a hollow object, as in the case of a drum, would have but limited carrying power; hence, in whatever locality the archaic tower-rattle has managed to survive, it is safe to conclude that the town from a commercial standpoint is either dead or moribund.

Suspended above the nine great bells in the beautiful steeple of Toledo Cathedral is another massive tower rattle, worked by a curious mechanism, which it is the custom to sound continuously for 48 hours before the Gloria in Excelsis of the Saturday before Easter. Ellacombe records that in the Fiji Islands bells are made by hollowing the trunk of certain trees cut into sections three or four feet in length with bevelled ends. When placed upon a resonant or elastic body and struck with a mallet a roaring hum is produced said to possess considerable carrying power. A similar contrivance is described by Engel in his book "Musical Instruments, as in use by the Mexicans." This was an instrument of percussion, made of a single block of oblong, hard wood, hollowed and having at its upper side an incised soundboard capable, when struck, of emitting two clearly defined notes. Syack states that the Greeks as early as the eighth century began to employ sonorous pieces of wood, much as we now use bells. The same writer describes wooden bells preserved at St. Mary Magdalen, Ripon, and at the parish church of Lenton, designed probably as models for guidance in the construction of bell frames.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

DEATH OF MR. S. BRIERLEY.

The Lancashire Association has lost another of its best known workers, by the death of Mr. Sam Brierley, of Milnrow, Rochdale. The deceased, who was President of the Rochdale branch, was Vice-President of the Association, and had been connected with Milnrow Church for close on 30 years. He joined the Association in 1886, but had not rung a great many peals, having taken part in only 15 for the Association.

A large number of ringers attended the funeral, which was conducted by the Rev. G. Harvey and the Rev. H. J. Elsee (Master of the Lancashire Association).

On Sunday morning, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: L. Fielding 1, R. Buckley 2, S. Fielding 3, A. Fielding 4, J. Greenwood 5, H. Buckley 6, J. Massey 7, J. J. Hartley 8.

At St. Thomas' Church, Newhey, where Mr. Brierley learnt to ring, a last token of respect was paid to the deceased, by a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples rung with the bells muffled, by: C. Dearden 1, R. Thompson 2, J. Wood 3, J. C. Bennett 4, J. Meadowcroft 5, R. Dearden 6, T. Smith 7, S. S. Fitton 8.

Mrs. Brierley desires to express her thanks to the Rev. H. J. Elsee for assisting at the funeral service, and the ringers for their attendance and sympathy.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

KETTERING DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held on Saturday, August 24th, at Weekley where the bells are a new ring of six. Touches of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

Tea was partaken of at the parish rooms, about 30 being present, from Kettering, Warkton, Geddington, Cranford, Barton Seagrave, Wellingborough, Finedon, Barton Latimer, Isham, Cransley, Rothwell, and Thorpe Malsor. — A short business meeting followed, the chair being taken by the General Secretary (Mr. F. Wilford).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Desborough.—Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the ladies for providing tea.—Mr. D. J. Nichols, of Kettering, supported the vote of thanks, and said he had hoped some of the Weekley ringers would have been at the meeting. As they were a band of young ringers, he thought they could have gained some knowledge had they been there. There were plenty in the district who would be pleased to give them any assistance they might require, to enable them to ring their bells in the best manner possible, for the services of the church.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Earl's Barton on Saturday last. This fine old Norman tower has a peal of six bells in fair condition, and touches in various methods were rung upon them during the afternoon and evening. An admirable tea, served in the schoolroom by the local ringers, was thoroughly enjoyed, a company numbering about 35 being present, from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Higham Ferrers, Rushden, Wilby, and Northampton. —Tea being over, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the General Secretary (Mr F. Wilford) who apologised for the unavoidable absence of the Rector and churchwardens.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Higham Ferrers.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the local ringers for their very kindly welcome, and to their wives for the beautiful tea they had provided.

PRESENTATION AT HEAVITREE, DEVON.

On Saturday evening, August 17th, an interesting event in the history of the Heavitree Society was the presentation of a gilt 400-day clock to Mr. H. V. Richards to commemorate his marriage. The presentation was made by the Vicar (the Rev. T. J. Penting), at the Vicarage, and acknowledged by Mr. Richards. The wedding was solemnised on the following Saturday, when Mr. Richards and his bride had a hearty send-off, his brother ringers firing the bells, and ringing a couple of touches. The happy pair left for Bournemouth later in the afternoon to spend their honeymoon.

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WARWICKSHIRE GUILD MEETING AT MONK'S KIRBY.

The August monthly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Monk's Kirby on Saturday last, when a record attendance resulted. Some thirty members were present from Rugby, Nuneaton, Stoke Golding, Coventry, Allesley, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a ring of six, tenor 23 cwt., of rather pleasing tone—nicer to listen to than to handle. They go very badly, not from the want of a rigid frame, but probably from being rusted and uncared for. The ropes run back-handed, and those belonging to the two trebles are very awkwardly placed behind the clock box, and a small man on the treble is at much disadvantage as far as ropesight goes.

Here is an instance of a tower, situated in a quiet country spot about seven miles north of Rugby, containing some good bell metal, yet offering no prospect of ever having change ringing introduced there, because—through want of interest no doubt—the bells are slowly going to rack and ruin. The only ringing decently accomplished on Saturday was a 360 of Bob Minor, in which it took two men to ring the treble, because the first man got tired! Other touches were attempted, but were either lost or abandoned after a few minutes' hard labour.

Tea was partaken of at the Bell Inn, and, with the refreshment of the inner man, renewed courage came to some afterwards, but sad to say, it soon wore off after the bells went into changes, and members repaired again to the Bell Inn, where the less arduous handbell ringing was indulged in in the open-air.—A vote of thanks was proposed by the Hon. Secretary to the Vicar for his kind permission to ring, and to the members of the Rugby company for making the tea arrangements. —Two new members were elected at this meeting, which was very pleasurable, although the ringing was not the best that the Guild can do. But, then, circumstances alter cases.—C. C. C.

CHURCHWARDEN AND RINGER.

A FAREWELL GIFT.

A very pleasant gathering took place in the belfry of SS. Peter and Leonard's Church, at Horbury, on Saturday, the occasion being the presentation of a beautiful writing desk subscribed for by the ringers, churchwardens and sidesmen, to Mr. James Smith (who is removing during the present week to Rugby), as a mark of their respect and esteem. The proceedings commenced with a touch of Kent Treble Bob Major, and afterwards the presentation was made by Mr. Wm. Yelland, who was the oldest parishioner present, and who, besides acting as parish clerk, is also a sidesman.

Mr. Smith has been a ringer for a number of years, and in addition was formerly a handbell ringer, and assisted to win the first prize at the contest at Bell Vue Gardens, Manchester, some years ago. He has also acted as sidesman and as churchwarden for several years, and still holds the latter office.—Mr. Yelland, in making the presentation, stated that he had known Mr. Smith from childhood, and had great pleasure in testifying to his integrity of purpose, as well as to the zeal and ability with which he had carried out his public duties. He added that in his opinion the time was approaching when the working men of the country would take a greater part in such work than hitherto. On behalf of the subscribers and himself, he wished to convey to Mr. Smith and his family their good wishes, and the hope that his future would be successful beyond his highest expectations. He was confident that in these expressions he was also voicing the feeling of the whole congregation.

Mr. Smith, in reponse, said that he was taken very much by surprise with the handsome present he had just received, and desired to express his thanks to the subscribers for the kind feelings which had prompted their action. He further stated that he would value the present much beyond its intrinsic worth, and whenever he used it in his new home it would always remind him of the old and good friends he had left behind in his native village.—After more Treble Bob Major ringing the proceedings were brought to a close.

OLD SUSSEX RINGER'S DEATH.

All that was mortal of Henry Sayers was laid to rest in the churchyard of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, on August 24th, the deceased having passed away, at the advanced age of 85 years, after 18 months' illness. He was born in 1827, and as far as can be ascertained had been a ringer for over 63 years. The only peal in which he took part was a 5040 Grandsire Doubles, in which he rang the treble, on the occasion of the late Rev. Canon C. H. Borrer's 50th year as Rector of the parish. Nevertheless, he was a regular attendant in the tower on Sundays, up to his 83rd year, and always made a point of ringing, if only for a few minutes. Singularly enough his last appearance among the ringers was on the occasion of their annual outing, in August, 1910.

Full he was of quaint reminiscences of days gone by, and used to speak with much amusement of the fact that, on the occasion of a former illness, he had the knell too previously tolled for himself. He also used to boast that he was godfather to a majority of the old inhabitants of Hurstpierpoint, inasmuch as, having at one time lived close by the church, often and often he had been summoned on emergencies to make up the number of godfathers.

His coffin was borne to the church by four of his companions in the art, and was followed by many friends and relatives, while most of the local band were present to pay their last respects to their old friend. The bells were rung half-muffled on Saturday night, and for service on Sunday, as a token of respect.

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THE HISTORY OF A GREAT RINGER.

MATTHEW WOOD, BORN 1826—DIED 1912.

As we recorded briefly in our last issue, the veteran, Mr. Matthew Wood, has passed away at the advanced age of 85 years, and thus has been removed another of those notable figures whose energies and achievements did so much to lay the foundations for the rapid advance which has been made in the Exercise in later years. Matthew Wood inherited his ringing proclivities, and his own association with bells goes back more than 70 years. Educated campanologically in a school where the striking was always the first consideration, he was a model of what a ringer should be in this respect, and woe betide the man who in touch or peal failed to strike his bell. He would hear of it from Matthew Wood, and in a pretty blunt sort of way, for Matt. was no respector of persons. Beneath that bluff exterior, however, there was a warm heart, and beginners of the right stamp received every encouragement from Mr. Wood. And not only was he a past master in striking, but he possessed that other attribute which goes to make the good ringer—he was extremely safe; in fact he



THE LATE MR. M. A. WOOD.

was hardly ever known to make a mistake, and even when past 80 years of age he would ring peals without the sign of a mis-blow, much less a trip. He was a really great ringer at either the light or the heavy end.

Mr. Wood was proud of the stock from whence he came. His grandfather was a Hugenot, by name Francois Du Bois, a silk manufacturer in Lyons. With many of his compatriots, when driven out of France, he settled in Spitalfields, and there pursued his calling, taking the English translation of his name—Francis Wood. He and his brother Samuel became interested in ringing, and were members of the Cumberland Society. Francis rang over 70 peals, taking part among others in 10,200 Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch in 1777. He died, and was buried at Bethnal Green in September, 1784. Matthew Wood, his grandson, was the youngest of a family of twelve, and was born on September 22nd, 1826, at Bethnal Green, and in 1829 removed to Church Row, where he remained until he died. He started work very early in life as a weaver, but subsequently entered the hop trade, in which he continued until advancing years compelled him to give up work.

His connection with bell ringing dates back to 1837. He tolled for the death and funeral of King William IV, and in the same year his father taught him how to ring. So rapidly did he learn that, although only 11 years of age, he soon took part in ringing set changes with the old parochial ringers. His introduction to change ringing was in 1845, when, with Mr. J. Comb, and the late Mr. W. Cooter, he became a pupil of John Cox. His first peal, as we mentioned last week, was rung on February 18th, 1846, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. Before this, however, he had become steeplekeeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, a post which he retained to the last—a period of close on 70 years. Every bell was an intimate companion, for during this time he had watched with the greatest care over the peal, or rather the peals, for there had been two rings of bells in the tower. The first was destroyed by fire, and Mr. Wood cherished the possession of a small model bell, hung in a frame with complete fittings, which was cast from a piece of one of the original ring.

Very early in his career as a change ringer Mr. Wood joined the Society of Cumberland Youths, his first peal with them being 5280 Kent Treble Bob Major, at Christ Church, Spitalfields. His first peal on twelve bells was at St. Saviour's, Southwark, a peal of Kent Maximus, in January, 1848. In 1850, at Bethnal Green, he took part in the first peal of Superlative rung in London, the first peal in the method having been rung only a few days previously at Woolwich by the Banister family. Mr. Wood took part in many long peals, among them being 7524 Stedman Cinques in 1851, conducted by John Cox. Of that band one still survives—Mr. William Banister. In 1861 Mr. Wood rang in the 8580 Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, and afterwards in the 8448 Treble Bob Major at Spitalfields, and the 9000 and the 15,848 at Bethnal Green, this last being rung on April 27th, 1868. Mr Wood travelled, as few men of his day travelled for peal ringing. In 1872 he visited Waterford, and rang in the first peal in Ireland, and in the following year conducted the first in Scotland, viz., Grandsire Triples at Dundee. He visited Scotland again in 1877, when he rang a peal at Inverness—the first peal of Treble Bob north of the Tweed.

Matthew Wood was one of the first band to take up double handed Stedman, and the performances in which he participated were memorable ones, for they included the first peals of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques ever rung. The Stedman Caters on June 15th, 1851, was the first peal in the method recorded on handbells retained in hand, and was rung at the Osborn Arms, Henage Street, by John Cox, George Ferris, W. Cooter, Matt. Wood and J. Dwight. It was followed in 1854, by the Triples and the Cinques. Most of the handbell peals were rung at the Whittington and Cat, in Church Row, the Triples being rung by George Ferris, Wm. Cooter, Matt. Wood and Jemmy Dwight, and the Cinques by Henry Haley, John Cox, Ferris, Wood, Cooter and Dwight.

After a short time with the Cumberlands, Mr. Wood joined the College Youths, with whom by far the larger number of his peals was rung. He served in the office of Master about 1856, and was treasurer of the society for 30 years. He was, of course, one of the regular members of the St. Paul's Cathedral company from the commencement in 1878, and took part in the first peal on those magnificent bells. Mr. Wood was most exact in keeping the records of his performances, and his beautifully written peal book containing the particulars of his 380 peals is a perfect picture, "without a blot or a mistake," as the old gentleman would proudly tell his visitors. His peals had been rung in 86 towers, and with 355 different ringers. The names of

the latter have been written with absolutely alphabetical accuracy, in a companion volume to the peal book. He rang his last peal on January 16th, 1909, when, despite his more than 82 years, he took the 5th at Bethnal Green in a peal of Grandsire Triples. Incidentally it may be mentioned that in his younger days Mr. Wood was a very keen cricketer, and he possessed many a prize bat for his prowess on the field.

Although advancing years and failing health had been telling for some time upon the once strong frame, the mental capacity of Mr. Wood was almost to the last unimpaired. His memory was as fresh and his intellect as keen as in the days of yore, and not very long ago the writer had a most interesting chat with the veteran whose voice will ne'er be heard again in the belfry. On that visit to Mr. Wood the veteran showed how strongly he retained his interest in ringing affairs, and, in the most spirited way, he tapped off a merry tune upon the handbells which hung over the mantelpiece in his "den." But now he has gone and all that was mortal of the once great ringer was laid to rest on Saturday in the Abney Park Cemetery.

THE FUNERAL.

Not only was there a large gathering of ringers at the funeral, but a great many parishioners assembled to pay a last tribute of respect to Matthew Wood, for his life-long residence in the vicinity of the church made him one of the most familiar figures in that part of Bethnal Green. The service throughout was a very impressive one, the first portion being held in the church, which he had served so long and so faithfully. The Rector (the Rev. H. V. S. Eck) officiated, and the choir were in attendance, and led the chanting of Psalm XC, and the singing of the hymns, "Brief life is here our portion" and "Lead, kindly Light." Then, as the organ broke forth into the mournful strains of the "Dead March" in "Saul," the mortal remains of the veteran were carried for the last time from the church he loved so well. The family mourners were: The widow, Mrs. Nicoll and Miss Amy Wood (daughters), Mr. Nicoll (son-in-law), and Mrs. Wood's brother. Another notable figure among the large congregation was Mr. William Banister, one of Mr. Wood's ringing colleagues over 60 years ago. The coffin, which was of polished oak with massive brass furniture, was conveyed to Abney Park Cemetery on a four-horse hearse, and just within the cemetery gates the cortege was met by a large number of ringers and friends. Among those present either at the church or graveside were Messrs. T. H. Taffender (Master), W. T. Cockerell (hon. secretary), and A. Hughes (hon. treasurer of the College Youths), Mrs. Hughes, Miss Dorrington, Messrs. G. Dorrington, H. Hills, J. Munday, D. F. Gibbons (great-nephew of the deceased), C. Kennedy, R. Green, and E. Holman, of the Bethnal Green band; Messrs. T. O. Bone (great-nephew), J. H. Barrett, J. C. Bailey, A. Barker, J. Barry, C. S. Burden, Albert Coles, F. E. Dawe, J. H. B. Hesse, E. Horrex, Howell (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd.), A. A. Hughes, C. Hughes, W. J. Kemp, H. Langdon, C. Lea, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, F. Perrin, G. N. Price, W. Prime, F. W. Richardson, J. Rowbottom, J. Scholes, H. Springall, C. F. Winney, E. Wallage, etc. Mr. J. Comb was also represented. At the conclusion of the committal prayers, the handbells were rung over the open grave, and nothing in the whole service was more deeply stirring than the beautiful rhythm of the bells as this last tribute was paid to one whose memory will ever be cherished as a great ringer, and a just and an upright man. A crowd of some 500 persons were gathered round the grave, and the silent reverence of these onlookers while the ringing was taking place was most impressive. The three times "three whole-pulls and stand" was followed by a perfect course of Stedman Caters by: T. H. Taffender 1—2, C. F. Winney 3—4, H. R. Newton 5—6, H. Langdon 7—8, W. T. Cockerell 9—10.

In the evening the bells of St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green, were rung half-muffled, the age of the deceased being recorded by the "whole pull and stand" 85 times. Afterwards touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung.

The College Youths met at Bow, Cheapside, later in the evening, and paid their tribute to the memory of the deceased by half-muffled ringing on this majestic and far-famed ring of twelve.

The "whole pull and stand" to record the deceased's age was rung by: E. Horrex 1, F. E. Dawe 2, E. Gibbs 3, T. H. Taffender 4, H. Springall 5, C. Lee 6, J. W. Golding 7, C. F. Winney 8, H. Langdon 9, C. S. Burden 10, W. Prime 11, W. T. Cockerill 12. Afterwards touches of Stedman Cinques were rung.

The usual "whole pull and stand" also was rung at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, and was followed by a touch of Grandsire Caters. Those who took part in the ringing were: F. Rumens (conductor), A. Chapman, G. Grimwade, H. Rumens, J. H. Wilkins, J. C. Adams, R. Maynard, senr., A. A. Hughes, F. C. Maynard, W. B. Manning, W. J. Kemp, T. Cutforth and R. K. Knight.

A half-muffled peal of Superlative Surprise was rung at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, by the Kent Association.

An attempt was made for a half-muffled peal of Stedman Triples, at Bethnal Green, on Monday evening, but was unfortunately lost. The band was: T. Faulkner 1, A. A. Hughes 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, D. J. Gibbons 4, A. Hughes 5, E. G. Fenn 6, A. B. Peck (conductor) 7, G. L. Dorrington 8.

The bells of Waltham Abbey were also rung fully muffled on Saturday night.

The peals in which Mr. Matt. Wood had taken part were as follow:—

ON TOWER BELLS.

Grandsire Triples	*101	Conducted	41
Stedman Triples	83	Conducted	11
Grandsire Major	5		
Kent Treble Bob Major	55	Conducted	6
Double Norwich Major	3		
Superlative Surprise	2		
London Surprise	2		
Cambridge Surprise	1		
Grandsire Caters	10	Conducted	1
Stedman Caters	47		
Grandsire Royal	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	19	Conducted	2
Grandsire Cinques	1		
Stedman Cinques	25		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	12	Conducted	1

ON HANDBELLS.

Grandsire Triples	4		
Stedman Triples	*2		
Stedman Caters	4		
Stedman Cinques	2		
Total	380	Conducted	62

*Including one non-conducted.

ODD CHANGES.

Mr. R. Matthews was hindered from calling a peal of London Surprise at Wolverhampton on Saturday through a happy event at home. He was presented with a son and heir. Congratulations, Robert!

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A contract has been signed for the enlargement of St. Barnabas' Church, Linslade, Bucks, the work including a new north aisle and west porch, removal of the old gallery, putting in a new west window, and two new windows in the ringing chamber, making a new entrance door to the ringing room and providing a new stone staircase.

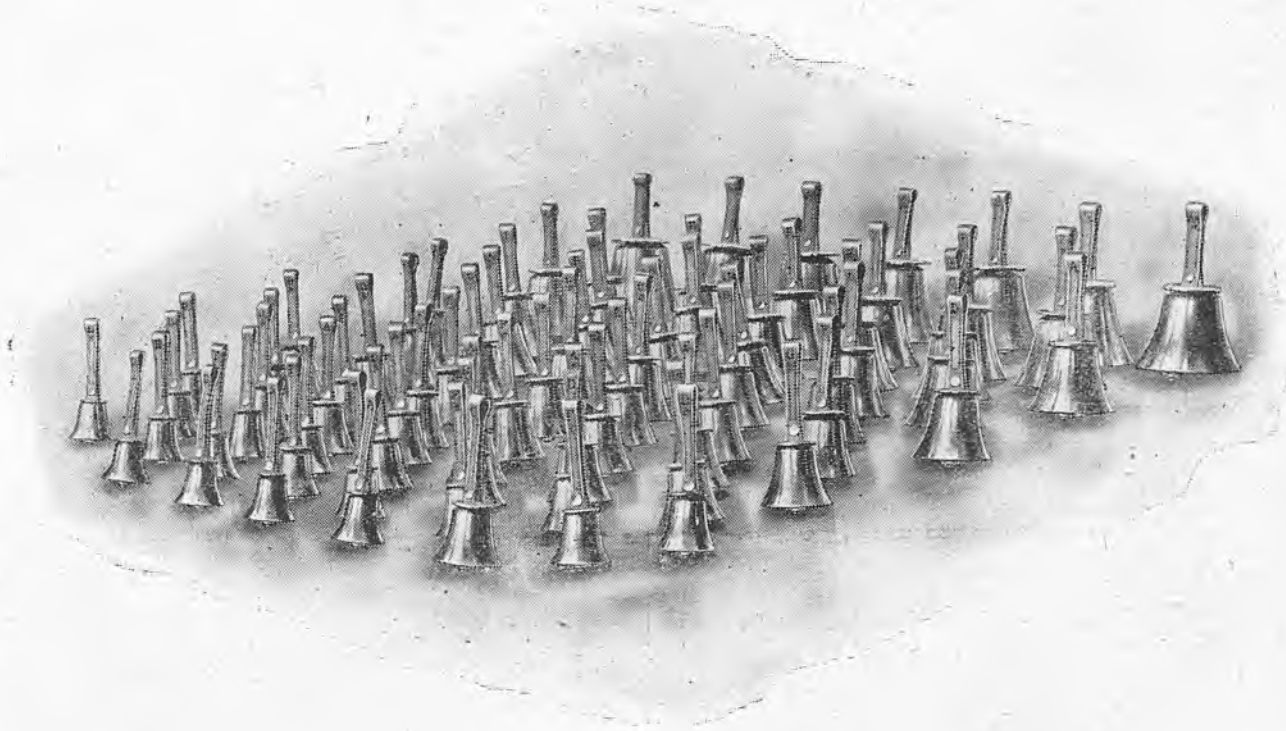
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There is a special interest in the peal of ten bells which is to be erected at Hingham, near Boston, U.S.A., by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Hingham is a town established by pilgrims from the Norfolk village of the same name, and, in providing the peal, their descendants have insisted upon having copies of some of the bells in the towers round about the old home. The tenor is about a ton, and the bells are to be hung for ringing. Mr. Dan Gibbons, who is to superintend the work for the famous Whitechapel firm, sailed for America on Wednesday.

NAMING OF METHODS.

Mr. C. Jackson, of Hull, writes that the following methods in the Central Council's collection have been named: No. 18, page 12, Kingston Treble Bob; No. 14, page 17, Hull Delight; No. 27, page 20, Sutton Delight; No. 40, page 40, Hull Surprise.

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ANOTHER RECORD.

GREAT PERFORMANCE AT GUILDFORD.

The Winchester Guild band who, about three months ago, set up a handbell record of 14,031, have easily eclipsed that performance by ringing last Saturday a peal of 19,738 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 32 mins. This stupendous achievement was accomplished on Saturday in Holy Trinity Belfry, Guildford, and the formal record of it will be found in our peal columns.

The original intention was to start again for the 22,222 that was lost on August Bank Holiday, and the band tentatively arranged to meet at noon, but business prevented one of their number reaching the town at this hour, and it was not until 1.55 p.m. that the bells got away to a good start after two attempts at the going-off course. The striking was splendid, and the half of the twenty-two thousand ran up in 5 hrs. 23 mins. The turning course was perfectly rung, and the tapping with the bells in the handstroke position was as good as it had been in the tittums. Course after course rolled faultlessly away, but it was obvious that the peal would have to be curtailed. It had been so composed that it might be brought round



THE RINGERS.
A. F. Shepherd 1-2. W. Shepherd 5-6.
A. H. Pulling (conductor) 3-4.
J. Hunt 7-8. F. Blondell 9-10.

at 19,738, and as the hour was then 11.27 p.m. it was decided to let the bells run round.

It was a really wonderful performance, remarkably free from trips, and constitutes a world's double record, inasmuch as it is not only by far the longest length yet rung on handbells, but it is also the greatest number of changes ever rung by one set of men. The conductor (Mr. A. H. Pulling) and the other ringers, Messrs. A. F. and W. Shepherd, of Hersham; J. Hunt and F. Blondell, of Guildford, are heartily to be congratulated upon their success. The way in which the peal was rung goes to show that, had there been time, there is little doubt the 22,222 would have been scored.

As will be seen from the record elsewhere, a number of umpires assisted in checking the peal, and part of the last half was also heard by Mrs. Pulling, and Messrs. T. Raddon and G. Gunner. Mr. A. H. Winch stopped to the finish, and, as he had to be back in Leatherhead on Sunday morning, walked home, a distance of twelve miles, after the peal.

The company desire to thank the umpires and also Mr. A. J. Whiting, caretaker of Holy Trinity, for looking after the church door.

The performance was doubly noteworthy for Mr. Pulling, as it was his 300th peal, no fewer than 127 of which have been rung on handbells, the greatest number, we believe, which anyone has yet rung "in hand." His total is made up as follows :—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Conducted.	Rung.	Conducted.
Bob Minor	3	3		
Seven Treble Bob Minor Methods	1	1		
Seven Minor Methods	2	2		
Seven Surprise Minor Methods	1	1		
Bob Major	22	17	*3	1
Bob Royal	3	2		
Treble Bob Major	3	2		
Treble Bob Royal	3	2		
Grandire Triples	22	16	11	10
Grandsire Caters	1	—	6	6
Stedman Triples	47	24	48	47
Stedman Caters	10	5	58	58‡
Stedman Cinques	—	—	1	1
Double Norwich	21	13§		
Norfolk Surprise	1	1		
Superlative	14	10		
Cambridge	2	2		
New Cambridge	1	—		
Bristol	8	8		
London	8	8		
	173	117	127	123

Total 300. Conducted 240.

‡ Includes 7,023, 7,777, 14,031, 19,738 record. § Includes 7,386. * Including one silent.

WINCHESTER GUILD RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

Amid beautiful surroundings, and under ideal conditions, a very successful meeting of members of the Portsmouth district of the Winchester Guild was held at Park Place, by kind invitation of Colonel and Mrs. H. R. Farquhar, on Wednesday week. The visitors assembled at the Parish Church in the afternoon, and by kind permission of the Rector (the Rev. E. H. Duke) rang on the bells. Afterwards they proceeded to the gardens at Park Place, where a capital tea was provided, between forty and fifty sitting down.—Mrs. Farquhar presided, supported by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), the Rev. E. H. Duke, Col. H. R. and Miss H. Farquhar, Mr. A. T. King (of Southsea), Mr. Geo. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), Mr. F. W. Whiting (district secretary), Mr. G. E. Chappell (assistant secretary), and representatives from Curdridge, Bishops Waltham, Swanmore, North Stoneham, Fareham, Litchfield, Upham and Wickham.

After tea, Col. Farquhar extended a most cordial welcome to the ringers, and expressed the pleasure it gave him and Mrs. Farquhar to have the various bands of ringers to tea with them. The ringing of the bells, he added, showed a large and broad sympathy with the joys and sorrows of the parish, and beyond the parish, with the Church in her festivals, and with the nation in days of great national rejoicing or sorrow.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews proposed thanks to Col. and Mrs. Farquhar for their very great kindness, and Mr. A. T. King supported the motion. Handbell ringing was much enjoyed by all present, and further ringing on the church bells brought a pleasant afternoon to a close.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A successful meeting of the Cirencester branch was held at Fairford, on Thursday, August 29th. Ringing began with a 504 Grandsire Triples, and it was found that the bells go much better now than they used to do. The ringers attended service, which was choral, and afterwards the Vicar (the Rev. Canon Carbonell) gave an interesting address.—Tea followed at the George Hotel, 20 sitting down to an excellent spread.

At the business meeting, Mr. H. T. Gardner was in the chair. Six new members were elected, and Mr. H. C. Bond was elected to serve on the committee of management.—Tetbury was chosen for the next meeting, on Thursday, October 3rd.—The Chairman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Canon Carbonell for arranging the service, and to the organist and choir for kindly giving their services.—The motion was carried unanimously.—The tower was then again visited, and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Triples were rung.—A social hour was afterwards spent at the George Hotel, the handbells being brought into use.

RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

THE REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY'S REPLY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If I did not know that my friend the Rector of Great Munden is one of the cheeriest of men, I should be greatly distressed at his "sadness of heart" and the melancholy tone of his letter in your last issue. But I am looking forward to meeting him on a ringing tour in a few days, and I am confident that I shall find him the life and soul of the party, and quite ready to start for two peals a day. So I am not worried about his gloomy prognostications.

There remains, however, his heavy indictment of some recent ringing at Cambridge, for which I fear I am chiefly responsible. In my innocence, I thought we had done rather well. Alas! I find that we are held up to the Exercise as an awful example of all that is worst. Here are the scathing words, which have made my flesh creep: "With the best intentions we are a nuisance in such a place as Cambridge. . . . At present it [i.e., ringing] ministers irritation. . . . Is a church the proper place for the infliction of eight hours' music on a helpless and protesting population?" These be strong words! I am living in hourly dread lest the "helpless and protesting population" of Cambridge, inflamed by this language, should rise as one man, thirsting for my blood; for at present I am the only one here of all the noise-producers on that iniquitous occasion. In the faint hope of escaping such a doom, may I ask you of your courtesy, or of your pity, to allow me, before I fall a victim, to put forward what little defence I can offer for this transaction which I now see to have been so disgraceful.

Incredible as it may sound after what has appeared in your paper, I should like to say that some of us in Cambridge not only endorse the advice given in your excellent front-page article, that "ringers should show consideration for the feelings of the public," but endeavour to act upon it. As Vicar of Great St. Mary's, I refuse to allow any peal ringing in term-time, when the University and Colleges are in residence—except it be a fully-muffled peal on an occasion of special mourning. Even in vacation-time, when there is very little going on in the town, I think it right to allow peal attempts only at long intervals, and only on a Bank Holiday or a Thursday afternoon, when all the shops are closed. Of course, ringing is never allowed if anyone is known to be ill, or even slightly unwell, within hearing of the bells. Now for our latest and greatest crime. When, at the Central Council Meeting on Whit-Tuesday, some of the best ringers in England asked to come and ring at Great St. Mary's, on the Bank Holiday in August, I was foolish enough to think it would be a grand opportunity of letting people in Cambridge hear what our twelve bells (all recently rehung and two of them recast) can really sound like. So I promised that I would try to arrange for two peals that day. Before deciding anything, I did my best to show consideration for the public. To begin with, I put a notice in our "Parish Magazine" that it was proposed to ring the bells on that day, both morning and afternoon: adding a hope that parishioners would enjoy the music, "if they are at home," for I had a shrewd suspicion that most of them would be at the "Mammoth Show" to be held just outside the town. Then I interviewed the chief authorities of the nearest important buildings, namely, the University Library, the Senate House, and Caius College; all of them assured me that the ringing would not annoy them. Then I wrote to the Dean of King's College (which is a little farther away), saying that I hoped that on this occasion, when famous ringers were coming from London, he would not mind the ringing overlapping their evensong if that was necessary for the completion of a peal. The Dean (who I believe hates bell ringing fervently) sent me a very grateful, courteous, and even humorous reply. After that, I sailed on, and gave leave for two peals on that Black Monday; and indeed (it is too late to attempt to conceal it now) I took part in one of them myself. So far I have got off uninjured. The "helpless and protesting population" has not yet thrown hatchets at me, or broken my windows with hammers. I have not even received any complaints: on the other hand, many persons have told me that they greatly enjoyed hearing the bells so rung. I implore you, if you can find space, to publish this (I confess miserably inadequate) effort at exculpation, not so much for my own sake (I am prepared to accept with fortitude any punishment that may befall me), but that Cambridge, which I love, may not incur the hate of the helpless and the execration of the Exercise.

Cambridge, August 31st, 1912. A. H. F. BOUGHEY.

GOOLE DISTRICT PRACTICE.

The combined practice of the Goole district was held on August 17th, at Snaith (six bells), a good company being present from Goole, Thorne, Howden, Hatfield, and the local band, while Mr. Pearson (Pontefract) cycled over to Snaith to give a hand. In the afternoon, 720 Kent Minor was rung by: H. Ludkin (Goole) 1, P. Sleight (Thorne), first 720 in the method, 2, D. Carmichael (Goole) 3, J. D. Bullock (Snaith) 4, C. W. King (Goole) 5, W. Pearson (Pontefract) 6.—Touches in various methods were then rung until tea-time. Afterwards ringing was again indulged in by mixed bands until about 9 p.m., when the bells were lowered, and selections on the handbells were given, songs, etc., sung, a most profitable and enjoyable evening being spent.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

MEETING AT LYDD.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF BELLS.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild entered fresh territory for their August meeting, which was held at Lydd on Saturday. The party numbered about twenty, representatives attending from Appledore, Ashford, Lyminge, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower. The members knew the bells went badly, and on arrival, regretted they had not a "Samson" in their midst, for one of the local ringers remarked that the tenor weighed a ton. The stately, lofty and roomy tower, measures eight rods up to the top of the battlements, and making allowance for the pinnacles the actual height would be over 140 feet. Such a tower is worthy of not less than eight bells, instead of a very dilapidated peal of five. After wending their way up to the belfry, which has a brick floor, with a commodious round trap-door in the centre, the ringers found that the ropes which are supplied through the local saddler, had sallies between six and seven feet in length. The bells were soon set going, many 120's of Grandsire Doubles and several of Stedman, being rung, as well as courses of Bob Singles. The tenor, which weighs no more than 15 cwt., required a tremendous lot of handling. The fourth also was very troublesome, but the front three, although far from being perfect, were decidedly better for ringing. However, the peal sadly needs rehanging, and while the bells are in the present condition, it is utterly impossible to train a local band of change ringers. The worst of the matter is that there appears to be not the slightest hope of any alterations. The church requires restoring, and the clergy put forward the argument that money is hard to obtain. But the writer thinks that the funds for the necessary restoration could be secured fairly easily, for in 1837 a sum of £1,500 was spent in extensive alterations to the noble edifice, and the enlargement of the churchyard. If such an enormous sum of money was raised then we think it could be done again, for surely the church officials at Lydd do not lack the energy and organising powers of their predecessors.

At the business meeting, held in the belfry, the Curate (the Rev. Heel) presided, in the unavoidable absence of the Rector (the Rev. P. H. Collins). It was decided to hold the next meeting at Rye on the third Saturday in September, and to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Tenterden on the 11th inst.—The Master (Mr. G. Billneness) moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. Heel for presiding.—Mr. C. Tribe seconded, and made reference to the bad condition of the bells, remarking that it would be a very fitting memorial to Alderman E. Finn's 21st consecutive year as mayor, if his worship provided the means to have them rehung.—The Chairman, in reply, expressed his pleasure to be present, and said he would convey their message to the Rector. With regard to the rehanging of the bells, he could not see how a move could be made in the matter.

A TRIP IN RUTLAND.

ANNIVERSARY OF BELTON BELLS CELEBRATED.

To celebrate the anniversary of the opening of the Belton bells, a nice little programme was arranged for last week-end by Mr. Jackson, of Belton Old Hall. On Thursday, August 29th, Foxton, Leicestershire, was the rendezvous. Messrs. A. P. Wakley and J. T. Dyke cycled from Burton, E. H. Stoneley from Stoke Golding, the Rev. C. J. Sturton trained to Market Harborough, and cycled from there, and Messrs. J. J. Jackson and A. Jarman, whose 21st birthday it was, drove from Belton. An excellent peal in seven plain methods was completed in 2 hrs. 53 mins., on the beautiful new peal at St. Andrew's. The party, with the exception of the conductor, then made for Belton. The next day, Mr. W. E. White, the popular secretary of the M.C.A., joined the party at Belton, and he, with Mr. J. Grocock, took the place of Messrs. E. H. Stoneley and A. Jarman in another seven method peal which was attempted to conclude the first year's work on the Belton bells. Unfortunately, this came to grief after ringing 720 each of St. Clement's and Double Court, under the conductorship of J. T. Dyke. Later, 720 of Double Bob was rung by the same band, and 720 St. Clement's, conducted by A. P. Wakley, with C. Reeve and A. Jarman, in place of the Rev. C. J. Sturton and J. Grocock. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung on handbells by: A. P. Wakley 1—2, Rev. C. J. Sturton 3—4, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 5—6, as well as touches of Stedman Triples and Treble Bob Major.

On Saturday, August 31st, Oakham, with its fine ring, was visited. Here, with the assistance of Messrs. Baker (Barleythorpe), Lord (Grantham) and Bertram, senr. and junr. (Melton Mowbray), the first peal of Stedman in the county was accomplished. It is worthy of mention that young Bartram, who only started peal ringing last Whitsuntide, helped his father to get his first peal of Stedman Triples, of which he is very proud.

For service on Sunday, various touches were rung, including a spliced 720 of Double Oxford and St. Clement's: W. E. White 1, C. Reeve 2, T. Atkins 3, J. T. Dyke 4, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 5, A. Jarman 6.

During the past year, 64 720's have been rung on the Belton bells, 43 being by the local band, who, with the exception of their instructor (Mr. J. J. Jackson), had not even the most elementary ideas of change ringing twelve months ago. The 720's were rung in the following methods: Double and Single Court, Double and Single Oxford, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire, St. Clement's, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

The annual outing of the members of the above society took place on Saturday week, when a trip was made to Honiton, Axminster, Chard, Ilminster, Taunton, Wellington and Cullompton. The party, including Mr. William Shepherd, of Hersham, Surrey, left Exeter at 8.0 a.m. under somewhat depressing conditions, as rain had been falling heavily, and threatened to continue. It was arranged to ring at Axminster, but in consequence of the very bad state of the roads and climatic conditions, the visitors arrived late, and as there was service at the church ringing at this tower was abandoned. Chard was reached about noon, and here the bells were soon put in motion with a short touch of Grandsire Triples. The motor then proceeded to Ilminster, where the party was met by Mr. D. G. Taylor, who had kindly made arrangements for dinner. After the mid-day meal, the ringers inspected the interior of the church, and then proceeded to the belfry, where touches of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob (the latter being first on the bells) were rung. In the afternoon the weather was ideal, and an enjoyable ride took the party into Taunton, where a visit was paid to the Park and the Castle. After tea, the ringers met Messrs. J. Burge, J. Maddocks, of Taunton, and A. Walker, of Birmingham, at St. James' tower, where Kent Treble Bob and Stedman Triples were rung. At St. Mary's Church touches of Stedman Caters were brought round. Owing to a long journey in front of them, and ringing to be done at Wellington, there was not much time for the visitors to stay for a chat with old acquaintances. At Wellington, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and this concluded the day's ringing. A move was then made to Cullompton, and then after a few minutes' rest the journey was resumed for the "Ever Faithful City," which was reached about 11 p.m. It was agreed by all that a most enjoyable day had been spent, notwithstanding the bad weather in the morning. The band wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and those who made arrangements for ringing at the different towers.

SHOREDITCH.

The members of the Shoreditch Society spent a pleasant afternoon on Saturday week, when, at the invitation of Canon Newbolt, they visited St. Paul's Cathedral. The ringers were accompanied by the Rev. P. E. Boswell, Mr. Ford (deputy churchwarden), and Mr. Riley (steeplekeeper at South Hackney). The party were met at the Cathedral by Canon Newbolt, who conducted them round the building, and pointed out the various monuments and other things of special interest. The galleries, library and whispering gallery were also visited, and afterwards the party attended evensong, the singing at which was enjoyed by all. Canon Newbolt entertained the party to tea at the Chapter House, and was heartily thanked for his kindness, on the motion of the Rev. P. E. Boswell.

ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD, BRISTOL.

The members of this Guild visited Stratford-on-Avon and Warwick for their annual outing on August Bank Holiday. At Stratford, the party was met by the Rev. C. Carew Cox, and after the places of interest in the quaint old town had been viewed and dinner partaken of at the Black Swan, the visitors drove to Warwick, where they made straight for St. Mary's Church. The beautiful peal of ten were soon going to Stedman Caters and Cambridge Royal, Mr. James George, of Rugby, with a few friends, turning up and taking part in the ringing. Returning to Stratford in time to ring for the evening service, touches of London Major and Stedman Triples were brought round. The remainder of the day was spent in a visit to Anne Hathaway's Cottage, at Shottery, and to the parsonage, where touches of Grandsire Caters on handbells were rung.—The ringers wish to thank the Rev. C. Carew Cox for kindly making the whole of the arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the party, and also Mr. Adams for having the bells ready at St. Mary's, Warwick.

DEPTFORD.

The St. Nicholas' Society, Deptford, visited Leith Hill, Surrey, for their annual outing, and spent a most enjoyable day. They were entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. Hart), who accompanied them. From the tower on the hill on a clear day, it is said that 13 counties can be seen. Certainly those, who, after dinner, successfully negotiated the steep slopes were amply repaid by the magnificent view they obtained. Half the band, however, were "knocked out" before the top was reached, but those who reached the top included the veteran, Mr. Weatherstone. The outing proved a most delightful one, and the ringers desire to thank the Vicar most heartily for his kind hospitality.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.

The ringers of Shiplake, their wives and friends, had their annual outing on August 14th, when a party numbering over 20 visited Weymouth. It was necessary to leave at 4 a.m., by conveyance, in order to catch the train leaving Reading at 5.15 a.m. The railway journey was made in the comfort of a saloon carriage, which had been reserved for the party by Mr. Porter. Weymouth was reached at 11.15 a.m., and the party then separated until dinner time. Much to the disappointment of the visitors, ringing at Weymouth was out of the question, there being several churches, but none with a peal of bells. In the afternoon the party had a steamer trip to Lulworth Cove, which was enjoyed immensely, and returned to Weymouth for tea, after which the homeward journey was commenced. Reading was reached at 12.15 a.m., and conveyances soon rattled the excursionists o'er the stones to Shiplake, which was reached about 1.40 a.m.—The party wish to thank Mr. Porter (the worthy foreman) for making all the splendid arrangements, which led to a most enjoyable day being spent.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.

On Wednesday, August 21st, the ringers of St. Peter's Church had their annual outing, and visited London. They first made their way to Messrs. Warner and Son's bell foundry, at Spitalfields, where they were received by Mr. D. Christy, who conducted them round the different workshops, and showed them much that was of interest to ringers, including the cup which Messrs. Warner are giving for competition. After leaving the foundry, the National Gallery was visited, and in the afternoon Westminster Abbey and Queen Victoria's Memorial. The party then went on to the White City, where the rest of the day was spent, Tunbridge Wells being reached in the small hours of the morning, everyone feeling tired but well pleased with a good day's outing.

WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday, the Whitchurch ringers had an outing to Birmingham, and were met by Mr. T. J. Bratton. A visit was paid to the Birmingham New Art Gallery, which was very much admired by all. A move was then made to St. Chad's Cathedral, where the party were met by Messrs. Miller and Groves, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 45 mins., by: J. Gibson 1, F. Ryder 2, Rev. J. S. D. Rider 3, J. Corrigan 4, W. Barron 5, W. Hutchinson 6, T. Barron 7, H. Taylor 8, conducted by T. Miller. A visit was next paid to Aston Hall Museum, and to Aston Church, where a peal of Caters was in progress. During the day, Mr. H. Withers entertained the visitors by tapping some changes on the piano.—The visitors wish to thank all who helped to make the outing a success.

A VETERAN RINGER.

Death has recently removed another veteran ringer, Mr. James Buckley, of Middleton, Lancashire, who for a long number of years did duty in the tower of the ancient parish church at that place. The deceased was the last member of a band who manipulated the old set of six bells, and whilst he perhaps could never lay claim to be an exponent of scientific ringing such as we see recorded in the ringing world to-day, still, the beauty in accuracy of striking was always well maintained and noteworthy, and in the sphere of prize ringing, such as existed in the district half a century ago, the band of which he was a worthy member, succeeded in attaining a high degree of prominence, as was testified by their successes in many Lancashire and Yorkshire towers. Mr. Buckley, who was a handloom weaver by occupation, was 82 years of age, and probably the oldest prize ringer in Lancashire. Although he retired from active association with ringing in July, 1901, he was always deeply interested in the doings of those who succeeded himself and others. The funeral was witnessed by a good many townspeople, and full honours were done by the local band, and representatives from the church towers of neighbouring towns. At the graveside a plain course of Grandsire Triples was rung on the handbells, and after the funeral a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on the tower bells, which were deeply muffled.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BLETCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on August 4th, 168 Stedman Triples and 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Crane 1, J. Mead 2, J. Marks 3, F. Hedges 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, W. Sear 7, V. Sear 8.

NEWCHURCH.—On August 2nd, at the Parish Church, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob Minor: W. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, E. Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells, and by all the band.

MALDON.—On Tuesday, July 30th, 720 Plain Bob: E. Finch 1, J. Gozzell 2, H. Finch 3, R. Finch (first 720) 4, A. South (conductor) 5, H. J. Mansfield 6.

WREXHAM. — On Tuesday, July 30th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: S. Meadows 1, W. Jones 2, J. Clutten 3, A. Newell 4, E. Rowland (conductor) 5, G. Vaughan 6, A. Lea 7, W. Williams 8. Rung as a farewell to the sister of the ringer of the 6th, who set sail for Australia on the following Wednesday.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, July 21st, for evening service, 1200 Bob Major: H. Dewey 1, L. Stilwell 2, P. H. Doick 3, J. Burdfield 4, R. Wood 5, W. Stanford 6, A. Greenfield 7, H. Hoad (conductor) 8. Longest touch of Bob Major by the ringers of treble, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7.

CHISLEHURST, KENT.—On July 22nd, in 43 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): W. J. Browning 1, G. French 2, H. Durling (first quarter with a bob bell) 3, S. Marshall 4, H. W. Humble 5, T. Groombridge, senr., (conductor) 6, R. Brett-Smith 7, J. Mitcham (first quarter peal) 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. French, junr., son of the ringer of the 2nd. It was intended to attempt a peal, but illness prevented this being done.

GUILDFORD.—On July 14th, at St. Nicolas' Church, for morning service, 408 Stedman Triples: E. G. Heath 1, F. S. Wilson (Ludlow) 2, W. Loader 3, W. C. Wakley, Burton-on-Trent (conductor) 4, E. Raddon 5, T. Radford 6, J. Hunt 7, E. Heather 8. For evening service, four courses of Stedman Caters: F. S. Wilson 1, A. Pulling (conductor) 2, E. Raddon 3, M. Smithers 4, C. Wilshire 5, W. C. Wakley 6, T. W. Radford 7, S. Radford 8, J. Hunt 9, E. Heather 10.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On July 31st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: C. Dellar 1, H. Jarman (first quarter-peal) 2, E. Bolton 3, R. Coburn 4, L. Pearce 5, G. Newson 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, D. Dellar 8. Rung as a farewell to Mr. L. Pearce, who was leaving for Canada, his brother ringers wishing him and his wife health and prosperity.

WARWICK. — On Sunday, August 4th, at St. Mary's, Collegiate Church, 395 Grandsire Caters: Miss J. Williams 1, J. Ambrose 2, F. Brassington 3, W. Palmer (King's Norton) 4, J. Jones 5, W. G. Dickens 6, W. Male 7, T. Male 8, E. H. Adams (conductor) 9, G. Lapworth 10.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, July 9th, for evening service, 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt 1, H. J. Creed 2, H. Moggridge 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, J. Burge 6, C. R. Lilley (first touch of Stedman Caters as conductor) 7, F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, W. White 10.—On August 1st on the occasion of the flower show, 252 Stedman Triples: C. R. Lilley 1, H. Creed 2, S. Wyatt (conductor) 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, F. Sadd 6, E. Wyatt 7, J. Fowler 8. Also two courses, conducted by C. R. Lilley. 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, G. H. Head (Kingsdon) 2, H. Reed 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, J. Fowler 6, C. R. Lilley 7, F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, H. Moggridge 10. Also 501 Stedman Caters: J. Routley 1, H. I. Creed 2, S. Wyatt 3, I. Creed 4, H. Moggridge 5, J. Fowler 6, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 7. F. Sadd 8, E. Wyatt 9, H. Reed 10.—On Sunday, August 4th, for service, three courses of Grandsire Caters.

BLACKPOOL.—On Thursday, August 8th, 504 Grandsire Triples: L. Green 1, F. W. Greenwood 2, J. E. Eckley 3, J. Bourne 4, H. Sear (conductor) 5, J. Smith 6, T. Crookall 7, J. Pagett 8. J. Bourne and J. Pagett hail from Derby, and H. Sear from Bletchley, Bucks.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.—Chester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, August 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. Sherratt 1, J. Brassington 2, R. Sherratt 3, J. Matthews 4, J. Bradshaw 5, S. Boffey 6, A. Allman (conductor) 7, J. Ankers 8. Rung after morning service, to welcome home from their honeymoon Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Bickersteth (son-in-law and daughter of the Rev. J. W. Skene, M.A., Rector of parish), who were married at the above church, July 10th.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFFOLK. — On July 9th, at the Parish Church, 1440 Doubles, 360 Grandsire, 360 Morning Star, 720 Fortune: C. T. Lynch 1, S. W. Smith 2, H. Rawlings (conductor) 3, A. Cutter 4, W. Bartle 5.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, August 4th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: T. J. Watts 1, W. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8. On August 7th, 504 Stedman Triples: F. M. Butler 1, A. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, H. J. Tucker 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

TEIGNMOUTH, DEVON.—Bath and Wells Association.—Rung by the St. Mary's Guild, Bath, on the occasion of the annual outing, on August 5th, at St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. E. Seers 4, H. E. Lewis 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, R. Whatley 8.—At St. James' Church, in 41 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. H. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, H. E. Lewis 3, A. E. Alexander 4, A. E. Seers (conductor) 5, R. J. Cousins 6, C. Densley 7, R. Whatley 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK. — On Wednesday, July 31st, 504 Stedman Triples: F. W. Bailey 1, C. Samson 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, S. Wolfe (Lincoln) 5, G. F. Thompson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, L. P. Bailey 8. Also 224 Double Norwich.—On August 6th, 640 Double Norwich: P. Potter 1, A. F. Bailey (longest length in the method) 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, E. S. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On August 10th, 576 Superlative Surprise Major: A. F. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, C. Samson 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, G. Wilson 6, E. H. Bailey 7, J. M. Bailey 8.

STRETFORD.—The Lancashire Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Single: J. J. Moss 1, T. Birchall 2, C. W. Birchall 3, W. E. Dale 4, W. Wigglesworth 5, W. J. Moss (conductor) 6.

BARROW, LINCS.—On Friday, August 9th, in 26 mins., 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor: E. Farrow 1, J. W. Crowder 2, *S. Broomfield 3, *G. Atkinson 4, *W. Goddard 5, Walter Ayre (first 720 Kent as conductor) 6. * First 720 of Kent.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.—On June 25th, 720 Carlisle, T. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, F. Bashford 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Cheesman 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.—On July 9th, 720 Chester: T. Leeson 1, F. Hawkins 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.—On August 6th, 720 Canterbury: T. Leeson 1, F. Bashford 2, W. Cheesman 3, O. Gilbey 4, W. Bashford 5, A. Harman (conductor) 6.

SCARBOROUGH.—On July 24th, for the dedication service, at St. Mary's Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob, with tenor covering: J. Fryers 1, H. Millner 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, J. R. Barton 5, J. Dixey (conductor) 6, T. Cole 8.—On July 27th, 720 by the same band, for the dedication of the memorial tablet to the late Bishop Blunt, who was Vicar of Scarborough for 41 years.—On Sunday, July 28th, 714 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, touches of Grandsire Triples by the Misses Willson (Leicester), T. Faulkner (York), H. Millner, J. Dixey, H. Ferguson, H. Gibson, T. Cole, and J. R. Barton. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Millner 1, Miss Lilian Willson 2, H. Ferguson 3, H. Gibson 4, T. Faulkner 5, J. R. Barton 6, J. Dixey (conductor) 7, T. Cole 8.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.—On Sunday, August 4th, for evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. Birtwhistle 2, J. Lofthouse 3, J. Langstroth 4, J. Foreman (Gosforth, Newcastle) 5, C. Langstroth 6, J. McKell (conductor) 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.—On Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 1260 Stedman Triples (Brooks'): W. Townson 1, J. Langstroth 2, J. Lofthouse (conductor) 3, J. McKell 4, J. Foreman 5, C. Langstroth 6, A. Jones 7, H. Birtwhistle 8. For evening service, 336 Double Norwich: W. Townson 1, W. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, C. Langstroth 4, J. Foreman 5, H. Birtwhistle 6, A. Jones 7, J. McKell (conductor) 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Monday, August 5th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: B. Leedham 1, G. Roberts 2, C. Waithman 3, J. Timms 4, B. Claydon (conductor) 5, T. Floore 6, F. J. Cope 7, F. Keen (first quarter-peal) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. New 2, G. Miles (first quarter) 3, T. Beadle 4, W. Lidbetter 5, C. Dell 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, H. Beadle 8.

LUDLOW, SALOP. — On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Lawrence Church, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. T. Graves, junr. (Saltburn), first touch in the method 1, G. D. Acton (longest touch with a bob bell) 2, J. Waghorn, senr. (South Tottenham) 3, F. S. Wilson 4, W. Peachey 5, G. Acton 6, W. R. Nash (conductor) 7, A. Uason 8. Also 168 in same method.

STANSTED.—The Essex Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: H. J. Tucker 1, H. Little 2, T. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8.—On Friday, August 23rd, 756 Stedman Triples: A. Jordan 1, T. J. Watts 2, W. Prior 3, G. Jordan 4, T. Jordan 5, J. Luckey 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, A. Jordan 8. Rung in honour of J. Luckey's 70th birthday.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday morning, August 25th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, and in the evening a 720 of College Single Minor: F. Barnett 1, R. Kilby 2, G. M. Kilby 3, G. Chalkley 4, L. Porter 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, on Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, A. E. Seers (composer) 2, T. Hogsflesh 3, A. Alexander (conductor) 4, C. Densley 5, H. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, H. Davis 8.

MIDDLETON.—The Lancashire Association (Rochdale Branch).—On August 19th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes), composed by H. Price, in 1 hr. 9 mins.: J. Hollows 1, W. Schofield 2, E. B. Shaw 3, T. K. Driver 4, S. Stott (conductor) 5, J. H. Bastow 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Wellens 8. Samuel Stott and J. H. Bastow hail from Oldham, the rest are local ringers.

NEWHALL.—On Sunday, August 18th, for evensong, at St. John's, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Perry (first 720 in any method) 1, H. Sharp 2, A. Andrews (Billingborough, Lincs.) 3, H. Brearley 4, H. Hurdman (conductor) 5, G. Baseley 6.

COLESHILL, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Saturday, August 24th, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: *Charles Dale 1, Thomas Russam 2, William H. Godden 3, James Jones 4, A. Thomas Hyland 5, John Carter (conductor) 6. Also on the same date, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: *Harold B. Dudley 1, Thomas Russam 2, William H. Godden 3, James Jones 4, A. Thomas Hyland 5, John Carter (conductor) 6. * First 720 in any method.

WEST EALING. — At St. Stephen's Church, on Sunday evening, August 18th, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Grandsire Triples: *E. Crocker 1, F. G. Goddard 2, J. H. B. Hesse 3, *J. A. Trollope 4, Thos. Beadle 5, *A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, *Wm. Lawrence 8. * Members of St. Stephen's band.

GRIMSBY.—On Sunday, August 18th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: H. Rushby 1, R. S. Long 2, F. Ashe 3, R. Bayles 4, G. Clow 5, A. E. Ashe (conductor) 6, J. W. Seamer 7, A. W. Long 8. Also 448 Kent Treble Bob: R. Bayles 1, A. W. Long 2, F. Ashe 3, R. S. Long 4, G. Clow 5, A. E. Ashe 6, P. C. Long 7, J. W. Seamer (conductor) 8, and three leads of Grandsire Triples. Messrs. Bayles, Ashe and Clow hail from Doncaster, and R. S. Long (late of St. Andrew's band) from Sheffield.

PAINSWICK.—Ancient Society of Painswick Youths.—On Sunday evening, July 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: T. Wright 1, C. West 2, W. Ireland 3, W. Hale 4, W. Staite 5, A. Wright (composer and conductor) 6, T. Chapellow 7, F. Millard 8, F. Cole 9, H. Hanks 10.

BASINGSTOKE, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Michael and All Angels' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: J. E. Ballard 1, Miss Alice White 2, F. Wilson 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, J. Ward 5, A. Burgess 6, H. White 7, H. Knight 8.

SOUTHGATE.—On August 22nd, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: H. Armstrong 1, A. R. Glasscock (conductor) 2, G. Bester 3, A. Tomlinson 4, J. Armstrong 5, W. Pickworth 6. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Crane, of Bletchley, brother of one of the local ringers, and Miss Hopkins, which took place at Sutton, Surrey.

HOLBECK, LEEDS. — On Sunday, August 11th, at St. Francis' Church (R.C.), a quarter-peal of Bob Major: *T. McHale 1, R. Binns 2, *J. McHale 3, J. Watson 4, P. Lavan 5, W. C. Powell 6, E. Mullens (composer and conductor) 7, J. Jessop 8. E. Mullens hails from St. Chad's, Birmingham, and W. C. Powell from St. Mary's, Hunslet. *Longest length in any method.

GREAT YARMOUTH.—On Sunday, August 4th, for morning service, 503 Grandsire Caters: G. Clayton 1, R. Christian 2, H. Wright 3, W. Blyth 4, W. Rogers (Northampton), conductor, 5, E. R. Todd 6, R. Spalding (Thorpe) 7, F. Pestell 8, A. Hunt (Manchester) 9, W. Lee 10.

CORLESTON-ON-SEA.—On Sunday, August 4th, after evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: E. R. Todd 1, R. Christian 2, R. Spalding 3, G. Faulkner (Barking) 4, W. Lee 5, W. Rogers (conductor) 6.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—On Saturday, July 27th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples in honour of the birthday of Mr. F. Hopwood, but was brought round half-way, owing to the excessive heat: W. Walland 1, B. Norfolk 2, Birnal E. Howe 3, Arthur Gill 4, J. Palframan 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, J. Broadley 7, S. Palframan 8.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.—On August 9th, 720 Violet Treble Bob Minor: T. Grimshaw 1, G. Pownall 2, E. Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all the band and on the bells.

CRETINGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On August 9th, several 120's of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles, by: Alfred George, William George, junr., Leslie Wightman, F. Ling, H. Hall, A. Taylor, W. G. Crickmer, E. Hall (London). Also some rounds and call changes with Hector W. Crickmer, aged 9, 2: S. Wightman, senr., aged 82, tenor.

HORTON, BUCKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, August 11th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: R. Flaxman 1, A. C. Fussell 2, T. Smith 3, W. Henley 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, A. Pether 6.

TIPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Tuesday, August 27th, at the "Pepper Box," for practice, 1152 London Surprise: A. Rowley (first in the method) 1, G. Hughes 2, Rev. E. V. Cox (longest touch in the method) 3, W. Fisher 4, J. Pigott 5, H. Knight 6, C. F. White 7, R. Matthews (conductor) 8. Also a course of Double Norwich, with A. Rowley on the 7th, it being his first attempt.

5024 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By the Rev. H. Law James.

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Rung on handbells at Cambridge, August 8th, 1912.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Denford on September 7th.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Further particulars by circular.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; Southwark Cathedral on the 10th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 12th and 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch will be held at Kendal on Saturday, September 7th. Meeting at 4.30. The bells at St. Mary's, Ambleside (8) will be available on Saturday morning.—Wm. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Twyford on Saturday, September 7th next. Service at 3.30 p.m. —Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary, Bletchley.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Worksop on Saturday, September 7th. Priory Church of St. Cuthbert (8 bells, tenor 12 cwt.) available 2.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. The school room close by will be available for the business meeting, about 5 p.m., and also for handbell ringing. The Worksop Company's handbells (61 in number) will be at the disposal of members. Permission has been granted for members to view the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—A meeting will be held at Stanmore on Saturday, September 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5 o'clock, 6d. each. All are welcome. Members are reminded that subscriptions are due, and should be paid as soon as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 173, St. John's Road, Walthamstow.

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. P. C. West) at Sunbury on Saturday, September 7th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. A short service will be held at 5.30, which members and friends are earnestly invited to attend. Tea at 6, 6d. each.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Upham, on Saturday, September 7th, 1912, bells available from 2.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30, at Brushmakers Arms. — James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Weston-super-Mare, on Saturday, September 7th. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5.30, meeting to follow. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's Tower open during afternoon. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Vestry. Short service 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Church; Preacher, Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea 6 p.m., St. Chad's Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Rolleston on Saturday, September 14th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. By the kindness of the Rector, tea will be provided free in the Rectory gardens to all those attending who send in their names by September 12th to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting to follow. Members are specially invited to turn up. — Frank Causebrook, Honorary Secretary, Towcester.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next practice will take place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, September 14th, from 3 till 5 o'clock. There will also be ringing on Sunday morning, the 8th inst., at 10 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—A meeting of the society will take place at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday, September 19th. Tower open at 8 p.m. All ringers invited.—F. J. Hardy, Hon. General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 17th.—A King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

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, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich; tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m., all members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—Preliminary Notice.—The eighth annual dinner will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 28th. Further notice will appear later.—Chas. Starkey, Hon. Sec.

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HERE AND THERE.

A practice meeting of the Preston branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Brindle on Saturday last, and was fairly well attended. The bells were well utilised from three o'clock to seven, several members scoring their first touches of Treble Bob. Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were the methods rung, and the towers represented were: Kenwortham, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods, Preston, Leyland Parish, Walton-le-dale and Samlesbury.

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As a wedding compliment to Mr. Reuben Dowset, for several years a member of the St. Lawrence's Society, Reading, and who was married on August 20th to Miss A. P. Moffat, also of Reading, the bells of St. Lawrence's Church were rung when the bride and bridegroom left the church, 420 Grandsire Triples being struck off, conducted by Mr. W. Newell, while in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung by: W. Newell 1, F. Alexander 2, J. Hern 3, A. Halliday 4, F. Newman 5, E. Holloway 6, C. Giles (conductor) 7, J. Swain 8, R. Runham 9, A. Nailor 10. A touch of 609 Stedman Caters was also rung: F. Hopgood (conductor) 1, C. Giles 2, R. Runham 3, F. Webb 4, J. Swain 5, E. Holloway 6, A. Watmore 7, W. Newell 8, A. Osborne 9, F. Newman 10. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Dowset a long and happy life.

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On August Bank Holiday, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Rawlings (one of the local band) to Miss E. Wykes, an attempt was made at St. Nicholas' Church, Deptford, for Holt's Original, but the peal came to grief after an hour's good ringing. After ringing the happy pair in and out of church, the ringers sat down to a capital spread at the residence of Mr. Rawlings' parents, when the health of the bride and bridegroom was drunk, and a pleasant time spent with handbells, etc. The Vicar (the Rev. A. Hart) being away on holiday, the ringers await his return to present Mr. Rawlings with a token of their esteem.

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A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held at Leigh on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Newchurch, Tyldesley, Worsley, Walkden, Bolton, with the local ringers. Some very good ringing was done, and it was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Farnworth.

MIDDLEHAM.—On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. Pauli 1, H. Parish 2, R. Borrows 3, W. Sykes 4, Dr. H. Pauli 5, J. H. Blakiston 6. R. Borrows hails from Richmond and J. H. Blakiston, Middlesbrough.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, July 21st, for morning service, 352 Bob Major.—On Tuesday, August 13th, 576 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, H. Kilby (Willesden) 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8. — On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 336 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, H. Kilby 3, G. Wilkins 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8. For evening service, 602 Grandsire Triples: P. Pain 1, F. Chaffey 2, H. Kilby 3, G. Wilkins 4, W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

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MODERN WORK.

A GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL FAILING.

A copy of the Gloucester and Bristol annual report has come into our hands, and, while the subject may be, perhaps, somewhat ancient history to some of the members, we cannot refrain from reference to one point to which the Rev. C. D. P. Davies draws attention in his official capacity of Master. He remarks, *inter alia,* in his report upon the good work being done by the ruri-decanal branches, and adds: "One special task we would most earnestly commend to them, viz., to stir up the members each and all to give up one good day each year to attend the general meeting of the Association. Nothing could be more miserable, wretched and discouraging than the general meeting has been for many years. The misery of these meetings is a grievous loss to the Association in every possible way. The few are left, in matters of business, to settle for the many. The Association presents a sorry picture compared with others even smaller than itself; an opportunity for united worship is lost, and the members themselves lose the pleasure and profit of meeting with each other, entailing a further and most detrimental loss of the feeling of fellowship and brotherhood—one of the main purposes of the Association."

When the Master of an Association is constrained to write like this, things must have come to a serious pass, and we hope the effect of the appeal he has made may result in an awakening by the members to a sense of what they are losing by neglecting the most important meeting in the whole of the Association's year. The Association covers two dioceses, and has a large membership, but nothing undermines the stability of any organisation so much as apathy on the part of its members. The enthusiasm of a few can never for long replace the interest of the many, and those associations are always the most successful whose members share, as far as possible, in the responsibilities of management. It may be that the Gloucester and Bristol Association has been so well conducted in the past that the ordinary members have felt themselves content to let things continue without interference. If this be the case, absence from the annual meeting is not the best way to show appreciation. One has missed more than half the enjoyment of membership if one has had no experience of the annual meeting of one's Association, where friendships are cemented and extended, fuller ideas of the brotherhood of the Exercise gained, and the realisation of that bond which unites ringers parted by long distances, is alone made possible. Surely the Gloucester and Bristol Association, which was one of the pioneers of modern ringing organisations, will not be content until all cause for lament by the Master on the score of lack of interest has been completely removed?

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THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	7
HENRY DAINS	2	†FRANK I. HAIRS	8
ARTHUR N. HARDY	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	9
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	4	WILLIAM BERRY	10
*HENRY DEW	5	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... ...	11
*HAROLD BURTON	6	WILLIAM J. NUDDS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOHN D. MATTHEWS.

* First peal on twelve. † First peal of Cinques. The conductor's 100th peal and first peal as conductor on twelve.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED PEARCE	*Treble*	HENRY PRING	6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ...	2	WILLIAM KNIGHT	7
HARRY BROWNJOHN	3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr....	8
THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4	JOHN A. BURFORD	9
RICHARD CLARK	5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. LAW JAMES, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

First peal of Cambridge Royal by T. Groombridge, who was elected a member of the Gloucester and Bristol Association before starting.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1911, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

‡FRANK HALLSWORTH, Junr.	*Treble*	†CHRISTOPHER HICKS ...	6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	2	†EDGAR T. SMITH	7
†EDWIN J. TYLER	3	†GEORGE PEATE	8
*EDWARD J. STAFFORD ...	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	9
FRANK W. PERRIN	5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. ‡ First peal of Grandsire Caters away from the tenor. This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of one of the local ringers, Mr. Alfred Adams, to Miss Emily Davies.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*HENRY FARLOW	*Treble*	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	6
†ISAAC PURSER	2	JOHN C. ADAMS	7
*ALBERT LITTLE...	3	*BENJAMIN CLARK	8
ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ...	4	HERBERT KNIGHT	9
WILLIAM FISHER	5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. First peal of Grandsire Caters as conductor. First peal of Caters on the bells. This was W. Fisher's 150th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, August 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WILLIAM HILLMAN	*Treble*	GEORGE PENFOLD	5
JOE FARMER...	2	†BERT CHALLEN...	6
ALFRED W. GROVES	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
GEORGE J. NORISS	4	*JOHN JERVIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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*LOUIS PRICE	*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	5
ALBERT COPPOCK	2	EDWARD J. BOOT	6
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ...	3	FREDERICK S. PRICE ...	7
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr.	4	*JOHN PALING	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method. Rung half-muffled as a tribute of respect to Mr. Robert Drinkwater, for many years a chorister at this church, who was interred on the above date.

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT...	*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 ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ROBERT E. STAVERT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by the Association and by all, except the ringers of the treble and fifth.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt., in F.

GEORGE LUNT	*Treble*	THOMAS MURRAY	5
GEORGE WOODHALL... ...	2	GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	6
HENRY FYLES	3	JAMES MARTIN	7
*HERBERT H. BARKER ...	4	EDWARD CAUNCE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN THORP, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. This is the first peal on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. J. Warner & Sons. They now go well.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 18½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. BRECKON	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. KNAGGS ...	5
FRANK S. HODGSON	2	*JOHN T. WATERS	6
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	†ALBERT COATES	7
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ...	4	*JOHN W. LOWTHER...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT COATES.

* First peal in the method. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. T. Waters.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

†GERALD DUNCAN	...*Treble*	JOHN G. HALL	5
WILLIAM LETTY	2	WILLIAM HOLMES	6
ROBERT ALCOCK	3	ERNEST BURNETT	7
*HARRY PARRISH	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIS, and
Conducted by ERNEST BURNETT.

† First peal in any method, and rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method. This peal was specially arranged for Mr. Harry Parrish, who hails from Middleham, and was on a short holiday in the Cleveland district.

FARNHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ	...*Treble*	CHARLES EDWARDS	5
WILLIAM HORNE	2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW	6
GEORGE UPSHALL	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	7
*HUBERT CHAFFEY	4	ALFRED R. ELKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Holland and Mr. E. L. Ibbetson.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

B. E. HOWE	...*Treble*	W. WALAND	5
F. HOPWOOD	2	A. GILL	6
J. PALFRAMAN	3	J. BROADLEY	7
T. B. KENDALL	4	J. JOYCE	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by T. B. KENDALL.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, to the memory of the late Mr. H. Sugden, a member of the company, who was interred earlier in the day.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*ARTHUR SPRACKLEN...	...*Treble*	DAVID R. JAMES	5
THOMAS J. EVANS	2	RICHARD BUNSTONE... ...	6
JOHN EVANS	3	JOHN COX	7
RICHARD EVANS	4	WILLIAM SMITH' ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN COX.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung as a farewell compliment to Arthur Spracklen, who returns to South Africa on Saturday, September 14th, the ringers wishing him "bon voyage."

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE LUFF	...*Treble*	*JOHN ALLFORD	5
ALFRED H. PULLING	2	WILLIAM DENYER	6
HENRY MULLARD	3	THOMAS ATTWELL	7
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ...	4	CLAUDE RENMANT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal on eight bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Prior.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

WALTER S. INWOOD ...	...*Treble*	HUBERT EDEN	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONDS ...	2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ...	6
CHARLES N. LEMAN	3	GEORGE N. PRICE	7
FRANK T. MARTIN	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

All the above ringers are members of the Oxhey Band, excepting the treble man who belongs to the local company.

NORTH WINGFIELD.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Treble*	WALTER ALLWOOD	5
HERBERT DAY	2	WILLIAM LAMBERT	6
*THOMAS W. GORE	3	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	7
JOHN C. DICKEN	4	BART. MITCHELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

MACHEN, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES SMITH	...*Treble*	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN...	5
JOHN W. JONES	2	WILLIAM SEELEY	6
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	3	ALBAN E. SLATTER	7
FRANK CHAVE	4	P.C. JOHN E. COLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. E. SLATTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. B. Stedman.

BODELWYDDAN, FLINTSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

ROBERT SPERRING ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ...	
GEORGE JONES	2	JAMES MORGAN...	6
HENRY W. WILDE	3	JAMES H. MIDWINTER ...	7
ALBERT J. HUGHES	4	ERNEST CHANNELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22¼ cwt., in D.

JAMES F. GEORGE ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT COPPOCK	5
REV. C. J. STURTON ...	2	*CECIL J. BAKER	6
NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON...	3	RD. HENRY BARTRAM ...	7
JOSEPH HALL	4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL...	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
ALBERT BELTON...	2	FREDERICK WHITE	6
GEORGE EDWARDS	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
GEORGE THOMPSON	4	WILLIAM LATTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

ERNEST E. GRIMES ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. GROOM... ...	5
JAMES MOTTS	2	PETER LAFLIN	6
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	3	GEORGE ROWE, Junr. ...	7
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY ...	4	WILLIAM GRIMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Messrs. Motts and Sedgley hail from Ipswich, and E. E. Grimes from London. The rest belong to the local band.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CARHAMPTON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(DUNSTER DEANERY.)
On Wednesday, August 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

JOHN FARMER	...*Treble*	E. PARKER...	4
JAMES WATTS	2	WILLIAM BENNETT	5
GEORGE STACEY	3	H. MOORE...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Bennett, who has given much time and patience in teaching the Exercise in this neighbourhood.

LEYTONSTONE.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, September 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Carlisle, Ipswich, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. Tenor 14 cwt.

*REUBEN SANDERS ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD...	4
GEORGE A. BLACK	2	WILLIAM MILLER	5
HARRY TORBLE	3	JOHN MOULE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

* 150th peal. Rung to welcome home the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. own), an honorary member of the Association.

RATBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED BALL	...*Treble*	EDWARD GEARY...	4
GEORGE H. GEARY	2	ERNEST MORRIS	5
VICTOR GEARY	3	FRED STANIFORTH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal of all Kent Minor on the bells and by all the band.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 13 cwt.

HERBERT ROBINSON ...	...*Treble*	PEARL INSKIP	4
HENRY W. GAYTON	2	BERNARD FISHER	5
WILLIAM JACQUES	3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

BRAMLEY, LEEDS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LEEDS & DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Tulip, College Treble, College Exercise, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure and Arnold's Victory. Tenor 12 cwt.

ERNEST THORNTON ...	...*Treble*	T. LATIMER	4
JOHN W. T. HOLGATE ...	2	JAMES GUY...	5
J. W. CHADWICK...	3	WALTER CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER CHAPMAN.

Mr. Chapman, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Rothwell.

ABBOTTS LANGLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

ERNEST HUNT	...*Treble*	†CHARLES JEFFS...	4
*ARTHUR TITMUSS	2	THOMAS HULL	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	FREDERICK JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of College Pleasure, Woodbine, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Kent, College Exercise and Oxford. Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS	...*Treble*	ALBERT HARMAN	4
JOHN AKEHURST	2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ...	5
ALBERT ELLIS	3	*OLIVER SIPPETTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

* 50th peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 4th.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

At 161, Cavendish Drive, Leytonstone, E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original.

Wilby J. Hazell ...	1—2	John Thomas	5—6
Miss Edith K. Parker	3—4	*Albert A. Hughes ...	7—8

Conducted by John Thomas.

* First peal on handbells. Rung at the first attempt.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes.

In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

James M. Bailey	1—2	Charles F. Bailey ...	5—6
Ernest S. Bailey ...	3—4	Edgar H. Bailey	7—8

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

First peal of Treble Bob on handbells by all.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Maurice Smither	1—2	James Hunt	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Septimus Radford ...	7—8
Thomas W. Radford ...	9—10		

Composed by G. Lindoff, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

LATE PEALS.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

John Aldis, Senr. ...	...*Treble*	*William C. Duffield ...	5
*James F. Duffield ...	2	William Steele	6
Frederick J. Whitham...	3	*Randall Grimble	7
*Edward P. Duffield ...	4	John Aldis, Junr. ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by T. Day, and
Conducted by William Steele.

* First peal in the method. The conductor has now called a peal from every bell in this tower.

CROYDON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part.

Horace Shonfield ...	...*Treble*	Amos Clarke	5
William States... ...	2	Sydney R. Roper	6
David Wright	3	Alfred F. Jones	7
Joseph Talbot	4	Ernest Pope	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. States.

First peal by H. Shonfield, and rung as a farewell and with the ringers' best wishes on his leaving for Australia.

Post-card photographs of the band that rang the long peal can be obtained from Mr. J. Hunt, 19, Dapdune Road, Guildford, at 2½d. each.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT WORKSOP.

The September meeting of this society was held on Saturday, at Worksop, and proved very successful. It was the first meeting held in the town, as the Worksop company are new members of the society. About 40 ringers turned up from Anston, Beighton, Bolsover, Doncaster, Dore, Eckington, Grimsby, Hoyland Swaine, Killamarsh, Mansfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Staveley and Worksop, and some good ringing was accomplished.

The Priory Church of St. Cuthbert is an interesting old building, possessing two old towers at the west end, the south tower containing a musical ring of eight bells (tenor about 12 cwt.). The present church consists of the nave of the old building, which in days gone by must have been a noble structure, and a scheme is afoot to restore something of its old magnificence. It is proposed to build a new chancel conforming as nearly as possible to the lines of the old one which has disappeared, bringing into the scheme the old Lady Chapel which is now in ruins, a short distance from the church, and adding a fine new bell tower in the centre of the structure as completed. The whole is estimated to cost about £12,000, and one hopes that the scheme may be brought to a successful conclusion.

The bells were fully utilised during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Bob Minor, Cambridge Surprise and London Surprise Minor, and Kent Treble Bob Minor, for the benefit of the many six-bell ringers present. The other methods were Stedman Triples, Bob Major, College Single, Superlative and New Cambridge Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening. In the absence of the President, who had to leave early, Mr. H. Haigh, of Worksop, was voted to the chair.—Three new members, Messrs. R. Headley (Beighton), H. Peck (Worksop) and H. Warburton (Retford) were elected.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Haigh and to the local company for their kindness in making such admirable arrangements for the meeting, was proposed by the Secretary.—Mr. Bemrose, in seconding, referred to the splendid work done by the society in promoting and encouraging change ringing in its district, and especially in raising the standard of eight-bell ringing from the low ebb at which it was a few years ago, to its present condition, the quality of its peals being equal to anything in the country. He referred to the helping hand always extended to learners at the monthly meetings, and expressed the hope that the many new members, at the bottom of the ladder, would attend as many of the meetings as possible, where they would always be sure of advice and help.

The motion having been carried, Mr. Haigh, in reply, endorsed Mr. Bemrose's remarks as to the good work done by the society, and added that it was the high quality of the methods rung at these meetings, and the encouragement given to others to take them up, which decided the Worksop company (twelve members) in joining en bloc. He also referred to the Sunday service competition for the society's silver cup, which has the hearty commendation of their Vicar, and remarked that at Worksop they were going strong in their efforts to gain it. He assured others who were competing that they would have all their work cut out to win it.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, the Rev. G. J. A. D'Arcy (who has joined the society), for his kindness in granting the use of the bells and schoolroom, and regret was expressed that an engagement prevented his being present.

A vote of thanks, on the proposition of Mr. Haigh, was accorded to the secretary for coming there at some inconvenience.—The Secretary, in reply, thought that he was really deserving of a vote of censure for turning up late, and causing the postponement of the business meeting. In thanking those present, he remarked that anything he could do for the society was a pleasure. He endorsed the previous speaker's remarks as to the work the society was doing, and in reference to the Sunday service competition, expressed a strong hope that another year more companies would enter, and make the competition really representative of the society. He welcomed the three new towers who had recently joined, and appealed for continued unity and good feeling. He concluded by expressing a hope that many more successful meetings would be held at Worksop.

Handbell ringing was indulged in in the schoolroom during the evening. It had also been intended to visit the new church of St. Ann, nearing completion, but time forbade.

DEATH OF MR. H. SUGDEN, BOLTON.

We much regret to announce the death of Mr. H. Sugden, of Bolton, Bradford, the sad event occurring on Monday, Sept 2nd, at the Bradford Infirmary, after a long and painful illness. The deceased was only 31 years of age. Mr. Sugden had been a member of Bolton, Bradford, company for 15 years, and was a life member of the Yorkshire Association. He had rung eight peals.

The funeral took place on Friday last, at Scholemoor Cemetery, and was attended by ringers from Bolton and Shipley, a course of Grandsire Triples being rung at the graveside.

At St. James' Church, on Friday, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the deceased's memory.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PRESENTATION TO THE MASTER.

On Thursday, the Dorchester branch held another successful meeting, this time at West Lulworth, the home of the genial and esteemed secretary of the Guild. West Lulworth is one of the beauty spots of the Dorset coast, and is a great attraction for visitors, the small bay, known as Lulworth Cove, being surrounded by high cliffs, making a beautiful picture, while to the north is a magnificent stretch of country. It is no wonder Thomas Hardy, while taking his walks in this district, got his idea of "Far from the madding crowd." Representatives attended the meeting from Dorchester, Fordington, Hilton, Wimborne, Puddletown, Wyke Regis, Wool, and the local band. The bells, a pretty ring of six, by Messrs. Mears and Sainbank, and also the bells of Wool, were available during the afternoon and evening, and were kept going to the tune of Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. The special service of the Guild was held in the church. The Vicar (the Rev. W. P. Schuster) officiated, and delivered an excellent and thoughtful address, taking his text from the 144th Psalm. After the service, the ringers and friends, numbering 39, adjourned to the parish room, where they were kindly entertained to a high tea by the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by his churchwardens, Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), Mr. J. T. Godwin (hon. secretary, St. Peter's Society, Dorchester), Mr. G. T. White (Branch Ringing Master), Mr. J. Benger (Deputy Ringing Master), Mr. W. Hewlett (Puddletown), and the hon. secretary of the branch. The wants of the ringers were attended to by Mrs. Schuster and a band of ladies. Afterwards, the Vicar welcomed the branch to his parish, and hoped they would come again in the near future. He congratulated Mr. Martin Stewart on his recent marriage, and hoped he and Mrs. Stewart would have a happy and prosperous future before them (applause).—Mr. Stewart proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Schuster for entertaining them so bountifully, and for his excellent address and the use of the bells. He also thanked the organist and choir, and Mrs. Schuster and the ladies for assisting at the table.—Mr. Hewlett seconded, and the Hon. Secretary supported the motion, saying he hoped Mr. Schuster would remain their general secretary for a long time.

A short business meeting was then held, and in the absence of the chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), the Rev. W. P. Schuster was voted to the chair. Mr. R. N. Dawes, the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, E. Dorset branch), the Rev. A. L. Helps (Puddletown), and Mr. W. H. Perkins, on behalf of the Milton Abbey band, wrote apologising for absence.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Fordington, Mr. Thomas and the Fordington band assuring the branch of a hearty welcome.—The Hon. Secretary stated that Upwey was having a new peal of six bells, and that Messrs. Llewellins and James were the founders. The bells would be opened at the latter end of October, and he had pleasure in proposing that the Upwey tower become affiliated with the Guild. This was welcomed by all present.—Mr. Bowering, captain of the Fordington band, applied for an instructor in change ringing.

Mr. Stewart said he noticed by the minutes that the late Rev. Mr. Dicker, Vicar of Piddletrenthide, gave the address at the last meeting, and how he had since met with a fatal accident while riding his motor-cycle. He proposed the secretary be instructed to write a letter of condolence to the family, which the secretary promised to do. He also raised the question of the ringing competition for the whole Guild, and said he should like the meeting to vote on it, whether in favour of a ringing competition or not. The meeting voted in favour of the competition.—The Master also took the opportunity of thanking the Guild for the beautiful present they had given him (on the occasion of his recent marriage). The gift took the shape of a beautiful peal of twelve handbells (by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) on a solid oak stand, and Mr. Stewart said he should always value them and think of the pleasant times he had had with the Salisbury Guild. Should any band of ringers want to borrow them at any time to assist them to learn the art of change ringing, he would be very pleased to let them have them.

This concluded the business, and the ringers adjourned to the tower, where Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, Mr. Martin Stewart, Mr. G. White and Mr. J. Benger conducting.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Hilperton and Trowbridge on Saturday, when there were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, chairman of the branch, supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes, the hon. secretary, and ringing members from Beechingstoke, Hilperton, Southbroom, St. Mary's and St. John's, Devizes; Bath, Market Lavington, Trowbridge and Bishop Cannings. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to various methods. Tea took place at the Crown Inn, 16 ringers sitting down to a well-served repast.—A short business meeting followed, at which three new members were elected, and a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar of Hilperton for the use of the bells. The ringers then proceeded to the Church of St. James, at Trowbridge, where the bells were soon set going, and some capital touches of Grandsire Minor and Triples were rung. The bells, having been recently rehung, went very much better than formerly, and they were kept going merrily until after 8 o'clock, when the company dispersed after the enjoyment of a very pleasant meeting.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

ST. JAMES', BIRCH, RUSHOLM.

The members of the above band of ringers had their annual outing on Monday week. The party met at the Manchester Central Station, and left by the 7.50 train for Bakewell. On arrival, the local ringers were sought out, and permission was granted for the use of the bells, a fine peal of eight, which go splendidly. Two five hundreds of Grandsire Triples were tapped off in grand style, and in each touch Mr. Wallace, one of the local band, took part. After lowering the bells, the party adjourned to the Wheatsheaf Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided. Shortly afterwards, a brake was called into requisition, and a lovely drive through some of the most picturesque Derbyshire scenery was enjoyed. Among the places visited were: Winster, Lillies Valley, Via Gellias Valley, Cromford, Matlock, and Darley Dale. It had been intended to ring at Darley Dale, but time, the fleet-footed, ordained it otherwise, and much to the regret of the band they had to return without ringing a touch. The return journey was very enjoyable, and was also very interesting, as the "Jehu" was rather well versed in the district, and was thus able to point out special points of interest. Bakewell was reached in time for tea, after which a vote of thanks were passed to the Rector, wardens and friends, who had once more generously provided funds for the trip. A short stroll round the town brought to a close a very enjoyable day.

The members of the St. James' band desire to thank, through "The Ringing World," Mr. Smith, of Bakewell, for sending one of his employes (Mr. Wallace) to get permission to ring, and allowing him to stay to make up a full band. They also wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells.

EDMONTON.

The Edmonton ringers visited Crawley and Horsham for their annual outing on Saturday and Sunday week. Arriving at Horsham at 3.30 p.m., they were met at the station by Mr. Vaughan and Mr. H. Mance (of Chelsea), and proceeded at once, as was only natural, to the Parish Church. Grandsire and Stedman Triples, London and Cambridge Surprise and Cumberland Delight Major were rung in turn, and after a brief interval for tea, some of the local ringers (including Mr. L. Paice) assisted in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples. The party then took train to Crawley, which was reached at 9.30 p.m.

On the following morning, touches of Bristol Surprise, London Surprise (in which some of the local ringers took part) and Stedman Triples, were rung for service at the Parish Church, and in the afternoon the local men again joined the visitors and rang in touches of Cambridge Surprise, Grandsire Triples (in which the three ladies who accompanied the band took part) and Stedman Triples, with the versatile "Johnnie" Thomas at the end of two ropes. After ringing Grandsire Triples for evening service, the band returned to London.

The spare moments were taken up, in and out of the train, by touches on handbells, and the conducting throughout was shared by Miss Parker and Messrs. J. Parker, J. Thomas and G. A. Card. The band wish to express their thanks to the Vicars for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers at both places for their hospitality.

ALL SAINTS' GUILD, NEWPORT.

The members of this Guild spent a most pleasant afternoon at Bristol, on Saturday week. Mr. J. Wilkins, with a few other of the Bristol ringers, kindly met and welcomed the visitors, who proceeded at once to Clifton Parish Church, where permission had been given to ring. After some three-quarters of an hour's ringing had been indulged in, the bells were lowered, and, with Mr. Wilkins as pilot, a visit was paid to the Suspension Bridge and the wonderful Avon River Gorge. A return to the city followed, and tea was partaken of. Following this the tower of St. Stephen's was visited, and a hearty greeting was accorded the Newport men by the members of St. Stephen Guild. Various touches were rung, several of the visitors getting their first touch of Stedman Caters.—At the conclusion, a pleasant hour was spent at the Admiral Duncan.—The members take this opportunity of according their thanks to the Bristol ringers, especially to Mr. J. Wilkins, for making the visit such a pleasant one.

ILKLEY.

On August 21st, the Ilkley Parish Church ringers had their annual outing, making the journey to Blackpool. After breakfast, through the kindness of Mr. T. R. Crookall, 434 Grandsire Triples was rung at St. John's Church. The rest of the day was then spent in sight-seeing, the outing being most enjoyable.

GREAT BARDFIELD, ESSEX. — On August 31st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. Jenning 1, G. Piper 2, G. Hills 3, E. Townsend 4, A. Piper 5, F. Suckling (conductor) 6. Also 360 Oxford Treble Bob, with H. Bower (conductor) 6, the others as before. G. Piper hails from Seaford.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, 720 each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and College Single, by: Miss C. Playle, D. Chaplin, R. Miles, E. Hawkins, E. Butler, G. Playle, F. Freestone. The conducting was shared by Messrs. Playle and Miles, the latter, for whom the ringing was arranged, being on a visit.

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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS—WELLS.

By J. R. Jerram.

The following items relating to the old bells appear in the Fabric Rolls of Wells Cathedral :—

" 1586. Great Bell to be placed by the Master of the Fabric in Tower, and the fragments of Metal to be sold."

" 1587-88. Feby 16. Harewell's great Bell to be recast by Joseph Carter of Reading."

" 1627. Corporation give towards recasting bells in Cathedral, 40s."

" 1670. Mr. James of Bristole for metal for Harewell's Bell, £17 15s."

" Cost of agreement between Thomas Purtle [Purdue] and Dean, 2s."

" Thomas Purdie [Purdue] for forming bell called Harewell, £23."

" For the Iron work, to George Howell, £11 17s. 0½d."

" To William Britten for Woodwork, £38 4s."

" 1672. Purdy the bell founder to have £5."

" 1673. Thomas Purdy [Purdue] recasting Harewell, £4 17s. 6d."

" Thomas Moore for carrying Bell from Clapworth [*i.e.*, Closworth] to Cathedral £5."

" 1674. Thomas Hart (?) for recasting Harewell £5."

For many years the peal numbered eight, and were the heaviest peal of eight in England, the tenor weighing 56 cwt. 3 qrs.

In 1891 it was decided to have the bells rehung, and augmented to ten. This was done, the two new trebles being cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the whole peal rehung in a massive cast iron frame by Messrs. Blackboorn and Greenleaf, of Salisbury.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells at the present time :—

Treble.

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Second.

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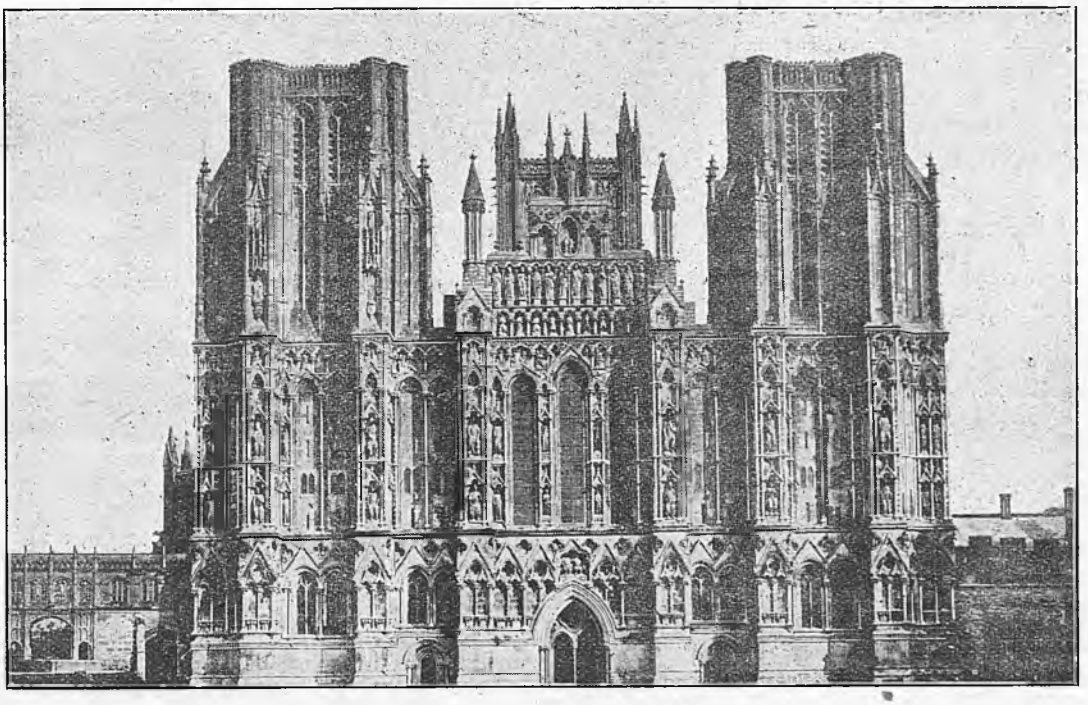
Third.

TE . DEVM . LÆTO . CELEBREMVS .
HYMNO .

i.e., " Thee, O God, we praise with joyful hymn."

Fourth.

TE . MAGNE . RERVM . CONDITOR . ET .
TVAS . SONABO . LAVDES .



Wells Cathedral.

i.e., " Thee O great Creator of all things and Thy praises I will sound."

Fifth.

OLIM . DISCORDES . CONCORDE .
VOCE . SONAMUS .

i.e., " Formerly discordant, we now sound with harmonius voice."

Sixth.

O . CIVES . QUAM . DULCE . SONAT .
CONCORDIA . FRATRUM .

i.e., " O citizens, how sweetly the harmony of brethren sounds."

Seventh.

DEO . OPTIMO . MAXIMO . TRIUNO .
RELIGIONI . LIBERTATI . HARMONIÆ . S .

i.e., " To God, Three in One, Most Great and Powerful, I sound for religion, liberty and harmony."

Eighth.

BINI . CAMPANARUM . CHORI . PRIUS . DIFFRACTI . AC . DISSONI . MUTUO . TANDEM . CONCENTU . IMPENSIS . DECANI . ET . CAPITULI . WELLENSIS . ABELE . RUDHALL . FUNDENTE . FELICITER . COALUERE . A.D. 1757 .

i.e., "Two of the bells of this peal, formerly cracked and discordant, at last were happily restored to mutual harmony at the expense of the Dean and Chapter of Wells, by Abel Rudhall, founder."

Ninth.

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Tenor.

TAYLOR & SONS, BELLFOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE. 1877.

The former ninth was inscribed: "Samuel Creswicke, S. T. P. Decanus, Tim: Collers, Rob: Wilson, Ioh: Walker, Rob: Wheeler, Ric: Ienkins, Edm: Lovel, Canonici Residentes, A.D. 1757."

The former tenor was inscribed: "I. Rudhall fecit A.D. 1803. Qui audit intelligat," *i.e.*, "Let him who hears understand."

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We received on Tuesday a copy of the "official minutes" of the Central Council meeting held at Whitsun, but pressure on our space prevents us giving them this week.

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The London County Association meeting, which was to have been held on September 19th, at Kilburn, has been cancelled.

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The concert in aid of the Shoreditch Bells Fund is to be held on October 19th, not the 12th, as previously announced in this column. Tickets may be had from Mr. H. J. Bradley, Clerk's House, Shoreditch Church.

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It must be a great many years since the Cumberland Youths rang a peal of Stedman Cinques at Southwark, but they were successful on Saturday, under the conductorship of the Master, Mr. J. D. Matthews. When they met they were one short, but Mr. H. Dains, who had turned up to listen to this grand ring of bells, was pressed to take a rope. At the conclusion of the peal he was warmly congratulated upon having been able to stand a peal of nearly four hours' duration, and was thanked for stepping into the breach. Mr. Dains, who thanked the ringers for their congratulations, hoped that many others of the band would live to the same age and ring a peal of Cinques.

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The more one thinks about the record peal at Guildford the more wonderful it appears. To ring Stedman Caters "double-handed" for 9 hrs. 32 mins. without pause is a truly remarkable performance. The mere concentration of mind necessary for such a length of time is in itself a wonderful feat. We learn that the only real trip was about twelve courses from home, but cool heads and smart conducting saved the situation. It also had the effect of waking the ringers up, at a time when perhaps one can quite imagine their brains were getting a bit obfuscated. Anyhow, after that trip the bells ran out without a misblow to a brilliant finish.

The average pace for the peal was as nearly as possible 34.5 changes to the minute. The following figures, compiled from notes made by one of the umpires, will show how little the pace varied. For all practical purposes it can be reckoned that the peal was divided into blocks of 24 courses, or 2,592 changes each, except when the 2nd was 5th's place bell, and then the block consisted of seven courses only.

	Actual Time.	Time Occupied.	Average per min.
Start	1.55 p.m.		
24 courses	3.8 p.m.	1 hr. 13 mins.	35.5
24 ,,	4.22 p.m.	1 hr. 14 mins.	35
7 ,,	4.44 p.m.	22 mins.	34.3
24 ,,	6.4 p.m.	1 hr. 20 mins.	32.4
24 ,,	7.18 p.m.	1 hr. 14 mins.	35.5
24 ,,	8.34 p.m.	1 hr. 16 mins.	34.1
24 ,,	9.46 p.m.	1 hr. 12 mins.	35.7
7 ,,	10.8 p.m.	22 mins.	34.3
24 ,,	11.27 p.m.	1 hr. 19 mins.	32.8

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We said in our report of the peal last week that had the bells been allowed to go on for the 22,222, as was originally contemplated, there is every reason to suppose that this longer length would have been rung. Had this been done the hour, of course, would have been well past midnight before the bells would have come round, and the peal, begun one day, would not only have finished in the next, but would have finished also in the next week and in the next month. Fancy ringing from one month to another! But there, we ring tower bells from one year to another in a much shorter time, don't we?

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It is often said by ringers that they do not like a clock in the tower, because its face has a fascination and the time seems to drag if it is being continually noted. One of the ringers in the peal at Guildford had a clock which he could see by turning his head. The first time he looked at it was when the bells started at 1.55 p.m.; the next time was at 10.5 p.m.! We suppose he must have been too engrossed with his task to look at the clock, or else he realised that he had a long way to go, and it was no good looking too soon.

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The 10,200 of Oxford Treble Bob Royal at Shoreditch, in which the late Mr. Matt. Wood's grandfather and great-uncle took part in 1777, recalls the fact that intense rivalry existed between the College Youths and Cumberlands of that time. Each society seemed intent upon holding the ten bell record, and all their efforts in this direction seem to have been concentrated at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, where the first true peal of 6000 of Treble Ten was supposed to have been rung. This was followed by a series of attempts first by one society and then by the other.

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Jan. 20th, 1777, 6240, 4 hrs. 34 mins., by the Cumberlands.

Feb. 18th, 1777, 10,000, 7 hrs. 28 mins., by the College Youths.

May 10th, 1777, 10,200, 7 hrs. 40 mins., by the Cumberlands.

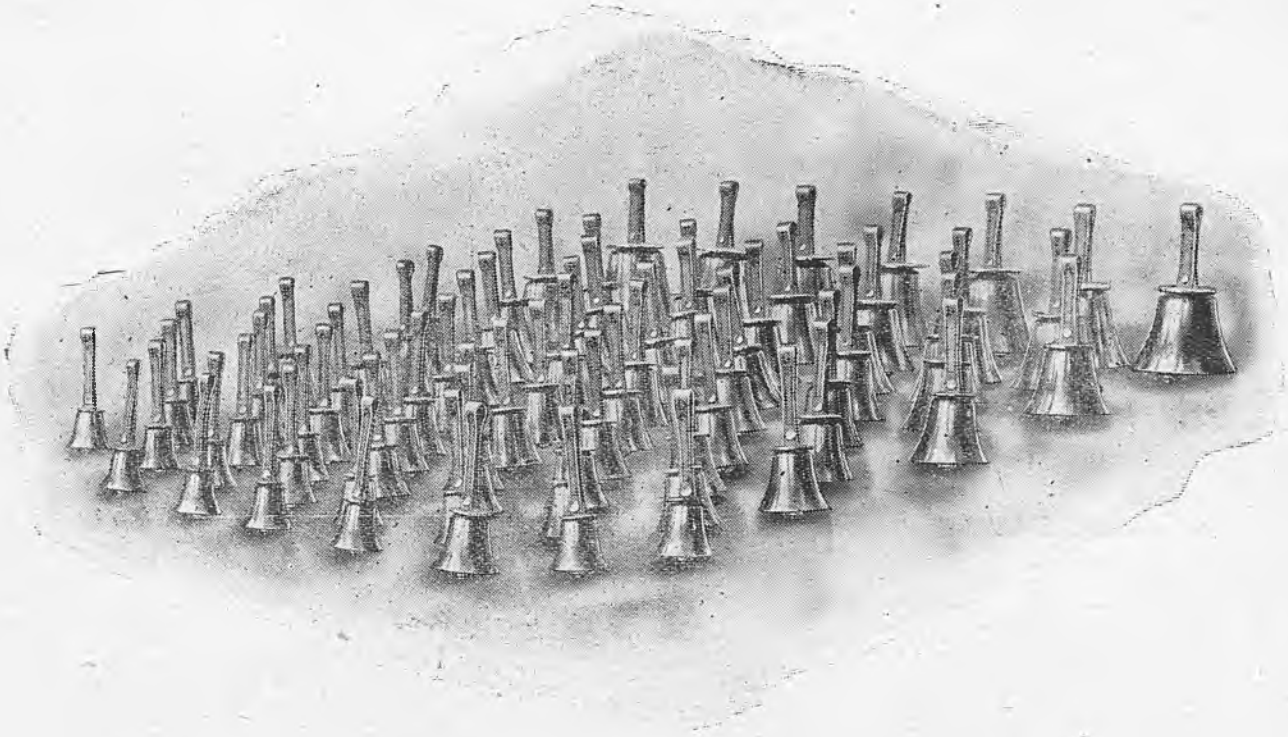
May 19th, 1777, 11,080, 8 hrs. 2 mins., by the College Youths.

Mar. 27th, 1784, 12,000, 9 hrs. 5 mins., by the Cumberlands.

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Of the band that took part in the long peal of Treble Bob at Bethnal Green in 1868 only one now survives, Mr. Ted Horrex, the veteran steeplekeeper at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

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THE LATE MR. S. BRIERLEY.

The death of Mr. S. Brierley, of Milnrow, Rochdale, vice-president of the Lancashire Association, which we recorded last week, was of a painfully sudden nature. On the previous Saturday he had returned from a holiday at Hoylake, apparently in the best of health. Early on the following Tuesday morning, however, he was taken ill, and although hopes were entertained of his recovery, he had a serious relapse on Wednesday morning, and passed away in the course of the day, from cerebral hæmorrhage.

Mr. Brierley, who was in his 49th year, was a native of Oldham, but most of his life had been spent in the Milnrow and Newhey district. For many years he had resided at Firgrove, being in the employ of Messrs. R. Barnes and Sons, spinners and manufacturers, at Firgrove Mill, where he was a carder.



The Late Mr. S. Brierley.

He was an earnest worker on behalf of the Rochdale Infirmary. Since 1900 he had served on the Infirmary Workmen's Committee, devoting himself to the work with keen interest, and a practical sagacity which won the confidence of his colleagues to a marked degree. In 1909 he was chosen as president of the committee, an honour he greatly prized.

He was an enthusiastic worker in the Conservative cause, and was president of the Firgrove Conservative Club.

He had been a ringer for about 30 years, and was ringing on the Sunday evening before his death. A typical Lancashire man, he was blunt and outspoken, but his honesty and sincerity were unquestioned, and won him the respect of all who had dealings with him. He was thrice married, and leaves a widow and three children to mourn their loss.

OFF TO AUSTRALIA.

At the usual practice, on Wednesday week, at the Town Hall, Manchester, a presentation was made to ex-P.C. Potts, who is sailing for Australia on the 18th inst. The gift took the form of a small silver medal with gold centre bearing the following inscription: "Presented to E. Potts by the Manchester Town Hall Bell Ringers, September, 1912." In handing the medal to Mr. Potts, Sergt. Cartwright, the conductor, referred to the respect in which Mr. Potts had been held, and the good fellowship that had always existed between him and the rest of the ringers during the eight years he had been a ringer at the Town Hall. They wished him "God-speed, good luck and quick prosperity" in his new home.—Several of the band also added a few words, and in reply Mr. Potts expressed his regret at leaving his old comrades. One did not know, he said, how many friends one had until something like that turned up for them to show their friendship. He could assure them he should look back with pleasure to the happy times he had spent amongst them, and that each time he looked at the medal it would bring these memories back to him. A 521 Grandsire Caters was rung, Mr. Potts taking the tenor, Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, H. Wash brook, H. Chapman, Bibby, of Frodsham, and Ramsey, of New Mills, taking part to make up the band. A 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor on front six brought the proceedings to a close.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery branch was held at Weston-super-Mare on Saturday, some 30 members being present. The following towers were represented: Weston-super-Mare, Burnham, Winscombe, Congresbury, Uphill, Worle, Bridgwater, Taunton, East Brent, Cheddar, Newport, and others. Service in the Parish Church was conducted by the Rev. H. O. Penley, who gave a capital address to the ringers. Tea was followed by the business meeting, at which, in the absence of the President, the chair was taken by the Rev. H. O. Penley.—One honorary and six performing members were elected, and Congresbury was chosen for the annual meeting in January. Loxton was selected for the intermediate meeting, to be held in October.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. H. O. Penley for arranging the service and presiding at the meeting.—The motion was acknowledged by the chairman. The bells were kept going during the evening, several touches of Grandsire Doubles and Grandsire Minor being rung.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT KENDAL.

For the first time in its history, the annual meeting of the Lancashire Association was held over the border, at Kendal, on Saturday. There was a good muster of about 70 representing all the branches, some travelling over 70 miles to be present. The President (the Rev. H. J. Elsee) broke his holidays to fulfil his duties, and travelled all night, and covered 320 miles in order to attend the meeting. The energetic secretary of the Lake District branch having a peal of bells worth going a long way to hear, invited as many as possible to try them, so those who made a day of it, travelled on to Ambleside to test them, and were well repaid, for they found eight bells tuned on the new principle, with tenor 32½ cwt., in a church surrounded by trees, and at the head of Lake Windermere. Touches were rung in the four Standard methods, and visits paid to the falls before the return journey was made to Kendal for the chief business of the day. At Kendal the party found the bells had just ceased, and the ringers were trooping in for the service, which always commences the business proceedings. The service was intoned by the Rev. P. A. Stewart, while the lesson was read and the sermon preached by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, who took for his text, 1 Peter, 4—10. He dwelt on the responsibilities and duties of stewardship, which envolved ministering to others, likening ringers to stewards, in taking care of the bells, some of which had hung in the towers for 200 years, and which were costly and in many cases had been provided by a great deal of self-sacrifice. They had some bells within 12 miles of them, which had done duty for some 600 years without losing their tone or note. The ringers as stewards had to send out their messages, but before they could do so they must practice and train themselves to use all their skill in order to do so correctly. It was worth their while to take pains to make themselves perfect, and to strive to better themselves. The preacher asked his hearers to give their best for Sundays and Festivals, and whether it be in a simple or intricate method to get the striking even and good. When they were considering their enjoyment, he added, they must not forget others. Their work must first be for the Glory to God, and then they would give the utmost pleasure.

THE MEETING.

An interval before tea was occupied by ringing Kent Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Caters. The business meeting which followed, was got through in the record time of 35 minutes. The officers were re-elected, including: President, the Rev. H. J. Elsee; hon. general secretary, Mr. W. H. Shuker; treasurer, Mr. H. W. Jackson; while Mr. Barratt, of Eccles, was elected for twelve months to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. S. Brierley.—The President, in his address, referred to the loss the Association and the Rochdale branch had sustained by his death, and a vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family.

In the committee's report, the membership was given as 1,300, a gain of 40 on the year, and 1,065 of whom lived in the county. Twelve had passed away during the year, and 85 new members had been added to the list, while 48 names had been removed from the books for arrears. The income for the year was £43, while the expenditure had been £69, the difference being due to the printing of book of rules and diagrams for members. Including the books in hand, the worth of the Association was £99. The peal list totalled 89 in methods from Bob Minor to Superlative, and Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques. Two peals of bells had been recast and rehung during the year. The committee meetings, it was recorded, had been held on the same days as the branch meetings, which had caused a little more interest to the locality where they were held.—The report closed with the best thanks to the branch secretaries for the work they did so quietly and usefully in the branches.

After the best thanks had been given to the authorities for the use of bells, church, organ, and schools, and also to the organist, choir and clergy for attending and helping to make the day enjoyable, the rest of the evening was passed by ringing on the ten bells of Kendal.

FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Furness and Lake District branch took place on Saturday, at Kendal, and proved one of the best which has been held. Members were present from Ambleside, Burton, Brathay, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Hawkshead, Kendal and Silverdale. The chair was taken by the Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, and one new member was elected. With the object of awakening interest in the outlying district, Milnthorpe, where a new ring of six has recently been put in, was chosen for the next half-yearly meeting in March.—It was decided to again hold quarterly ringing meetings, Ambleside being chosen for the next meeting to be held in December.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the chairman for presiding, after which the ringers visited the tower, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, being rung.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH.—The Devon Guild.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Howe 1, J. A. Snow 2, W. Shepherd (Hersham, Surrey), conductor, 3, F. Diamond 4, J. R. Hayman 5, W. Hayman 6, F. Davey 7, J. Gooding (first quarter-peal) 8.

WEDDING BELLS.

On Tuesday week, at "York Villa," Wisbech, as a wedding peal to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur W. Collett, who were married on the 4th inst., a date touch of Bob Minor was rung on the handbells in 1 hr. by the following ringers of the Parish Church (the tower bells not being available, as the ringers have been locked out since they rang a 5040 of Bob Minor, at Newton, on June 26th last): A. W. Wenlock 1, T. Haines 2, S. Andrews 3, H. B. Banham 4, T. Banham 5, Ralph Narborough (conductor) 6. Mr. Collett is an energetic churchworker. He was one of the first to learn ringing with the present voluntary band, but owing to an accident about a year ago he has not been able to do any ringing since. He, however, still takes an interest in bell ringing, and has been for many years a member of the choir and a teacher in the Sunday School.

As a wedding compliment to Mr. John Luff, a member of the Ewhurst (Surrey) band of ringers, who was married to Miss Rice on Sept. 5th, the bells at Ewhurst were rung as the bride and bridegroom left the church, a touch of 360 of Bob Minor being brought round. Later, a quarter-peal (1260 changes) of Bob Minor was rung by: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, A. Francis 2, F. Francis 3, W. Tidy 4, R. Whittington 5, W. Denyer (conductor) 6. The ringers wish Mr. and Mrs. Luff all happiness.

On Saturday, Sept. 8th, at SS. Peter and Paul, Dagenham, on the occasion of the wedding of Miss B. Fox (daughter of Mr. Fox, the respected churchwarden of Dagenham) to Mr. W. Evans, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 Woodbine, were rung by the following: G. Chaplin, E. Hawkins, R. Miles, E. Butler, G. Playle and F. Freestone, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Playle, Miles and Butler.

SUDBURY RINGER'S DEATH.

The death of Mr. James E. Campin, a well-known Sudbury ringer, took place at his residence on August 22nd, after only a brief illness, at the age of 75 years. The deceased was an old Volunteer, in the 11th, afterwards the 6th Suffolk Rifles. He had 33 years and eight months efficient service, when he enrolled in the newly-formed body of National Reserve. He is the first to receive the final call from that band of veterans in Sudbury. As a bandsman he served the Volunteers, and nobody remembers when he did not play in the local orchestras and string bands, his instrument being the big bass. From an early age he began to be the master of change ringing, and up to the time of his death was a member of St. Peter's and St. Gregory's band. After the singular exploit in 1860, when the Rector of St. Peter's refused to allow the bells to be rung in Lent for a royal celebration, and the ringers took possession of the tower, locked themselves in and rang the bells merrily, Mr. Campin formed a new company, as the Rector refused to allow the band of refractory campanologists to ring again. Only three of his colleagues of that day remain—Messrs. W. Griggs, F. Tolliday, and W. Bacon.

The deceased was one of the old school of silk weavers, and many of his fellow workmen on the afternoon of Monday, the 26th, when he was laid to rest, attended to pay respect to his memory at a choral service at St. Gregory's Church, where years ago he had been chorister and sidesman. The service was conducted by the Rev. F. N. Greaves. Psalm xci was sung to Croft's setting, and the hymns were, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," and "Peace, perfect peace," while, as the cortege left the church, the organist, Mr. T. Elliston, played "O rest in the Lord." There were several choice floral offerings, including one from the churchwardens and sidesmen of St. Gregory's. Surmounting the lovely cross was a miniature turret, from which was suspended a silver bell with inscription, "In kind remembrance and as a tribute of sincere esteem to one who so faithfully rendered services unto the Church of St. Gregory."

Muffled touches were rung on St. Peter's bells after the interment, by the local band, and on Saturday evening, August 31st. with half-muffled clappers. 504 Stedman Triples: S. H. Symonds (conductor) 1, W. Heard 2, F. A. Poulson 3, S. Howell 4, W. Dent 5, R. J. Poulson 6, A. Scott 7, H. S. Richold 8. The peals rung by the deceased were but few, but one was the first peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the grand eight at Lavenham, on March 3rd, 1888, Mr. Campin ringing the 3rd. Three others who took part have predeceased Mr. Campin, viz., Messrs. W. Howell, A. Scott and H. Harper. The remaining ones are Messrs. A. Symonds, W. Moore, C. Sillitoe, and W. Griggs. The last-named is in his 75th year, and rang the treble at All Saints', Sudbury, on Saturday afternoon to three courses of Stedman Triples. The deceased leaves a widow and one daughter to mourn their loss, the latter being too unwell to attend the funeral service.—A.S.

PRESENTATION AT LYMINGTON, HANTS.

At the weekly practice on Tuesday week, the Rev. C. T. Carre (curate), on behalf of the St. Thomas' Guild, presented Mr. C. Hughes (a former colleague) with a 14-day marble clock as a wedding gift from the ringers. The clock was suitably inscribed, and to mark the occasion, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by the following, in 45 mins.: E. Kerley 1, J. Figgures 2, G. Arnold 3, C. Hughes 4, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 5, H. F. Elliott 6, S. Clarke 7, A. Ayles 8.

NOTICES.

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SALOP GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Shrewsbury, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Ringing at St. Mary's 2.30 p.m. St. Chad's and St. Alkmund's Tower open during afternoon. Business meeting 4.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Vestry. Short service 5.30 p.m. in St. Chad's Church; Preacher, Rev. C. B. Crowe (Coalbrookdale). Tea 6 p.m., St. Chad's Parish Room.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Hon. Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Southgate on Saturday, September 14th. Ringing at Christ Church from 4.30 to 8 p.m., followed by a social gathering at the Cherry Tree Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Martin's, Tipton, on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in Church at 4.30, with an address by the Vicar, the Rev. T. W. De Vine, M.A., R.D., who will also preside at the business meeting afterwards.—Herbert Sheppard, Hon. Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Wicken on Saturday, September 14th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Tea at 5. Short business meeting to follow. Members are specially invited to turn up. — Frank Causebrook, Honorary Secretary, Towcester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, September 14th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of this Guild will be held at Rainford on Saturday, September 14th. Particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on September 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 26th; and St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 17th, all at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome. All intending to take tea please let me know by Tuesday, September 17th.—A King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Gargrave on Saturday, September 21st. For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher 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, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich; tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m., all members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, September 21st, 1912. 3.30, bells available (8); 5.30, service; 6.15, tea at the Swan Hotel. Tea tickets 6d. each. Visitors 1/-.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Rotherwick on Saturday, September 21st; bells (6) afternoon and evening. Service in the church at 5. Tea and business meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30.—Rev. F. G. Hume, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged) and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th, 1912. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting until 9 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea at Coffee Tavern immediately after service, free to members who let Mr. J. C. Tinker know by Wednesday, the 25th inst., of their intention to be present. Bells available afternoon and evening. A peal will be attempted in the morning, starting about eleven o'clock. Members desirous of taking part please let me know by the 23rd, so that a band may be chosen. For other information see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustus Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at the Parish Church, Preston, on September 28th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea at the Railway Hotel 5.30. Orseth will also be visited. Members requiring a seat in brake, and tea kindly advise me not later than first post Tuesday, 24th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. There will be a short special service in church, at 6 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile single fare (maximum 2/-) will be paid to all members attending before the service. Tea can be arranged for any members at 6d. per head who will communicate with Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, not later than Wednesday, September 25th.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. John Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, by Thursday, 26th inst.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to those who let me know their intention to be present by September 23rd.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

WELLINGTON, HEREFORD.—No more tenders required.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

Mr. J. H. Blakiston, 1, Willow Dene Terrace, Middlesbrough, writes: "The Parish Church ringers will be pleased to welcome any ringers attending the Church Congress held here in October, and shall be glad to hear from anyone desirous of having a ring."

SITUATION VACANT.

FITTER AND TURNER.—Improver required; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Cyclops," c/o "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

OBITUARY.

WILLSON.—On September 10th, at 1, Ann Street, Leicester, after much suffering, Eliza, the beloved mother of William Willson, and relict of the late William Willson, of Leicester, in the 81st year of her age. "At Rest."

6336 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By Henry Dains.

23456	5-4	B	W	H
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26435				—
42635				—
63425			—	—
46325				—
34625				—
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36245				—
23645				—

Twice repeated.

This composition contains the 30 course ends without the 2nd in 6th's place.

Just on the point of going to press we learn that the tour in progress this week in Somerset and Dorset is proving most successful. Stedman Caters was rung at Wrington on Saturday evening, Superlative at Yatton on Sunday, London at Shepton Mallet and Cambridge at Evercreech on Monday, and Stedman Triples at Sherborne on Tuesday morning. That is a very good start at any rate. The peal at Evercreech was Mr. B. Prewett's 8ooth!

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester district was held on Saturday last, at Upham. The bells, a light ring of six, were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon, touches in various methods being rung till 5.30, when a most excellent tea was served at the Brushmaker's Arms.—The Rector (the Rev. E. L. H. Few) presided, supported by Mr. G. Williams (the hon. general secretary of the Guild), and Mrs. Williams, Mr. G. Chappel (Wickham), and members from Dibden, North Stoneham, Twyford, Curdridge, Owlesbury, and Upham.—The General Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and presiding at the tea, apologised for the absence of Mr. J. W. Elkins, the district secretary, who was detained at the Cathedral.—Regret was also expressed that Southampton and the Cathedral City were unrepresented at this meeting, the weather being all that could be desired.—The Rector, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was always pleased to welcome members of the Guild to ring on his bells, and hoped they would spend a pleasant evening.—After a course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, the tower was again visited, and touches in the Standard methods rung.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN DEVONSHIRE.

The Guild assembled at Plymouth on Monday, Sept. 2nd, for its 7th annual ringing week. Grandsire Caters at Charles' Church was the first order; but only nine men had arrived. Prudence suggested Stedman Triples, the bells not going well. But bolder counsels prevailed, and the first peal of Cambridge Surprise by the Guild was scored, this being also the first peal of Cambridge in Devonshire.

Tuesday, at West Teignmouth and Newton Abbott, brought no further success. But Wednesday was a great day. At Thorverton an unsuccessful attempt for Cambridge was followed by courses of Superlative and London; and then came such a lunch at the Dolphin as all who shared it will remember with joy. At 5.30, "go Superlative" was called at East Teignmouth, and a splendid peal was rung, this again being the first in the method by the Guild. We began to think of scoring London also! On Thursday, at St. Marychurch and at Dartmouth peals seemed certain, but a shift-course and a Vicar ("protesting," but not "helpless") intervened.

Then came the great event of the week, a visit to Exeter Cathedral. A good course of Stedman Caters and a touch of Stedman on the Stafford eight were much enjoyed. A peal of Little Bob Royal at St. Sidwell's, Exeter, was the first peal of Royal on the bells. Some excitement was provided during this peal by the breaking of a strand of the tenor rope after two hours' ringing; but all's well that ends well.—On Saturday morning we went to Bovey Tracey to ring London. We soon found that we could ring the method but not the bells, owing to some 60 or 70 feet of new and very springy ropes; and four courses brought the ringing to an end. The touring party, which by-the-way, included the Masters or Presidents of six other Guilds, were met at Dartmouth by the President of the Devon Guild. His presence at the Cathedral next morning, and at the end of the peal at St. Sidwell's, was much appreciated.—H. S. T. R.

The above account speaks of a successful week in glorious Devon, but the formal records of the peals had not reached us up to the time of going to press.—Ed.

THE COMPOSITION OF THE RECORD PEAL.

22,222 STEDMAN CATERS BY B. LINDOFF.

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312456*	4	5	16
213654		—	—
214356			—
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614253			—
613452			—
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314652			—
413256		—	—
416352			—
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213456			—
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612453		—	—
613254			—
614352			—
416253		—	—
413652			—
314256		—	—
316452			—
312654			—

* Obtained by starting with last three changes of a Slow Six and calls at 1, 2, 5, 6, 9s, 10, 13, 16s.

The whole of the calling repeated, with * called 2, 3, 7's, 10, 13, 16's, gives a peal of 22,222 changes. The first half is in the tittums, and the second in the handstroke position, and the course ends of the second half are the same as in the first, except for the reversal of 8—9. The 19,738 was obtained by finishing the calling with the last bob at 4, from which the bells ran round at handstroke at the first change in the next course.

This calling repeated, substituting 4, 5s, 16 for the first courses, produces

215634	4	5	16
514326	—		—
516423			—
613425		—	
316524		—	—
314625			—
413526		—	—
416325			—

Two blocks of 24 courses each as A, with 4, 5s, 16 for the first courses produces 214365

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—On Sept. 1st, for afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: E. Webb 1, G. Ransom 2, T. Crocker 3, T. Beadle 4, F. Skevington 5, J. Lee 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Spencer 1, G. Ransom (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Dell 4, W. New 5, J. Lee 6, F. Goddard 7, A. Beckensale 8.

HULL, YORKS. — Yorkshire Association.—At All Saints' Church, on August 29th, 489 Grandsire Triples: T. Harrison 1, H. Jenkins 2, F. G. Laverack (Middlesboro') 3, F. Moulson 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8.—At Holy Trinity Church, 518 Grandsire Triples: H. Rodmell 1, T. Whitfield 2, F. G. Laverack 3, J. Highfield 4, A. B. Cook 5, T. Morton 6, C. Jackson (conductor) 7, F. Merrison 8.

ACTON.—On Wednesday, August 28th, 630 Grandsire Triples: *A. E. Smith 1, E. G. Stibbons 2, M. E. G. Mackman 3, H. G. Miles 4, *R. Holloway 5, *W. J. Phillips 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, *J. W. Fruin 8. * Longest length.

EARL SOHAM.—On August 18th, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: H. Hall 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, W. E. Maulden (Guildford) 3, Miss M. E. N. Jukes (first 720 Minor) 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Bob: B. Buckle 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, G. Balls 6. Also three 120's Grandsire Doubles: C. Button 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, J. Hall 3, H. Hall 4, J. W. Mallett 5, Miss Jukes 6.

DEBENHAM.—On August 24th, Holt's 10-part peal of Grandsire was attempted on these grand bells, but "stand" was called through a shift, after ringing 2600 changes, in 1 hr. 40 mins.: G. Wightman (conductor) 1, P. Laflin 2, W. Wightman 3, W. G. Crickmer 4, Miss M. E. N. Jukes 5, W. Grimes 6, A. S. Wightman 7, G. Rowe, senr., 8.

BEDDINGTON. — The following quarter-peals were rung at St. Mary's:—On Sunday morning, August 11th, 1251 Stedman Caters, in 50 mins.: F. Holder (conductor) 1, J. Trappitt 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, A. J. Perkins 4, E. L. Miles 5, A. J. Plowman 6, W. S. Smith 7, A. J. Trappitt 8, A. Clayton 9, C. Gordon 10.—On Sunday morning, August 18th, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: A. Boxall, junr., 1, A. J. Perkins 2, A. Boxall, senr., 3, W. Ives 4, A. J. Plowman 5, E. L. Miles 6, A. J. Trappitt 7, W. S. Smith 8, A. Clayton (conductor) 9, N. Bassett 10.—On Sunday evening, August 25th, 1320 Kent Treble Bob Royal, in 55 mins.: J. A. Lambert 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, E. L. Miles 3, A. Clayton 4, Dr. A. B. Carpenter 5, A. Calver 6, A. J. Plowman 7, R. Grimwood 8, T. King 9, W. S. Smith 10.

BRAINTREE.—The Essex Association. — On August 27th, at the Parish Church, 1216 Kent Treble Bob, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late M. H. Pryke, a former churchwarden: W. Sadler 1, A. Shufflebotham 2, A. Cutmore 3, C. H. Howard (conductor) 4, P. Holmes 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, W. Grimwade 8.

RUGBY.—On August 26th, in 52 mins., at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): W. Malins (composer) 1, *H. Argyle 2, J. W. Chandler 3, *E. J. Oliver 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, J. A. Fenton 6, J. B. Fenton (conductor) 7, J. George 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin Church, on the occasion of the members of the National Reserve, together with the Mayor and Corporation attending morning service, on Sunday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: E. F. Gauntlett 1, H. Springate (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, J. Hunt 3, H. Hogarth 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, Corpl. J. Bennett 6, S. Shellock 7, G. Lawrence 8.

CLANFIELD, OXON. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Stephen's Church, on August 20th, an attempt was made for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was lost at half-way, after an hour and a half's ringing, on account of a shift course: C. R. Walker 1, F. Messenger 2, G. Clark 3, S. Eeles 4, A. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, N. Spindlow 7, J. Tanner 8.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Peter-the-Great, on August 27th, an attempt for Taylor's six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but was unsuccessful, being lost at the fourth part end (3360 changes), owing to a shift course: R. Keen 1, J. Monk 2, H. Hollis 3, A. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, N. Spindlow (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found the "official minutes" of the Central Council meeting held on May 28th last, and, on the strength of their appearance, we venture to put forward a few ideas which occur as to the futility of their publication. These minutes reached our office exactly fifteen weeks after the meeting was held, and they are merely, as of course they could only be, a brief summary of all that has been previously reported *in extenso*. They contain no information of value which was not far more elaborately dealt with at the time, and there is no need to hide the fact that in our opinion, and we believe, in the opinion of the majority of our readers, the publication of these minutes is a waste of labour and a waste of space. It is a waste of the labour and of the time of the hon. secretary in having to copy them out, and it is a waste of our space to have to utilise it for something which has appeared in our pages before.

The honorary secretary has sent us the minutes, we presume, under rule 12 of the Council's constitution, which provides that "the names of the members present, and the business transacted at each meeting be entered in the minute book, and reported to the ringing papers," but surely this rule was only framed to ensure the publication of the Council's business. Now, the Council already pay for an "official" record of the proceedings, which made its appearance in due course, and "The Ringing World," which alone sent its own representative to the meeting, published a report which covered more than twenty of our columns of small type, or about 22,000 words, in the issues immediately following the meeting. If this is not enough to satisfy the most exacting, without the necessity of publishing another summary some months after, we do not know what is.

We publish the minutes as an act of courtesy, and because of the labour which the honorary secretary has had to bestow upon the task of copying them for publication. We feel sure, however, that the Council, with the facts brought to their notice, will relieve the honorary secretary of the unnecessary work which this matter thrusts upon him. All the while the proceedings are adequately reported at the time no possible service can be rendered to the Exercise by publishing these minutes so long after the event. It needs but the addition of a few words to the rule, in order to save the time and labour to which we have referred, and, at the same time, provide for the issue of the minutes to the ringing papers when they have provided themselves with no other report, because it is only in that event that the publication of the minutes can be of value. Such an alteration to the rules would ensure the Council's proceedings being brought to the notice of the Exercise and save the papers the need of giving more than one report of the meeting.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

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

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN	...*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	... 6
CHARLES DICKENS	... 2	JOHN NEAL	... 7
JOHN CARTER	... 3	ALF. PADDON SMITH	... 8
SAMUEL GROVES	... 4	JAMES E. GROVES	... 9
JAMES L. WELLS	... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by PERCY O. LAFLIN.

This composition is No. 5 on Carter's Broadsheet. First peal in the method as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BERT CHALLEN	...*Treble*	BENJAMIN BASSETT	... 5
KEITH HART	... 2	GEORGE GATLAND	... 6
WILLIAM HILLMAM	... 3	HENRY STALHAM	... 7
GEORGE J. NORRIS	... 4	EDMUND H. LINDUP	...*Tenor*

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by EDMUND LINDUP.

DEANE, BOLTON,
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN T. ALLRED	...*Treble*	HERBERT ALLRED	... 5
*FRED ABLOTT	... 2	RICHARD HEALD	... 6
JOHN MOSCROP	... 3	ROBERT ALLRED	... 7
†THOMAS WORSLEY	... 4	TITUS BARLOW	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

* First peal away from the treble in the method. † First peal of Bob Major.

SUTTON COLDFIELD, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
CARTER'S No. 33. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

JOHN CARTER	...*Treble*	GEORGE ROBERTS	... 5
JAMES JONES	... 2	THOMAS BLOORE	... 6
JOHN JENNINGS	... 3	BERTRAM LEEDHAM	... 7
GEORGE PARSONS	... 4	JAMES REYNOLDS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Alice M. Roberts.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1911, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS	...*Treble*	GEORGE N. PRICE	... 5
WILLIAM HODGETTS	... 2	HUBERT EDEN	... 6
FRANK T. MARTIN	... 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	... 7
CHARLES N. LEMAN	... 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW.

This peal was rung in honour of the weddings of Mr. Arthur W. W. Dix, a member of the local band, and Mr. Stanley Bish, a member of the choir, both weddings taking place on the same day.

WIRKSWORTH, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDERICK TURNER	...*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	... 5
T. HARRY GREATOREX	... 2	JOHN WARDMAN	... 6
WILLIAM FOX	... 3	BENJAMIN GREATOREX	... 7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT	... 4	FREDERICK JOHNSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN GREATOREX.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the weddings of Mr. Brian Hilditch and Miss Constance Wharton, and also of Mr. George H. Bowmer and Miss Mary Charlotte Stafford. Messrs. Hilditch and Bowmer are members of the Wirksworth company.

BOURNEMOUTH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	...*Treble*	A. F. MARTIN STEWART	... 5
EDWARD T. GREEN	... 2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	... 6
FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND	3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	7
CHARLES FORFITT	... 4	ALFRED OSMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Gough, who hails from Coseley, Staffs, and was elected a member in the belfry previous to starting.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

ARTHUR LEEDER	...*Treble*	ALBERT G. WARNES	... 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr.	... 2	FREDERICK HOWCHIN	... 6
*GEORGE H. CROSS	... 3	JOHN SOUTER	... 7
CLEMENT MORE	... 4	JOHN SMITH	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

* First peal in the method and his first attempt. Messrs. Cross, Warnes and Howchin hail from Norwich.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	HARRY STONELEY	... 5
THOMAS VALLANCE	... 2	ERNEST STONE	... 6
ROWLAND POLLARD	... 3	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	7
WALTER MARTIN	... 4	HARRY ARGYLE	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by HARRY ARGYLE.

Rung to celebrate the coming of age of James F. Clarke, the band wishing him the usual compliments.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 11 cwt.

ISAAC PURSER	...*Treble*	*ALBERT LITTLE...	5
HERBERT KNIGHT	2	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT ...	6
GEORGE HUGHES	3	*ALFRED FALLON	7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD... ...	4	WILLIAM FISHER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Little.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

FRANK UNSWORTH ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM BIBBY	5
MISS N. GILLINGHAM ...	2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	6
FREDERICK J. HANCOCK ...	3	CHARLES E. BOYERS ...	7
ARTHUR UNSWORTH	4	THOMAS H. LIGHTFOOT...	*Tenor*

Composed by T. THURSTANS, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*OSWALD J. HUNT ...	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM T. COX	5
*JOSEPH H. WHITE	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDEN ...	3	*CHARLES FREEMAN	7
*EDWARD H. JOHNSON ...	4	†ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	...*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal of Surprise in the City of Coventry and rung at the second attempt. The first attempt on the previous Saturday failed in the last course through the treble rope breaking.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' ONE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

EDWARD J. STAFFORD	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER...	5
DANIEL JONES	2	EDWIN J. TYLER	6
FRANK W. PERRENS... ...	3	HERBERT KNIGHT	7
ALBERT LITTLE	4	*RALPH BAKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

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

WELISCOMBE, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr.

*HENRY NORMAN... ...	...*Treble*	ISAAC CREED	5
WILLIAM HOYLE	2	*ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS...	6
*ROBERT SCOTT	3	HENRY MOORE...	7
CHARLES R. LILLEY... ...	4	*WILLIAM WHITE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Major and first attempt. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM HENLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
GEORGE MARTIN...	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
HERBERT COX	3	GEORGE ALLDEN	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F. sharp.

*ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED J. HESSIAN... ...	5
*ERNEST J. OLIVER	2	*THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	6
JAMES GEORGE	3	*DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE ...	7
JOSEPH A. FENTON	4	JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

* First peal in the method.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN WOOD	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	HAROLD W. CLARK... ...	6
HARRY BUSH	3	GEORGE GREEN	7
HENRY F. COOPER	4	FREDERICK NEWMAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE GREEN.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Mr. H. W. Clark, for whom the peal was arranged, hails from Cubitt Town, E., and was elected a life member of the Association previous to starting.

LLANGIBBY, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CYBI,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES GREEDY ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES ...	5
A. VICTOR MORGAN	2	JOHN BUTLER	6
JOHN BULLEN	3	GEORGE LARGE	7
JOHN W. JONES	4	SAMUEL BAISS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE LARGE.

Rung to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the opening of the middle six bells.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS, TOWER HILL, E.C.
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 19 cwt., in E flat.

FREDERICK G. PERRIN	...*Treble*	CHARLES W. BRETT ...	5
FRANK BENNETT...	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFERIES ...	7
FRANK I. HAIRS...	4	JAMES E. DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Messrs. Buesden and Brett hail from Canterbury. The band, through the medium of "The Ringing World," desire to tender their sincere thanks to the Rev. A. W. Robinson for the use of the bells, and to Mr. A. Joyce, the steeple-keeper, for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LAMBETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	HENRY T. GOWLETT ...	5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES	2	ROBERT GREEN	6
FRANK A. SMITH...	3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	7
HENRY S. ELLIS	4	THOMAS WALKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

First peal as conductor. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. H. Peck, a member of the local company, who was married to Miss Mabel Gilbey, at Saffron Walden, on the previous Monday.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK C. PERRIN	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
*GEORGE L. JOYCE	2	BERT HORTON	6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES... ...	4	HENRY G. ROWE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

*JOHN T. ALLRED ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT WALLWORK... ...	5
*THOMAS WORSLEY	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
ALFRED POTTER	3	JOHN POTTER	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	*ROBERT ALLRED ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

WILLIAM LAMBERT ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS BETTISON	5
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	2	THOMAS RILEY	6
WILLIAM GOSLING, Senr.	3	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	7
EDWARD ROBINS...	4	SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

This peal was arranged for Mr. Gosling, of Mansfield. Owing to the heavy going of the Mansfield bells an attempt had to be abandoned there on August 3rd. Mr. Gosling is in his 86th year, and it would be interesting to know if any ringer of a greater age has taken part in a peal of 5000 changes.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 17 cwt.

ALBERT COPPOCK... ...	...*Treble*	J. CHARLES DICKEN ...	5
HENRY LETTS	2	EDWARD C. GOBEY	6
ALLAN R. HICKTON	3	NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ...	7
GEORGE DAWSON...	4	ALFRED T. BAKER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY...	...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY	5
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... ...	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES SAMSON	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY... ...	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¼ cwt., in E.

*CHARLES W. OWENS	...*Treble*	EDWARD CAUNCE	5
*ROBERT BUCHALL	2	JOHN W. EVANS	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	*SYDNEY F. BARNES	7
*WILLIAM HUGHES	4	JOHN TURNER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major. This is the first attempt for a peal of Major on these bells, which have been in the tower since May, 1895.

DEVIZES, WILTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 19 cwt., in D flat.

CHARLES D. HEGINBOTHAM	*Treble*	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ...	5
CHARLES RAISON	2	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	6
GILBERT H. HARDING ...	3	THOMAS F. KING	7
SYDNEY HILLIER	4	RICHARD PHILLIPS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GILBERT H. HARDING.

This was the first peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. It was also the quickest peal ever rung on them. The ringer of the tenor is blind, and great credit is due to him for the way in which he rang his bell throughout the peal.

WAKEFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS L. MOORHOUSE	...*Treble*	JAMES MOORHOUSE	5
JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ...	2	JOHN T. EASON	6
WILLIAM PEARSON	3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ...	7
H. C. WALTERS...	4	*F. COCKHILL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal. Messrs. Pearson and Walters hail from Pontefract, the remainder belong to the local company. Rung on the light eight.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

ALREWAS, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Court, Oxford and Kent Treble Pob, Grandsire, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN H. SWINFIELD...	...*Treble*	JAMES PAGET	4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	2	JAMES PRATT	5
JOSEPH T. DYKE	3	DAVID COTTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by DAVID COTTON.

First peal on the bells.

ALDFORD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs.

*JOHN THOMAS ... ...*Treble*	RICHARD WATKIN 4
JOHN DUNNING 2	JAMES MORGAN 5
HENRY W. WILDE 3	ALBERT E. RICHARDS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. RICHARDS.

* First peal. R. Watkin was elected a member previous to starting.

FULBECK, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of St. Clement's, Single Court and Plain Bob, and one of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODS ... ...*Treble*	JOSEPH LORD 4
REV. C. J. STURTON... ... 2	ARTHUR DRURY... 5
WILLIAM WATSON 3	ARTHUR MACKEARS ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

GRENDON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Grandsire, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD ... ...*Treble*	E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	DAVID COTTON... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BARTON SEAGRAVE, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 8 six scores each of Canterbury, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, and 18 six-scores of Grandsire. Tenor 12 cwt.

HORACE PATRICK ... ...*Treble*	ROBERT BLACK 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS 2	HENRY PATRICK 4

EDGAR REED ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

First peal in four methods by all except the conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2	JAMES HUNT ... ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 3—4	FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires: T. W. RADFORD, S. RADFORD, W. LOADER and W. E. MAULDEN.

This was A. H. Pulling's 50th peal of Stedman Triples "in hand."

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size, in B flat.

ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 3—4	FRANK BENNETT ... ... 7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires, W. J. NUDDS, and B. HORTON.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT 46, KING EDWARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5198 CHANGES;

GEORGE N. PRICE ... ... 1—2	HENRY HODGETTS... ... 5—6
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 3—4	FRANK T. MARTIN... ... 7—8

CHARLES N. LEMAN ... ... 9—10

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONDS.

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

On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE.

FREDERICK DEWELL ... 1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... ... 5—6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3—4	ARTHUR E. MOORE ... 7—8

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire, WALTER RADLEY.

WEST OF ENGLAND TOUR.

The following peals are the result of a week's ringing in Somerset, Dorset and Devon, by members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild:—

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... ...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ... 6
THOMAS T. GOFTON 2	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	KEITH HART 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
REV. C. CAREW COX... ... 5	ERNEST PYE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

YATTON, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE... ... ...*Treble*	KEITH HART 5
JOHN FLINT... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... 6
GEORGE DENT 3	ERNEST PYE 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SHEPTON MALLET, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT ... ...*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON... ... 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	KEITH HART 6
*REV. E. V. COX 3	JOHN FLINT 7
ERNEST PYE 4	WILLIAM PYE ... ...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

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

EVERCREECH, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALAN R. MACDONALD	...*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	5
*REV. C. CAREW COX	... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	 3	WILLIAM PYE	7
WILLIAM J. NEVARD	... 4	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal of Cambridge. First peal of Major on the bells, and the conductor's 80oth peal.

SHERBORNE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 46 cwt. 0 qr. 23 lbs.

THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	5
ISAAC G. SHADE... ...	... 2	KEITH HART	6
REV. E. V. COX... ...	... 3	ERNEST PYE	7
BERTRAM PREWETT ...	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This is the 300th tower in which W. Pye has rung a peal.

YEOVIL, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 42 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	6
BERTRAM PREWETT ...	... 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON... ...	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	KEITH HART	8
ISAAC G. SHADE... ...	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	9
REV. C. CAREW COX	... 5	ERNEST PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WEST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST PYE	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 2	JOHN FLINT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	*REV. C. CAREW COX	... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ...	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

EAST COKER, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON... ...	5
REV. C. CAREW COX	... 2	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	JOHN FLINT	7
GEORGE DENT	... 4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

First peal of Major on the bells.

CREWKERNE, SOMERSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt. 0 qr. 7 lbs.

ISAAC G. SHADE	...*Treble*	JOHN FLINT	5
REV. E. V. COX... ...	... 2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	KEITH HART	7
ERNEST PYE...	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

OTTERY ST. MARY, DEVON.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES:

Tenor 18 cwt.

REV. E. V. COX ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS T. GOFTON... ...	5
ERNEST PYE	... 2	JOHN FLINT	6
BERTRAM PREWETT ...	... 3	KEITH HART	7
GEORGE DENT	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method rung in Devon.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

KEITH HART	...*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	5
BERTRAM PREWETT ...	... 2	THOMAS T. GOFTON ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	... 3	JOHN FLINT	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

First peal of Major on the bells.

BEAMINSTER, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT ...	5
REV. E. V. COX	... 2	KEITH HART	6
REV. A. T. BEESTON	... 3	ERNEST PYE	7
GEORGE DENT	... 4	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Major on the bells, and first peal in the method rung in the county.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD IN DEVON.

The following peals were rung by members of the Cambridge University Guild on the 7th annual tour:—

DEVONPORT.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT H.M. CHAPEL, DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5440 CHANGES;

E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	...*Treble*	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	5
WILLIAM RUNDLE ...	... 2	WALTER H. MARSH	6
WILLIAM G. HISCOTT	... 3	WILLIAM FORD	7
ERNEST W. MARSH ...	... 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

PLYMOUTH.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Monday, September 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At Charles Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Rev. W. W. C. Baker	*Treble*	*Edwin H. Lewis	5
Rev. H. Law James ...	2	William D. James... ...	6
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	3	Rev. E. Bankes James...	7
*E. Maurice Atkins... ...	4	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton, and
Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.

* First peal of Cambridge. This is the first peal of Cambridge in the county and by the Guild.

TEIGNMOUTH.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 0 lbs.

Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	*Treble*	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5
Rev. H. Law James... ...	2	*William D. James... ...	6
Rev. E. Bankes James ...	3	*Rev. H. J. Elsee	7
Edwin H. Lewis	4	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	*Tenor*

Composed by John Cox, and
Conducted by Rev. H. L. James.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Superlative by the Guild and first peal on the bells.

EXETER.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Friday, September 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Sidwell,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James...	*Treble*	*Rev. H. J. Elsee	6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey...	2	Rev. E. Bankes James...	7
Edwin H. Lewis	3	*Rev. W. W. C. Baker	8
E. Maurice Atkins	4	William D. James... ...	9
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5	Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	*Tenor*

Composed by W. Royle, and
Conducted by Rev. E. B. James.

* First peal in the method. This is the first peal of Little Bob Royal rung on tower bells, and the first peal of Royal in Exeter.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Saturday, September 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At Ingledene, Seymour Road,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey...	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
Rev. E. Bankes James...	3—4	Rev. H. Law James ...	7—8

William D. James... ... 9—10

Composed by William Hudson, and
Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.
Umpire: James D. James.

This is the first peal on handbells in Devon.

DARTMOOR.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At Cherrybrook Farm,

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

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
Rev. E. Bankes James	3—4	William D. James ...	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and
Conducted by E. Maurice Atkins.
Umpires: Rev. H. Law James and James D. James.

This is the conductor's 100th peal.

DARTMOOR.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At Cherrybrook Farm,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
Rev. E. Bankes James	3—4	Rev. H. Law James ...	7—8

William D. James... ... 9—10

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by Rev. H. Law James.
Umpire: James D. James.

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and One Minute,
At the Trafalgar Hotel,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. E. Bankes James	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
*Miss Edith K. Parker	3—4	William D. James ...	7—8

Composed by N. J. Pitstow, and
Conducted by William D. James.
Umpire: James Parker.

* First peal in the method. This is the first handbell peal of Bob Major in the county and by the Guild. Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Major and the first to ring a peal for the Devonshire Guild.

The umpire of the peal of Treble Bob on handbells at Leiston, on Sept. 6th, was G. Wilson.

In the peal of Grandsire Caters at Walsall, the ringer of the 5th should be Frank W. Perrens, not Perrin, as printed.

COLLEGE YOUTHS AT SOUTHGATE.

The College Youths had a well-attended meeting at Southgate on Saturday, ringers being present from Barking, Walthamstow, and neighbouring towers.—Mr. T. Faulkner was elected Master for the occasion, in the absence of Mr. Taffender. Touches in the Standard and Surprise methods were much enjoyed on the five bells during the evening.—Tea was provided at the Cherry Tree Hotel, where a social gathering was afterwards held under the presidency of Mr. Faulkner. Songs by Messrs. Johnston (Croydon), Miller (North Brixton), Armstrong (Southgate), Rumens (Walthamstow), Hazell (Tottenham) enlivened the proceedings, and Mr. G. Wild kindly accompanied on the pianoforte.—Mr. J. Thomas also tapped a course of Double Norwich Major on the piano. A vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens and steeplekeeper, proposed by Mr. W. T. Cockerill (the hon. secretary), seconded by Mr. E. A. Davies, was passed.

MR. B. PREWETT'S 800 PEALS.

	Rung.	Conducted.
ON TOWER BELLS:		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Treble Bob Maximus	3	1
Stedman Cinques	43	1
New Cambridge Surprise Royal	3	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	10	3
Treble Bob Royal	11	1
Stedman Caters (including 18,027 Record)	113	11
Grandsire Caters	1	
Bristol Surprise Major (including 15,264 Record)	40	6
London Surprise Major	60	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	11	5
Cambridge Surprise Major	8	4
Superlative Surprise Major	154	39
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	27	7
Kent Treble Bob Major	30	20
Oxford Treble Bob Major	5	3
Bob Major	4	2
Stedman Triples	227	73
Grandsire Triples	9	1
ON HANDBELLS:		
Stedman Cinques	8	
Stedman Caters	21	
Stedman Triples	11	4
Total	800	181

Rung in 213 towers in 35 counties.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday last a meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at Rainford, and a good muster of members attended from various parts of the diocese. A short service was held, at which the Rev. B. H. Watts read the prayers, and an excellent and practical address was given by the Rev. E. C. Collier, Birkdale. Service over, a move was made to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided.—Afterwards, the business meeting was held, the Rev. E. C. Collier presiding (in the absence of the Vicar), supported by the Rev. B. H. Watts, Messrs. Ball (churchwarden), Hall, etc.—The Chairman expressed regret at the absence of the Master (the Rev. W. S. Bulpit), who was still far from well, not having completely recovered from the accident he met with in London. Although he was not with them in the body, he was with them in the spirit, and he (the chairman) knew they all regretted his absence.

Several suggestions of a practical nature were discussed by the members, and the proceedings were enlivened by a few stories by the chairman, and songs by one of the ringers.—One honorary member was elected, and the usual vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells and the unknown donor of the tea, brought a most pleasant and harmonious meeting to a close.

A CYCLING TOUR.

AMONG SURREY HILLS AND VALES.

The annual cycling tour of the Sonning Deanery branch of the Oxford Guild took place on Saturday, the following towers being represented: Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Binfield and Hurst. Towers in Hants and Surrey were selected for the day's ringing, Aldershot being the first on the programme. The light ring of six there was set going as early as 9.15 a.m., to the tune of Kent. One of the clergy came in, much to the delight of the band, and greeted them with words of congratulation upon their striking, an action which convinces one of the interest which is growing on the part of the clergy for the ringers' part of Church work. After a touch of Oxford Treble Bob, a start was made for Crondall, which was reached after a long rise and a quick run down. After a "plain course" of bread and cheese, the visitors all admired the splendid avenue of lime trees, planted in 1759, which shades the path leading from the gate to the church. Inside the belfry is a heavy ring of six, tenor 18 cwt., all very discordant, three of them being very much out of tune The "go," however, is not bad, and Plain Bob and Kent were rung, but the sound was curious. After a course of Grandsire Triples on a fine set of handbells, a start was made for Bentley, where there is a splendid ring of six by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson, recently hung in an iron frame with all latest improvements, and beautifully toned, the tenor weighing 12¾ cwt., in E. The bells were rung up in peal, and set going to Plain Bob, Kent and Double Oxford. A course of London Surprise was unfortunately lost, and also a touch of Cambridge. It is to be hoped that in the near future the two new trebles will be hung in the places provided for them, thus making a grand peal of eight. After dinner, at the Red Lion, which was much enjoyed, a start was made for Froyle, where the party were delighted to be joined by Mr. H. Chaffey. A little difficulty was found in getting to the belfry, which was discovered by going up a flight of stairs, and getting through a small doorway behind the organ. Once there, the light peal of six were set going to Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford, and Oxford Single Bob, Cambridge again being lost in the last lead. The journey was then resumed to Binstead, where the visitors drew a blank, the incumbent refusing permission to ring, because, he said, the ringing of the bells broke the chiming wires of the clock. The man in whose charge the clock chimes were placed happened to be present, and his request that the bells should be rung to enable him to see if everything were in order was met with a blunt refusal. Next came the ordeal of facing the camera, and tea at the White Hart. Much refreshed, the cyclists continued the journey to Frensham, where they were joined by Mr. C. Edwards The bells were rung up in peal, and touches in Kent, Woodbine, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob, were successfully brought round. After the bells had been lowered in peal, Mr. Randell, by means of the chiming apparatus, struck off six hymns, which were very much admired. The last place on the programme was Farnham, where the fine peal of eight soon went off to the music of Kent and Bob Major, and brought the day's ringing to a close.—Thanks are due to Mr. C. Edwards for making all arrangements, to the incumbents of all towers opened to the party, for the use of their bells, and to Mr. W. Horne for piloting the cyclists through the beautiful scenery of the Surrey hills and vales. After leaving Farnham, each wended his way home, some having to travel 20 miles, thoroughly satisfied with the day's pleasure.—H.B.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at St. Leonard's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 44 mins.: H. W. Overton 1, A. Newsome 2, B. Head 3, J. Overton 4, J. Elcock 5, E. Foxall 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. Overton 8. Arranged for the ringer of tenor, this being his first quarter-peal.

BOURNEMOUTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at St. Peter's Church. 1280 Bob Major, in 51 mins.: J. Bennett 1, F. Forsyth 2, C. Forfitt 3, E. T. Green 4, E. Waters 5, B. Gough 6, A. R. Macdonald 7, C. Goodenough (conductor) 8. The above were arranged for Mr. B. Gough, of Coseley, Staffordshire.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SWAINSWICK.

The ringers of the parish of Swainswick, near Bath, held their annual outing on Thursday, Sept. 12th, when a trip was taken to Weston-super-Mare. The pleasures of the seaside were indulged in during the day the party meeting for dinner and tea. Afterwards they visited Uphill Old Church, where they were met by the local company. Change ringing was found to be rather difficult, owing to the way in which the ropes were brought down, but several good six scores of Grandsire and Bob Doubles were brought round. The party spent a most enjoyable day, and reached Bath about 10.30 p.m.

HANDSWORTH.

The ringers of St. Mary's, Handsworth, had their annual outing on Saturday week, when a visit was paid to the pretty village of Tettenhall, a short halt being made at Wolverhampton to listen to the start of a peal of Caters on the beautiful bells of St. Peter's. At Tettenhall a few touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and the picturesque church was then inspected. After tea and a stroll round the village, a musical evening was spent under the chairmanship of Mr. Faux. The handbells were brought into use, many excellent selections being rendered on them. Among those who contributed to the programme were: Messrs. F. Banks, E. Starkey, T. Verry, C. Starkey, E. Wood, Roper, S. Danby, Palmer, Ward, and the Chairman.—The proceedings terminated with thanks to the host and hostess, and the party then returned to Birmingham, after a very enjoyable excursion.

ST. EDMUND'S, NORTHAMPTON.

The annual outing of St. Edmund's Society, Northampton, was held on Saturday, Sept. 7th, when a visit was made to Loughborough to inspect the bell foundry of Messrs. Taylor and Co., the founders of the peal at St. Edmund's Church. Through the courtesy of this enterprising firm the visitors had the pleasure of seeing three small bells cast for a peal now in hand for Burton-on-Trent, and after making a tour of the various workshops, which the party found very interesting, a short halt was made for lunch, kindly provided by the firm. A visit to the foundry tower was the next order, and the light but musical peal was set going to Stedman and Grandsire Triples. After according Mr. D. Taylor a vote of thanks for the hospitable manner in which the party had been received and entertained, the company dispersed for dinner. Through the kindness of the Rector, the bells of the Parish Church were available for a short time in the afternoon, and with the assistance of Mr. W. E. White, hon. secretary of the Midland Counties Association, who happened to be paying a visit to Loughborough, and one or two of the local ringers, touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters were indulged in. The party then proceeded to Leicester, and made their way to Aylestone, where an excellent meat tea was awaiting them, kindly provided by the Rector (Canon H. S. Sedge). After disposing of the good things provided, a visit was paid to the church, and touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor were rung. Returning in the evening to St. Saviour's, Leicester, the party had the pleasure of meeting Mr. W. Willson and Miss Willson, Mr. J. S. Needham, Mr. Buttery, and other Leicester ringers. Touches of Double Norwich, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were brought round, with the assistance of Leicester friends. Altogether a most instructive and enjoyable day was spent, the weather having been ideal for holiday-making.—The members of the society wish to thank the clergy of the various churches for the use of the bells, and also the steeplekeepers for their assistance.

WEDDING BELLS.

At St. Lawrence's Church, Ludlow, on Sept. 9th, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which unfortunately came to grief after ringing just over 1100 changes: H. Aston 1, G. D. Acton (longest with a bob bell) 2, G. J. Taylor (Shrewsbury) 3, F. S. Wilson 4, J. Clark (Ross) 5, Wm. Saunders (Coalbrookdale), conductor, 6, W. R. Nash 7, A. Uason 8. The peal was attempted as a wedding compliment to Fleet Paymaster George P. Wilson, R.N., of H.M.S. Agamemnon, and Mrs. Adria L. Wood (widow of the late Major E. P. Wood. Madras Infantry Indian Staff Corps, and daughter of the late Col. H. C. Macdonald, 108th Regiment), the ringers wishing them every happiness. The bridegroom is brother to the ringer of the 4th, and the band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wilson for kindly entertaining them to tea, at which the Rector of Ludlow, the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon, was present.

On Thursday week, at the Parish Church, Olney, to celebrate the wedding of Miss Nora Hipwell, of Gresham House, Olney, and Mr. Leslie Evans, of Bishop's Stortford, Essex, the following touches were rung: 896 Grandsire Triples, by: W. Robinson 1, F. Boswell 2, T. Wright, 3 B. Fisher 4, W. Jones 5, T. Smith 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, R. Perkins 8. 1260 Grandsire Triples, by: W. Jones 1, W. Jacques 2, F. Boswell 3, Miss E. Steele (Oakley) 4, B. Fisher 5, S. Smith 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, R. Perkins 8. 720 Bob Major, by: A. Robinson (longest touch) 1, W. Robinson 2, S. Smith 3, W. Freeman 4, W. Jones 5, B. Fisher 6, W. Jacques (conductor) 7, F. Boswell 8. Also short touches of Double Norwich and Stedman Triples, conducted by W Freeman.

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MR. JOHN AUSTIN, OF GLOUCESTER.

Few ringers have done more to advance the Art in the West of England than Mr. John Austin, of Gloucester, whose efforts have not only been devoted to raising the standard of peal ringing, but to helping beginners, and many a man owes his success in the Exercise to the early encouragement he received from Mr. Austin. With a few kindred spirits Mr. Austin was the pioneer of Surprise Royal and Maximus ringing, and thus set an example of progress which has doubtless not been without its effect in other parts of the country.

Mr. Austin is a native of a town famous, among other things, for campanological performances, having first seen the light at Burton-on-Trent on November 19th, 1863. He began his ringing career, however, at the village church of Winshill, and there, on the pretty ring of six,



MR. JOHN AUSTIN.

he learnt to ring Grandsire Doubles and Minor, and scored his first 720, in the year 1885. In December of the same year he rang his first peal, which was conducted by Mr. John Jaggar. Mr. Austin took to ringing like a duck to water, and his progress in the Art was rapid. He joined the St. Paul's Society, Burton-on-Trent, which about that time was at the height of its fame, and within a couple of years Mr. Austin had rung several Surprise peals, including New Cumberland, Superlative, Cambridge and London.

His first peal as conductor was rung on August 11th, 1888, when he called Holt's Original, and it has been in this department that Mr. Austin has since made his name, for he has proved himself one of the most capable "pilots" that ever entered a belfry. After five or six years with the St. Paul's company, his occupation took him to Gloucester, where he joined the then young company known as St. Michael's Juniors. He signalled his arrival by conducting Holt's Original, and in assisting in the society's first peal of Double Norwich. After only six months in the West, however, Mr. Austin removed to Lincoln, where he became a member of the St. Peter-at-Arches Society. Six months later he returned once more to Gloucester, where he has remained ever since. Mr. Austin helped to lift the Juniors to the top of the tree. Peals in a number of methods were accomplished, including the first of Double Norwich Caters, which Mr. Austin conducted. Then came the first peal of Gloucester Surprise ever rung, and, as a crowning effort, the first peal of Cambridge Royal. When this had been achieved attention was turned to Cambridge Maximus, the Revs. H. L. and E. B. James and Mr. F. G. May, with other enthusiasts, being in the company. On three occasions a band was got together and met for the Maximus at Cirencester. On one occasion they got well into the second course. The effort made to accomplish this task was all the more praiseworthy and remarkable because at that time St. Michael's Juniors had only eight bells, and if they wanted to tackle big things above this number they had to do it without practice. Had there been twelve bells in Gloucester Cambridge Maximus would probably have been rung there long ago. Indeed, when Mr. Austin started calling a peal of it we doubt if any other band had thought of ringing the method.

Mr. Austin is a member of a great many ringing societies, and for a number of years has filled the office of honorary secretary of the St. Michael's Juniors, and has been one of the district secretaries of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. Unfortunately Mr. Austin has lost the record of several of his peals, but the list, so far as it can be compiled, is a striking tribute to his versatility as a ringer and conductor.

	Rung.	Conducted.
London Surprise Major	9	
Cambridge Surprise Major	18	8
Cambridge Surprise Royal	4	1
Superlative Surprise Major	20	4
New Cumberland Surprise Major	2	
Gloucester Surprise Major	3	2
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	43	28
Double Norwich Court Bob Caters	2	2
Duffield Major	3	
Double Oxford Bob Major	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	17	10
Kent Treble Bob Royal	12	10
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	1	1
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Plain Bob Major	27	23
Plain Bob Royal	9	7
Plain Bob Maximus	2	2
Canterbury Major	1	1
Stedman Triples	48	19
Stedman Caters	24	7
Stedman Cinques	2	1
Grandsire Triples	43	27
Grandsire Caters	31	27
Grandsire Cinques	8	7
Bob Triples	5	4
Canterbury Triples	1	
Union Triples	1	
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Seven 720's Minor	9	3
Grandsire Triples on Handbells	5	1
Grandsire Doubles	1	
Total	354	197

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Owing to the pressure on our space this week, one or two reports are unavoidably held over.

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Both the tours which have just concluded in the West of England met with splendid ringing success—it is needless to add that socially they were also equally enjoyable. Members of the Cambridge University Guild rang eight peals in Devon, made up of four peals on tower bells and four on handbells, six of the total being placed to the credit of the University and the other two to the Devon Guild.

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No fewer than twelve out of the fourteen attempts made during the Somerset and Dorset trip were successful. Our readers will be able to examine the records for themselves in our peal columns, but a week which includes two peals of Stedman Caters, one of Stedman Triples, three of Superlative, one of Cambridge, three of Bristol and two of London Surprise Major is not a bad record.

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The best performance was on the Tuesday, when Stedman Triples was rung at Sherborne (tenor 46 cwt.), followed by a peal of Stedman Caters at Yeovil (tenor 42 cwt.). In the first of these two Mr. E. Pye rang the 7th, and Mr. W. Pye the tenor, and in the second one they reversed their positions at the back end. This is what you might call a day's work.

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Sherborne was the 300th tower in which Mr. William Pye has rung a peal, and, speaking off hand, we should say this is a record in number, except for that held by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, whose 1,250 peals were rung in about 450 towers.

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Our peal records this week include one at Devizes in which a blind ringer took part. Mr. Richard Phillips, who has lost the sight of both eyes, rang the 19 cwt. tenor at St. John's Church to a peal of Triples in an extremely creditable way. The number of blind ringers who have accomplished a peal must be very few. We should like to hear of any others.

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In the record which we published of the late Mr. Matt. Wood's career we stated that he took part in the first peal of Stedman Triples ever rung on handbells, but Mr. W. Ayre, of Gainsborough, points out that it was the first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples that Mr. Wood rang in. He writes: "On looking at 'Elements Campanologia,' by W. Sottanstall (published 1867) I find on page 178 that the first in hand of Stedman Triples was rung on December 19th, 1853, in 2 hrs. 40 mins. by J. Cox 1-2, T. Powell 3-4, H. Haley 5-6, T. Britten 7-8, conducted by H. Haley. On March 11th, 1854, the first non-conducted peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 2 hrs. 41 mins. by J. Cox 1-2, Wm. Cooter 3-4, H. Haley 5-6, M. Wood 7-8."

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The Church of England Men's Society conference is to be held at Leeds on October 16th and 17th. The agenda is very full, but if any delegates, who are ringers, can find time and would like a pull, arrangements will gladly be made on receipt of a post card giving particulars to H. Williams, New Wortley Cemetery, Leeds.

Who among the veterans can beat Mr. Gosling, of Mansfield, who on Saturday, at the age of 85 years, rang a peal of Treble Bob and rang it well, too? This must be almost if not quite a record for age. We often talk of it being never too late to learn ringing. Mr. Gosling rang his first peal of Stedman after he was 83!

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A friend of the Editor will do his best to find situations for three or four good fitters or turners (change ringers) at trade union rate. Applicants should address their letters in the first place to this office.

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The tower of St. Michael and All Angels Church, Warfield, Berks, is to be restored and the bells rehung at the expense of Field Marshal Sir Charles Brownlow, G.C.B., of Warfield Hall, in memory of the late Lady Brownlow. These fine old bells, with a tenor said to be 28 cwt., have not been rung for over forty years.

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Mr. G. H. Dorrington has been appointed to succeed the late Mr. M. A. Wood as steeplekeeper at St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.

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Ringers will be somewhat amused at the description, which appears in "Home Words" this month, of the "feeding" of the band that rang the 16,800 Treble Bob at Mottram. It says:—

> Refreshments in the shape of dry toasted cake soaked in meat extract, pieces of meat fresh from the gravy, and juicy fruit were placed in the men's mouths at intervals. The feeding process required skill, for every "change" involves mental reckoning on the ringer's part. The feeding process was undertaken by a Stalybridge ringer, who would take up a piece of food and pitch it forward; there would be a movement of the ringer's head, like a dog catching a bone, and the morsel disappeared.

M.C.A. AT ROLLESTON.

A PLEASANT MEETING.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Rolleston-on-Dove, on Saturday last, when upwards of 20 members and friends were present from Derby, Burton, Horninglow, Rolleston, Etwall, Uttoxeter, Sudbury, Newhall, etc. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent Treble Bob, and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung on the excellent ring of six bells.

Thanks to the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. the Hon. L. H. Tyrwhitt) an excellent tea was provided for all attending, the Rector himself presiding and giving a hearty welcome to the visitors. He said he was always pleased to help forward any good work connected with the Church, and he felt sure the different ringing associations up and down the country had done a great deal towards raising the tone of ringers and ringing generally. Nowadays ringers themselves made a point of attending the services of the church, whereas formerly in a great many cases, after calling others to worship, the ringers left the belfry, and never thought of attending the service.

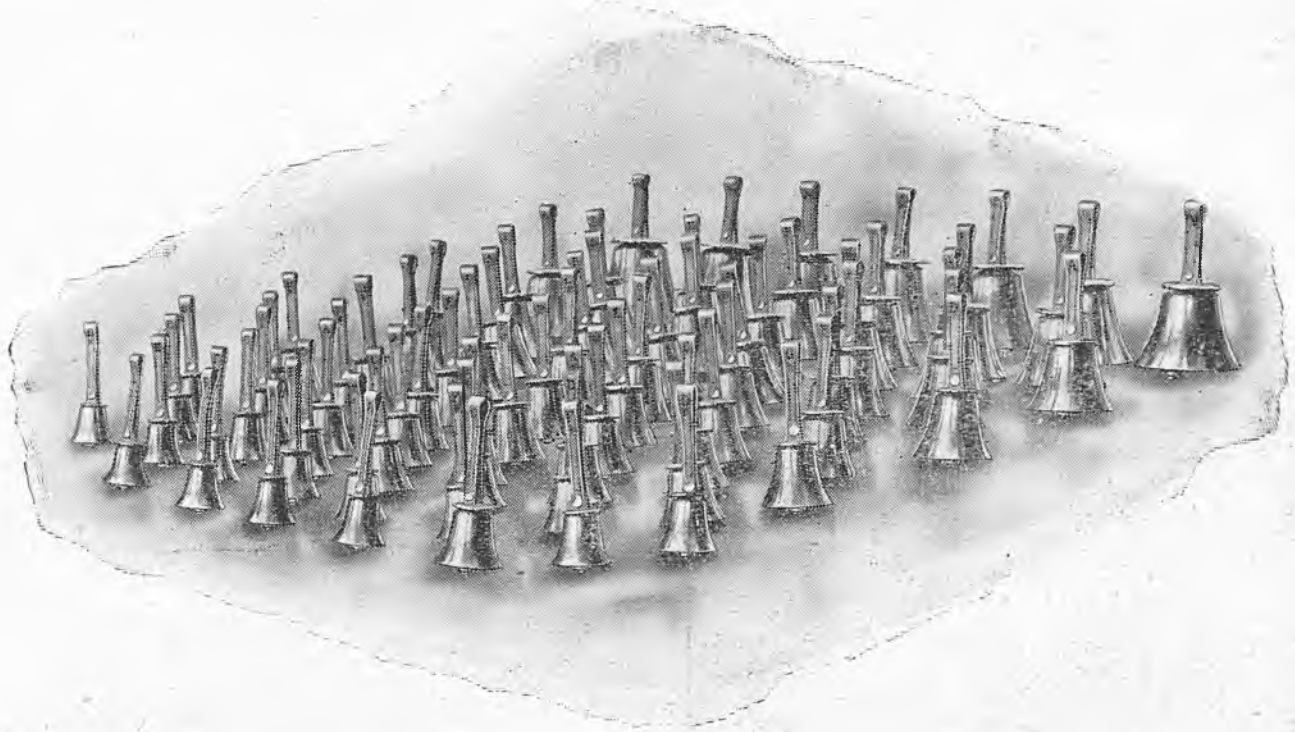
Etwall was selected for the next place of meeting on Saturday, Oct. 19th.—Mr. C. Draper proposed that a hearty vote of thanks be given to the Rector for the use of the bells, for presiding at the meeting, and for providing such a splendid repast.—This was seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and carried with applause.—The Rector, in reply, said he hoped that sometime another meeting of the district would be held at Rolleston, as he was always pleased to welcome ringers to his church.

Business over, some good ringing was done on the handbells, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Bob Major being rung, in which the following took part: A. P. Wakley, C. Draper, B. Mitchell, J. Dyke, W. Shercliff, C. Sanders, and Miss Winifred Sanders. By request, Mr. A. P. Wakley tapped a touch of Stedman Triples on the piano, supplementing this by tapping in fine style a course of London Surprise Major.

The meeting then dispersed, some of the company taking a stroll around the Rectory gardens, a privilege which was much enjoyed. Others again visited the tower, and kept the bells going until 7.30, when service in the church brought to an end a very successful and enjoyable meeting.

POOLE.—The Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On August 31st, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples came to grief in the 18th part: F. Townsend 1, E. T. Green 2, C. Goodenough 3, C. Forfitt 4, E. Waters 5, B. Gough 6, A. R. Macdonald (conductor) 7, A. Osman 8.

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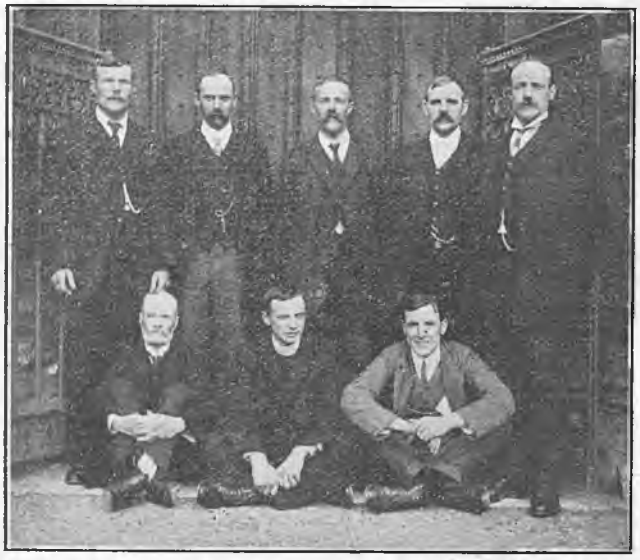
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A SALLY IN SOMERSET AND A DODGE INTO DORSET.

THE PLEASURES OF THE "PYE" TOUR—AND SOME OF ITS HUMOURS.

Strange it may be, but we are actually going to praise the weather. The West Country is ideal under sunny skies, and the "Pye" ringing tour of 1912 was carried through under really settled atmospheric conditions. This fact no doubt had much to do with keeping us in holiday mood, and light hearts are proverbially a gateway to success. Saturday, Sept. 7th, saw the invasion of Wrington, and under the introduction of Mr. J. H. B. Hesse we are soon on speaking terms with the neighbourhood. There are not many villages that can boast of such a fine ring of ten as repose in Wrington tower. We did not allow them to repose very long, and the first peal of the tour—Stedman Caters—was struck off in very good style. On Sunday morning the bells were set going to Treble Ten, Stedman and Grandsire Caters for service, while two of the party on borrowed bicycles ran over to sample the eight at Congresbury (tenor 30 cwt.). "Coongsbury" we gather is the proper pronunciation, and Somerset folk must have it, of course, their way. Superlative was down for Yatton in the afternoon. This entailed a four-mile walk each way, and some good pedestrianism was witnessed. It was a heavy afternoon for those who rang, but peal number two was successfully brought round, and those of us who were not in the peal got back to Wrington in time to give the locals a hand in Grandsire Caters for evening service.



SHERBORNE ABBEY PEAL BAND.

E. Pye. T. Gofton. W. Pye. J. Flint. K. Hart.
I. G. Shade. Rev. E. V. Cox. B. Prewett.

Up with the lark on Monday morning, we boarded the "Coongsbury" express, with Shepton Mallet as our first objective. The halt at Wells Station on the way called forth many regrets that we were not allowed to attempt a peal on the Cathedral ten. We had to content ourselves with a chat with one of the St. Cuthbert's men who had come down to seek us out. At Shepton Mallet our secretary and motor cyclist scout joined us. The log of his run from Walsall we dare not make public, but he looked quite cheerful and respectable when he arrived, and stood courageously through his first peal of London. The bells are a nice peal of eight, and lent themselves to some good striking. We say nothing about the county prison here, as the whole of the party got away from the town safely—even the motorist—and we take it for granted that no ringer has any interest in such places. Then on to Evercreech, where a good peal of Cambridge, and the conductor's 800th, resulted. The question after that was how to get to Yeovil, and we all had luggage of some description. Happy thought! The motor bike. "I'll take the baggage," said the scout. "You walk to Castle Cary Station." It was a good long tramp this time, and the one cyclist of the party felt a little selfish, but then a push-bike without a side car is only made for one. However, we all met again in Yeovil, and slept the sleep of the just.

A BIG DAY.

Tuesday morning's task lay at Sherborne, and the Abbey bells were set going to Stedman Triples. There was no reason to hurry them, and 3 hrs. 35 mins. brought the finish of a very good peal. Two or three members sat in the belfry during the performance, and what must have been the feelings of those on the back end when one of the non-combatants began pealing and eating juicy pears!. How shall such a tantalising moment be revenged? In the evening we tackled the ten at St. John's, Yeovil, and they sounded well in Stedman Caters, rounds coming up all correct in due course. This was the heaviest day of the whole week, and the night's rest was felt to be well-earned. Wednesday was another walking day; West and East Coker, two light rings, being the programme. Three miles away and only one side car! Still there was not much fighting for the seat in this on the whole. The scout had an intense desire to go back to Evercreech, and took our Brighton representative along with him. They managed to get to Coker in time to hear the end of a peal of Bristol, and, incidentally, in time to begin lunch. East Coker was the scene of much excitement. No, you're wrong!—it was not reckless driving—it was all the fault of the postman's cart and horse. Then the motor led us to the cemetery, and in we went, but there were no bells there. Eventually we located the church, and turned the bells into Superlative, our William electing to sit in the belfry. Before half an hour was out we were being made the targets for sundry missiles propelled by some of the rising generation without, and William left us to engage in a chase which had a rough termination for the youth in question. Thanks to him we were able to score a peal without further distraction. The motor was in great requisition on the way home.

THE FIRST "DISASTER."

Journeying to Crewkerne on Thursday morning, an excellent peal of London was scored, then on we went to Chard, where there is a nice peal of eight, but a little rough to handle. Cambridge had been going here about an hour when someone looked through the curtains at us, and on being told to "go away, sir, please," immediately proceeded to the organ and raised a cacophony that was not a little irritating. But although we survived this we did not survive a bad trip two courses from home, and the first disappointment of the tour was experienced. It apparently preyed on our big man's mind all night, for in the small hours of Friday morning his bed companion heard these consoling words: "Never mind, Jack, we'll chuck him out!" Superlative was the arrangement at Axminster, and these bells—a rather fine ring—used to go very well. We were in for a struggle, however, and, with the fifth man not feeling very well, a muddle after three hours' ringing ended disastrously. Our motor scout was useful that day, a wire from Lyme Regis told us that illness near the church prevented all ringing there, so up he got at 6.0 a.m., put the clutch in, and was off to Ottery St. Mary's in a jiffy. Yes, we could attempt a peal there, and back he came to breakfast at Axminster with the joyful news. Now Ottery Church is much frequented by visitors, and the ropes hang in the south transept, so Bristol Major looked like being attended with difficulties. But a few good watch-dogs, in the shape of those not ringing, prevented any evil consequences, and the peal duly came round.

It was a long cry to Birdport from there, and some lovely hills to negotiate. However, we were not out for any record breaking, so roads and distance did not matter. Our motorist and his luggage carrier again came almost to blows with the post office authorities at the entrance to the town, and again the post office must take the blame! The parson's language seems to have been splendidly controlled. An early start the next morning and the last day of the tour was entered upon. Mr. Hervey Beams turned up to conduct us to Bradpole, and soon after eight the bells were going merrily to Superlative, a first-class peal being the result. Back to Birdport for dinner, and then we made for Beaminster. Bristol Surprise was selected as the finale, and the peal was never in doubt. At tea afterwards, ere the party dispersed homewards, the chaplain made a few appropriate remarks regarding the tour, and asked our indefatigable secretary of the week to accept the best thanks of the band for the admirable arrangements he had made.—The Rev. E. V. suitably responded, as they say: and then a pleasant surprise awaited us. Mr. Beams announced that we were all his guests at tea, and of course he was warmly thanked. Thus the "Pye" tour of 1912 came reluctantly to an end. Twelve peals out of fourteen attempts and plenty of heavy metal tackled, not to speak of the wanderings amidst delightful surroundings. We should like it all over again, and we are all going to have motors next time!

C. C. C.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A meeting of the West Dorset branch was held at Maiden Newton, on Thursday, Sept. 12th. The number present was not quite so large as usual. Representatives attended from Beaminster, Bradpole, Litton Cheney, Maiden Newton, Nertherbury, Rampisham, and Whitechurch Canonicorum.—Canon Hankey was present to welcome the visitors, and did everything to make the visit an enjoyable one.

No visit to Maiden Newton seems complete without a stroll through the beautiful gardens and grounds of the Rectory, and although the roses are past their prime (the Canon is a noted rosarian), still his wonderful show of dahlias was well worth inspection.

In the absence of the Master of the branch (the Rev. C. F. Langford), who had to leave early, Canon Hankey presided at the tea and meeting, to which 21 sat down.

Ringing was indulged in both before and after tea, and also at Rampisham and Cattistock.

The various incumbents were thanked for placing the bells at the members' disposal, and Canon Hankey for the tea and arranging the short but beautiful service. Beaminster was selected for the October meeting.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

OFFICIAL MINUTES.

The following is a copy of the minutes of the last Central Council Meeting:—

The first meeting of the eighth Council (twenty-second annual meeting) was held in the Small Hall of the Church House, Westminster, on Whitsun Tuesday, 28th May, 1912, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, when there were present 65 out of 93 elected representative members, and 13 out of 16 honorary members. Of the 39 affiliated associations, 21 were fully, and 11 partially represented.

Only one nomination, that of Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., had been received for the office of President, and the hon. secretary temporarily took the chair during the election, Sir Arthur Heywood being unanimously elected on the proposal of Mr. A. T. King, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter.

The President then took the chair, and having briefly acknowledged his election, announced that only one nomination, that of the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, had been received for the combined offices of honorary secretary and treasurer.—On the nomination of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by Mr. W. T. Cockerill, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies was unanimously elected, and briefly thanked those present for his election.

The Hon. Secretary then read the minutes of the last meeting, which were duly confirmed and signed.

The Hon. Secretary next read the statement of accounts and of the sale of the Council's publications. The accounts showed a balance in hand from last year of £63 15s. 8d., to which there was to be added affiliation fees received £11 12s. 6d., and sale of publications 14s. 9d., making a total of £76 2s. 11d. Against this there had been expenses of meeting, 1911, £2 12s.; printing, £1 3s. 11d.; expenses of committees and postage, 14s. 6d., leaving in hand a balance of £71 12s. 6d. Adding to this the calculated nett value of unsold publications in hand amounting to £125 3s. 9d., the total assets of the Council were now of the value of £196 16s. 3d. The accounts were passed, on the proposal of Mr. R. Cartwright, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin.

It was announced that expressions of regret for absence had been received from the Revs. J. M. Clarkson and H. E. Tilney Bassett, and from Messrs. C. E. D. Boutflower, J. Carter, C. H. Hattersley and F. B. Tompkins.

It was moved by the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, and seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, that the following be re-elected honorary members, viz..: Mr. John Carter, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, Mr. J. A. Trollope and Mr. G. Williams, with the addition of the Rev. H. A. Cockey, Mr. R. A. Daniell, the Rev. Canon Papillon and Mr. W. Snowdon.—The proposal was carried unanimously.

The following new members of the Council were then introduced to and shook hands with the President, viz.: Of the College Youths, Mr. T. Faulkner; of the Royal Cumberlands, Mr. J. D. Matthews; of the Chester Diocesan Guild, Mr. W. Bibby; of the Kent County Association, Mr. W. J. Jeffries; of the Lancashire Association, Mr. T. Redman; of the Leeds and District Society, Mr. P. J. Johnson; of the London County Association, Messrs. H. G. Ellis and E. A. Young; of the Middlesex Association, Messrs. J. H. B. Hesse and W. Pye; of the Midland Counties Association, Mr. E. C. Gobey; of the Central Northants Association, Mr D. J. Nicholls; of the Oxford Diocesan Guild Mr. J. Evans; of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, the Rev. F. Llewellyn Edwards; of the Surrey County Association, Mr. C. F. Johnston; of the Sussex County Association, Mr. K. Hart; of the Warwickshire Guild, Mr. H. Argyle; of the Yorkshire Association, the Rev. C. C. Marshall; and of the Honorary Members, Mr. H. W. Wilde.

Before proceeding with the remainder of the agenda, the President referred in feeling terms to the great loss sustained by the Exercise in the recent death of the late Mr. James Pettit. One of the safest of ringers and conductors, one of the most delightful of men, humble, courteous, and ever ready to help, he would be sorely missed, and had left a void not easy to fill.

The President called attention to the fact that there was present as a visitor to the Council one of the oldest of veteran ringers, Mr. William Banister. He invited Mr. Banister to a seat on the platform, and assured him of the great pleasure that his presence among them afforded to all.—Mr. Bannister, notwithstanding his 89 years, made a spirited speech in reply, and was enthusiastically cheered on leaving the room somewhat later.

Amid the applause of the Council, the President congratulated Mr. W. Pye and the band who had succeeded in ringing 15,264 Bristol Surprise Major on the previous day.

The President proposed that: "The Central Council of Church Bell Ringers, representing 39 Associations, with an approximate aggregate of 10,000 members, protests against the Bill now before Parliament for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales as a measure entirely devoid of justification."—This was seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously, and it was agreed that the President and Hon. Secretary decide to whom it would be best to forward copies of the resolution.

It was proposed by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and seconded by the Rev. Canon Papillon, that the following be elected to form the Standing Committee, viz., the President, the Hon. Secretary, the Revs. A. J. Cockey, G. F. Coleridge, H. Law James, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill, H. Dains, R. A. Daniell, J. Griffin, C. H. Hattersley, and W. Snowdon.—This was carried unanimously.

The Rev. H. S. T. Richardson reported that the work of the Peal Collection Committee was making steady progress, and on the proposal of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, seconded by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, the committee was unanimously re-elected as follows: Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the Revs. C. D. P. Davies, H. S. T. Richardson, with Messrs. H. Dains, J. A. Trollope and H. W. Wilde.

For the Church Press Committee, Mr. R. A. Daniell reported that he hoped he should before long be able to place a draft report in the hands of the hon. secretary.—The Rev. Canon Papillon proposed, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge seconded, that the committee be henceforth known as the Literature Committee. This having been carried, and the Rev. M. Kelly having intimated that he did not seek re-election, the committee was, on the proposal of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, elected as follows, viz.: The Revs. Canon Papillon and H. A. Cockey, with Messrs. H. Dains and R. A. Daniell.

The Rev. H. Law James reported progress on behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee. — On the proposal of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, the committee was re-elected as follows: The Rev. H. Law James, Mr. H. Dains and Mr. J. A. Trollope. To fill the place of Mr. J. Carter, who had intimated that he wished to resign, Mr. E. H. Lewis was added to the committee, on the proposal of the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, seconded by Mr. H. W. Wilde.

It was proposed by the Rev. H. Law James, and seconded by Mr. R. Richardson, 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." After much discussion, an amendment proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. W. Snowdon, substituting the word "should" for "must" in the first sentence was carried by a large majority, and the resolution as thus amended was then unanimously passed as the substantive motion.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, 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."—On being put to the meeting, the motion was lost.

At this point, the Council received the report of the Peals' Analysis Committee, which, together with the consideration of the report of the Peal Values Committee previously read, had been deferred until they could both be discussed in connection with other kindred subjects on the agenda.

The report of the Peal Values Committee recommended the adoption of a schedule for points for peals on seven bells and upwards, founded on the formula $\frac{VN^{\frac{3}{2}}}{8^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ and for points for peals of Minor that one point should be given for each 720 in any plain method, two for each such in any Treble Bob method, three for each such "broken lead" method, and four for each Surprise method. In the subsequent discussion, this report, moved by the Hon. Secretary, and seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, was adopted, the Council also accepting the resignation of the committee who had stated their conviction, that the work could more conveniently be carried out by the Analysis Committee.

The report of the Peals Analysis Committee having been adopted, and the committee thanked for their work, it was proposed by Mr. T. J. Salter, seconded by Mr. J. Griffin, and carried, that the committee be re-elected, with the addition of Mr. G. Williams, in view of the extra work falling on the committee in the matter of points.

A proposal entered on the agenda was brought forward by the Rev. E. W. Carpenter, and seconded by the Rev. M. Kelly, to the effect that "a committee of five (?) six-bell ringers be appointed to draw up a scale of points for performances on five and six bells," but in consequence of the adoption of the report of the Peal Values Committee, this was withdrawn by permission of the Council, as was also a further proposal in the following terms, viz.: "That this committee, together with the Peal Values Committee, try and find a common denominator by means of which the value of such performances compared with that of peals on higher numbers can be fixed."

It was proposed by Mr. J. A. Trollope, seconded by the Rev. H. Law James, and carried nem con.: "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 last year has been compiled from and has appeared in identical terms in both ringing papers alike." As an appendix to this resolution, the hon. secretary was instructed to procure two typewritten copies of the report of the Council's meeting, as furnished by the Council's own reporter.

It was proposed by Mr. E. H. Lewis, and seconded by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, "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 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 recommenda-

tions with regard to the proper height to hang bells relative to the belfry windows." After full discussion, it was thought that the objects in view would best be secured by the appointment of a committee to deal with the matter.—The motion was accordingly withdrawn, and on the motion of Mr. P. J. Johnson, seconded by Mr. A. Hughes, the President, the Hon. Secretary, with Messrs. E. H. Lewis, E. A. Young and J. H. B. Hesse, were appointed a committee with full powers.

It was proposed by the Hon. Secretary, seconded by Mr. A. T. King, and carried unanimously, 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 any members of the Exercise who may stand in need of help."

In the absence of Mr. C. E. D. Boutflower, through indisposition, it was proposed by the Rev. H. A. Cockey, " 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 object for which bells are hung, viz., the Glory of God and the calling of the parishioners together for His worship."—In seconding this the Rev. Ll. Edwards said that he should like to add after " services " the words " and on the eves of Church Festivals."—This addition being accepted by the proposer, the motion, as so amended, was put, and carried unanimously.

It was proposed by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and seconded by Mr. G. Bolland, that the meeting next year be held at Durham. To this an amendment was proposed by Mr. W. Story, and seconded by Mr. G. P. Burton, that it be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne.—The amendment was carried by a large majority.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the President, which was carried by acclamation, and the meeting adjourned.

THE TOWCESTER ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Wicken, on Saturday last, by the kind permission of the Rev. Nelson Ward, when about 20 members were present. Tea, which was kindly given by the Rector, was excellently served in the beautiful grounds, and much enjoyed.

Afterwards a business meeting was held, the Rector taking the chair. A hearty vote of thanks was given him for his generous hospitality, and the Rector, in reply, said it had given him much pleasure to welcome the Association, and he hoped they would be able to come again in the near future.

It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Easton Neston, subject to the approval of the Vicar.

Ringing members were present from Easton Neston, Bradden, Moulton, Northampton, Leckhampstead, Passenham, Stony Stratford, together with the local ringers, and the bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening in touches of Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob and Grandsire Doubles.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at St. Alban's, Rochdale, on Saturday, when 25 members were present from Rochdale Parish of St. Alban's; Balderstone, Todmorden Parish and Unitarian; Middleton, Glodwich, Moorside and Oldham.—Mr. Will Crabtree presided over the business proceedings and the next meeting was fixed for Crosstones, Todmorden. The bells were kept going till nine o'clock in Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. Abraham Shuttleworth, and Mrs. Shuttleworth, of Widford, near Chelmsford, celebrated their golden wedding on Saturday week, having been married at Blackmore on Sept. 7th, 1862. Mrs. Shuttleworth is in her 73rd year, and her husband is three years her junior. They have a family of eleven children. Mr. Shuttleworth has been a bell ringer at Widford Church for upwards of 30 years. He is a member of the College Youths, and has belonged to the Essex Association since 1885. A special service in honour of the golden wedding was held at Widford Church, and was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth, eight children, and several grandchildren, as well as a large number of parishioners. The bells were afterwards rung to celebrate the unique occasion, touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative being brought round by A. Tarbun, senr., A. Tarbun, junr., J. Tarbun, W. Wellington, E. Punter, A. Speller, G. Usher, A. Bewres, A. Edwards, W. Lincoln, T. Lincoln, A. Head, H. Moon, and H. Kirton. Mr. and Mrs. Shuttleworth were the recipients of a number of presents.

HARWICH.—Essex Association.—672 Kent Major was rung at the residence of Mr. A. T. Morris, on handbells: A. T. Morris (conductor) 1—2, G. Thompson 3—4, T. Taylor 5—6, F. Watling 7—8.

NEW RING OF SIX FOR BIGBY, LINCS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF LINCOLN.

The pretty little village of Bigby, near Grimsby, has been visited by the Bishop of Lincoln for the purpose of dedicating a new ring of six bells, which have been cast and hung in a steel framework, complete with all the most modern fittings, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London. The work has been carried out in the most efficient manner, and reflects the greatest credit upon the firm. For the service, the Bishop, clergy and choir robed at the Rectory, and passed slowly through the Rectory grounds and the village towards the church. The sun shone brightly on the white robed procession and on the Bishop in his cope and mitre, and the dark back ground of trees and the stormclouds all round the horizon enhanced the picturesque effect which was heightened by the frequent peals of distant thunder. Near the church the procession was joined by the Sunday School children, the Guild, and the other members of the congregation, and Psalms 49 and 115 were repeated. On entering the church, the " Old Hundreth " was sung, and after Psalm 150, the Bishop proceeded to the tower, and in a solemn prayer dedicated the bells to the service of God. The beautiful hymn by the late Dr. Neale, for the consecration of Church bells, was then sung. The Bishop gave an earnest and stirring address, the hymn, " We love the place, O God," was sung during the collection, and the service was concluded with the Bishop's solemn blessing.

During the afternoon the newly hallowed bells were rung, and their sweetness and perfect tunefulness were universally appreciated.

In the " Gentleman's Magazine " for May, 1799, the bells of Bigby are thus described: " There are three bells in the steeple, but surely the jarring dissonance of ill-affording sounds never grated 'harsher music than they.' " These three bells have now been recast, three new ones have been added, and all six are now in perfect tune. On the largest and most ancient of the three old ones, the old inscription and date have been recast, viz.: " God save this Church." On the two other old bells the original date, A.D. 1680, has been reproduced, but, as they formerly had no inscriptions, suitable Latin mottoes have now been inscribed on them as well as on the three new ones, together with the names of the Rector and the two churchwardens.

The five new inscriptions are as follows:—

5th bell: Da Britanniæ, Deus, Pacem; Fidem Veram, Spem Tenacem.

4th: Colat Quisque Sanctum Patrem, Amet Quisque Frater Fratrem.

3rd: Gaudens Donum Deo Dari, Dedit Me Herbertus Parry.

2nd: Absit Rixa Diabolica Prosit Fides Apostolica. Stet Ecclesia Catholica.

Treble: Fraternitas.

DEATH OF MR. J. HAYWARD, KENSINGTON.

It is with deep regret we have to record the death of a well-known Kensington ringer, Mr. Jarrold Hayward, at the early age of 38 years. The deceased had arranged to cycle to Ashtead for a peal on August 17th, but acting on the doctor's advice made the journey by train. He took part in a peal of Stedman Triples, which unfortunately proved to be his last, ringing throughout without making a mistake. He was present as usual on the following day at St. Mary Abbots, but had to take to his bed on the 22nd with influenza. This developed into pneumonia, and subsequently enteric fever, and he passed away on the morning of September 10th, after much suffering, at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Nunn, with whom he had lived for many years.

The funeral took place at his native village, Heveningham, Suffolk, the service being conducted by the Rector (the Rev. R. Dewe). The chief mourners were his five brothers and two sisters, several other relatives being also present. The St Mary Abbot's Guild was represented by Mr. H. G. Miles. The parishioners, amongst whom deceased was very well known, were present in large numbers. At the conclusion of service, Grandsire Doubles were rung on the peal of five, with the bells deeply muffled, by W. Ransby, R. Ruckman, C. Woolner, J. Mower and E. Cook. Amongst the numerous floral tributes were wreaths from the St. Mary Abbot's Guild, and his shop mates, that from his fellow ringers taking the form of a cushion of white chrysanthemums, and a bell of mauve violets raised in the centre.

Simultaneously with the funeral, the " whole pull and stand " was rung on the bells at St. Mary Abbot's by his fellow ringers: W. E. Garrard, A. Cutmore, W. A. Garrard, A. V. Selby, A. E. Bradley, P. L. Miles, W. J. Daubney, E. G. Stibbons, J. R. Mackman and C. H. Phipps, followed by a short touch of Stedman Caters.

The deceased came to London about 1899 with a knowledge of five-bell ringing, but practically let it drop until May, 1907, when he joined the Kensington Guild. From that time he came to the fore by leaps and bounds, soon being able to ring nearly all Standard methods. He was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths and the London County Association, and had taken part in eleven peals, viz.: Stedman Triples 3, Double Norwich Major 3, Stedman Caters 2, Grandsire Caters 1, Treble Bob Royal 2. He was not keen on ringing peals, but enjoyed visiting different towers on practice nights, where he could get touches in various methods. This, and Sunday service ringing, at which he was a most regular and punctual attendant, being more his ambition than peal ringing. His genial and kindly disposition won for him many friends. Always willing to oblige and help in every possible way, he will be greatly missed by his sorrowing colleagues, who realise that his place can never be filled.—R.I.P.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Port Sunlight on Saturday, September 21st. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Toddington on Saturday, September 21st. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

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, September 21st, at St. Alfege, Greenwich; tower open from 4 p.m. to 7.45 p.m.; business meeting at 8 p.m., all members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meeting for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on September 26th, at 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 Colne on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged) and meeting in the Church House. All those intending to partake of tea should notify me not later than Wednesday, September 25th, 1912. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting until 9 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea at Coffee Tavern immediately after service, free to members who let Mr. J. C. Tinker know by Wednesday, the 25th inst., of their intention to be present. Bells available afternoon and evening. A peal will be attempted in the morning, starting about eleven o'clock. Members desirous of taking part please let me know by the 23rd, so that a band may be chosen. For other information see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustus Street, Grimsby.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—S.E. Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brake leaves Brentwood Station 2.45. Short service at 5. Tea at the Railway Hotel 5.30. Orsett will also be visited. Members requiring a seat in brake, and tea kindly advise me not later than first post Tuesday, 24th inst.—Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. There will be a short special service in church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile single fare (maximum 2/-) will be paid to all members attending before the service. Tea can be arranged for any members at 6d. per head who will communicate with Mr. G. Johnson, Veness House, Appledore, not later than Wednesday, September 25th.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. John Flint, 45, Oxcroft Lane, by Thursday, 26th inst.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided free to those who let me know their intention to be present by September 23rd.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, September 28th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 4 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The above will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tickets may be had, price 2s. 6d., from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 96, Edith Road, Smethwick, Birmingham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on September 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea 5.30, at the Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourn on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30. Tea in the schools at 6, for those only who send word by October 1st.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present let me know by Wednesday, October 2nd.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Members please note that the next meeting will be held at Preston on October 5th, not September 28th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch 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.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary Middlesex County Association (North and East District) has removed to 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

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A BUSY FOUNDRY.

Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, are exceedingly busy, and, amongst other work, have in hand at the present moment the following contracts:—

A new chime of ten for Pembroke, Bermuda.

New rings of eight for: Lincoln Cathedral, Portsmouth Parish Church; Burton-on-Trent, St. Paul's; Heptonstall, Yorks, and Whitley Bay, Northumberland.

A new chime of six with largest of 32 cwts. for Carbisdale Castle, Ross-shire.

New rings of six for Coppull, Lancs; Marston Magna, Somerset; Perran-ar-Worthal, Cornwall.

Also rehangings in new frames, augmentations, etc., at Surfleet, Lincs. (10 bells); Guildford, Holy Trinity (8); Long Stanton, Cambs. (8); Musbury, Lancs. (8); Tysoe, Warwickshire (6); Wrenbury, Cheshire (6); Seend, Wilts (6); Elston, Notts (6); East Harling, Norfolk (6); Overton-on-Dee, Flintshire (6); St. Enoder, Cornwall (6); Berriew, Montgomery (6); Frampton, Lincs (6); Billesdon, Leicestershire (6); Church Broughton, Derbyshire (5); Ubley, Somerset (5).

Also hour and four quarter bells, with hour bell of 12 cwts. for Timaru Post Office, New Zealand; two bells (largest 16 cwts.) for Zuelsminde Church, Denmark; and twelve clock bells of 7 cwts. each for towns in Canada.

WEDNESBURY PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Wednesbury's peal of ten bells are undergoing restoration. Some have been recast, and others tuned, and all are to be rehung in new steel frames, with modern fittings. The work is being executed by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and on Monday, Sept. 9th, the Vicar, the Mayor, and several ringers visited the Croydon foundry to see the new bells cast. The party included the Rev. L. A. Pritchard (Vicar), Alderman A. E. Pritchard (Mayor), Messrs. J. M. Dougal, G. H. Davis, W. E. Brittan, G. Hughes (Ringing Master of the Stafford Society), S. Summerhill, H. Belcher, and W. B. Bishop.—Various places of interest were visited in London, and on reaching Croydon the party were met by Mr. C. Johnston, who conducted them to Rushbrook Lodge, where they were entertained to lunch.

At the foundry the visitors were greatly impressed with the modern machinery and methods employed in the production of bells and clocks, and they made an interesting tour of the works, under the guidance of Mr. Johnston, senr., who explained the various works in hand. One clock and a bell are being made for Pekin, China. The Wednesbury bells were seen in various stages of completion. Some were already completed, the tenor was in progress of tuning, and the visitors saw five bells cast from about two tons of metal, the actual operation occupying only 13 minutes. Before leaving, the visitors thanked Mr. Johnston for his kindness and courtesy.

The bells will be dedicated on October 16th.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SALISBURY, WILTS.—On Wednesday, August 21st, at St. Martin's Church, an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstans'), unfortunately came to grief in the sixth part: F. W. Romaine 1, H. C. Marsh 2, R. P. Knight 3, L. Harris 4, G. Neale 5, F. Precey 6, J. S. Rumming 7, C. Gaisford 8. Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart (Master of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild), which took place in Scotland the previous day.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE. — Worcester and District Association.—On Sunday evening, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: J. Falkner 1, W. Massey 2, H. Hill 3, A. Greenfield 4, W. Prestidge 5, A. Davies (conductor) 6, R. Round 7, J. Massey 8. Composed by G. Astbury.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS. — Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Saturday, August 24th, at the Priory Church of the Holy Trinity, a peal of Stedman Caters was attempted, but unfortunately lost after ringing 32 courses, in 2 hrs. 25 mins.: R. O. Street 1, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 2, J. S. Rumming 3, G. H. Preston 4, H. W. Wilkes 5, W. T. Tucker 6, W. H. George 7, W. H. Fowler 8, G. Williams 9, A. R. Macdonald 10.

CAERLEON.—Llandaff Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, for service, 504 Grandsire Triples: V. Davis 1, F. Bolton 2, P. Stafford 3, C. J. Davis 4, S. Jones 5, G. Stafford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, E. Davis 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal: V. Davis 1, F. Bolton 2, P. Stafford 3, H. Holmes 4, S. Jones 5, G. Stafford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, W Hewlings 8.—On Sunday, August 18th, 630 Grandsire Triples, and on Sunday, August 25th, 532 and 630, conducted by W. Large.

BUILTH WELLS, BRECONSHIRE.—Hereford Guild.—On Saturday, August 24th, in 42 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), at St. Mary's Church: F. S. Sparkes 1, C. Powell 2, F. R. Sparkes 3, E. Hayton (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 4, R. E. Sparkes (conductor) 5, W. H. Bicknell 6.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for morning service, 672 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Cattermole 1, A. Keeble 2, J. M. Bailey 3, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 4, T. Ford, senr., 5, T. Ford, junr., 6, E. S. Bailey 7, E. H. Bailey 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples: J. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, T. Ford, junr., 5, C. More 6, C. F. Bailey 7, H. Cattermole 8. For evening service, 560 Double Norwich: H. Cattermole 1, E. S. Bailey 2, C. Mills 3, A. Keeble 4, E. H. Bailey 5, C. More (conductor) 6, T. Ford, junr., 7, J. M. Bailey 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, T. Ford, junr., 5, C. More 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, H. Cattermole 8.

DISS, NORFOLK.—On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 1st, for men's service, 576 Superlative Surprise: C. J. More 1, J. Souter 2, G. Archer 3, J. Smith 4, E. H. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, E. S. Bailey 7, C. F. Bailey 8. Also 336 Stedman Triples: J. M. Bailey 1, E. H. Bailey 2, W. Clover 3, A. Keeble 4, W. Wiskens 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, W. Ireland 8.

SWANSCOMBE, KENT.—On August 22nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: S. Dawson 1, F. J. Ring 2, J. H. Cheesman (conductor) 3, G. Dawson 4, R. Smith 5, F. M. Mitchell (first quarter-peal in the method and first attempt) 6, W. Lane 7, A. Broome 8. Messrs. S. and G. Dawson hail from Duffield, Derbyshire.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent County Association.—On Aug. 3rd, 720 Kent Treble Bob and 720 Plain Bob: J. Avis 1, F. Hayes 2, G. Jones 3, G. Ambrose 4, J. Burles (conductor) 5, F. Mitchell 6.—On August 4th, 720 Double Oxford, F. Mitchell conductor. First in the method by all the band and on the bells.—On August 11th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, same band and conductor.—On August 13th, 720 Oxford Bob, same band, R. Smith vice F. Hayes. First 720 in the method by all the band, and rung at the first attempt.—On August 18th, 720 Oxford Bob, F. Hayes vice R. Smith. First in the method by F. Hayes, and first attempt.—On August 25th, 720 Double Oxford: J. Allen 1, G. Jones 2, J. Burles 3, R. Smith 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. First in the method by J. Allen and R. Smith.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, on Sept. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. J. Prescott 1, E. Hudd 2, G. Temple 3, R. J. Cousins 4, F. C. Rich (first quarter-peal inside) 5, H. W. Brown (conductor) 6, T. F. King 7, G. P. Culverhouse (first quarter-peal) 8.

BATH. — On Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, at St. Michael's Church, Twerton, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Radclyffe (first quarter-peal on eight bells) 1, A. Hudd 2, W. J. Prescott 3, T. Groombridge, junr., 4, G. Temple 5, C. Collier (first quarter as conductor) 6, T. F. King 7, G. Frost (first quarter) 8. — On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 41 mins.: A. Hudd 1, T. F. King 2, W. Davis 3, T. Groombridge, junr., 4, G. Temple 5, R. J. Cousins 6, W. J. Prescott (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at St. Andrew's, Bath, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Alexander 3, A. Seers 4, C. Densley 5, R. J. Cousins 6, T. Groombridge, junr. (conductor) 7, G. Frost 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Mary, on Sunday, August 11th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples; for evening service, 168 Grandsire Triples. — On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 336 Grandsire Triples.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, 420 Grandsire Triples; for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples. These touches were rung by H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, T. Bull 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, C. R. Walker 8.—On Tuesday, August 13th, 168 and 84 Grandsire Triples. Also 420 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, E. Brown 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, N. Spindlow 7, C. R. Walker 8.—On August 26th, 350 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Walker 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, N. Spindlow 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, 720 London Scholar's Pleasure: *J. Pettit 1, *W. B. Meadows 2, *H. Meadows 3, *A. Henman 4, V. Inskip 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. First 720 in the method on the bells.—On Tuesday, August 27th, 720 Oxford Bob: B. Saddington 1, G. Lines 2, A. Henman 3, R. Black 4, H. Meadows 5, V. Inskip (conductor) 6. Mr. R. Black belongs to Geddington, and it is his first 720 in the method.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for C.E.M.S. service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: T. Bicknell 1, C. Cottrell 2, G. F. Swann 3, J. Preston 4, W. J. Meers (conductor) 5, G. Garrison 6, R. E. Eaton 7, J. Pywell 8. Also on a recent Monday, at Erdington Parish Church, Johnson's 1008, in 36 mins.: T. Bicknell 1, W. J. Meers 2, J. Sanders (conductor) 3, C. Cottrell 4, W. G. Anker 5, G. Garrison 6, J. Preston 7, J. Pywell 8.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—For evening service, on Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss J. Brown 1, R. Dale 2, W. Short 3, L. Paice 4, S. Paice 5, Gasson 6, G. Penfold 7, H. Mance 8.

BRIDGEND.—At St. Illtyd's Church, on Sunday, August 18th, for evening service, 630 Grandsire Triples: R. Gregory 1, J. Paul 2, F. J. Evans 3, R. Evans 4, R. James (first touch as conductor) 5, W. Smith 6, J. Cox 7, J. Fisher 8.

WORKSOP, NOTTS.—On Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 352 Bob Major: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Fairlam 5, H. Haigh (conductor) 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the same band was lost two courses from home, owing to a change course. H. Fairlam hails from Selby Abbey.—On Sunday, August 25th, a quarter-peal of Union Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, W. Johnson (first quarter-peal in any method) 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Bartholomew 7, F. Willey 8.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Warwickshire Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: A. Allsop 1, J. Jennings 2, C. Waithman 3, B. Claydon 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsop 6, G. Roberts 7, B. G. Leedham (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all except Mr. Jennings, and the first quarter of Treble Bob ever rung on the bells by a band belonging to the church. It was rung at the first attempt.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—On Sunday, August 11th, 1008 Double Norwich: G. Baxter 1, *T. Annison 2, C. Baker 3, *F. Burrows 4, F. Copeman 5, F. Borrett 6, F. Roope 7, C. Roope 8. * Longest length in the method.

BADSEY.—Worcestershire and District Association.—On Sunday, August 25th, at Badsey, time not allowing to start again for peal, a touch of Stedman Triples (1514 changes). H. Jordon 1, J. Hemming 2, F. Cook 3, F. Moss 4, F. Jordon 5, T. Bloore (conductor) 6, H. Middleton 7, W. Workman 8. Arranged for Mr. T. Bloore, who was staying in the district, and who, through the medium of "The Ringing World," wish to thank the Evesham band for their kindness during his visit.—On August 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Knight 1, L. Sparrow 2, A. Dore 3, W. Sparrow 4, F. Cook (conductor) 5, C. Knight 6, J. Addis 7, A. Knight 8

OVERBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE. — At St. Faith's Church, on August 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 48 mins.: C. Weaver 1, W. Payne (conductor) 2, G. Greens 3, J. Atkins 4, H. Cleverley 5, C. Whittle 6.

RYE, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, prior to evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: L. T. H. Seers 1, G. H. Archard 2, H. G. Ticehurst 3, H. F. Cobon 4, W. Bennett 5, J. B. Bennett 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, G. J. Youngs 8. Arranged for G. H. Archard, of Melksham, Wiltshire.

LEAMINGTON.—On August 29th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: Miss Joyce Williams 1, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 2, E. H. Adams 3, W. Hartshorn 4, E. Brassington 5, J. Ambrose 6, T. Male 7, W. Male 8. Also 352 Bob Major: Miss J. Williams 1, T. Male 2, W. Male 3, W. Hartshorn 4, E. Brassington 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6, J. Ambrose 7, E. H. Adams 8. It was intended to ring a peal, but time did not permit.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—At St. Saviour's Church, on August 15th, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 48 mins.: H. Martin 1, H. S. Brocklebank 2, J. L. Grant 3, R. Birchall 4, G. R. Newton (conductor) 5, S. Morton (first quarter-peal of Major) 6, S. Barnes 7, E. Caunce 8.

WEST HAM.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: F. Doran 1, *A. Fiddes 2, E. T. Wigg 3, *G. L. Joyce 4, W. Theobald 5, T. Cranfield (conductor) 6. * First 720 of Oxford.

HINCKLEY.—Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday evening, August 18th, at St. Mary's Church, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Thompson 1, B. Ridgway 2, F. Cotton (conductor) 3, W. Sharpe 4, S. White 5, J. Garratt 6, W. H. Inglesant 7, H. Sharratt 8.

LEYTONSTONE. — At St. John-the-Baptist Church, on Sunday, August 11th, 120 Grandsire Doubles, in which A. Squires, of Kettering-ham, Norfolk, took part. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Woodhead 1, A. Fiddes 2, G. A. Black (conductor) 3, W. Miller 4, G. Dawson 5, W. Theobald 6. First 720 with bob bell by A. Fiddes, and first 720 on the tenor by W. Theobald.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, August 18th, at the Parish Church, for morning service, 531 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, W. G. Ellis 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 1277 Grandsire Caters: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, P. Laflin 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, F. Bennett 7, W. G. Ellis (composer and conductor) 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. G. Ellis.

BURNHAM, SOMERSET.—At the Parish Church, on August 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *T. Roberts 1, I. B. Holmyard 2, F. W. Cannings 3, F. W. Neate 4, J. J. Harris 5, W. Worgan 6, G. Chamberlain (conductor) 7, *W. Hodder 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples.

BURTON-ON-TRENT.—At St. John's, Horninglow, on July 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor: A. P. Wakley 1, C. Sanders, 2 W. Shercliff 3, L. C. Smith 4, A. K. Harrison (conductor) 5, J. T. Dyke 6.—On handbells, a quarter-peal and several 720's of Bob Minor: A. K. Harrison 1—2, J. T. Dyke 3—4, W. Shercliff 5—6. Each of the ringers called a 720. Also several courses of Double Norwich: J. T. Dyke 1—2, W. Shercliff 3—4, A. P. Wakley 5 —6, C. Sanders 7—8.

NEWHALL.—On August 12th, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: G. Baseley 1, W. Shercliff 2, H. Hurdman 3, A. P. Wakley (conductor) 4, J. T. Dyke 5, D. Cotton 6.

STOKE, COVENTRY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Sunday, August 18th, a quarter-peal of Superlative Surprise Major (1280 changes): O. J. Hunt 1, *J. H. White 2, W. H. Brunsdon 3, *E. H. Johnson 4, *W. T. Cox 5, F. E. Pervin 6, *C. Freeman 7, A. Roberts (conductor) 8. First quarter-peal of Superlative ever rung in the City of Coventry by a local band. * First quarter-peal in the method.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE. — On August 16th, at the Parish Church, 720 London New Bob Minor, in 25 mins.: T. Grimshaw 1, G. Pownall 2, E. Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells and by all the band.—On Sunday, August 18th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: E. Leatherbarrow 1, G. Pownall 2, A. Nutter 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6.

DEPTFORD.—The Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Rawlings (first with a bob bell) 2, G. R. Simmonds 3, F. W. Richardson 4, J. Crowder 5, E. B. Crowder (conductor) 6, W. J. Jeffries 7, J. Law 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 42 mins.: W. J. Rawlings (first in the method) 1, T. G. Deal 2, E. F. Pike 3, F. W. Richardson 4, E. B. Crowder 5, F. Bennett 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, J. Law 8.—On Sunday, August 25th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, taken from the "Original," in 43 mins.: R. Fosdike 1, J. Law 2, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, W. J. Jeffries 5, A. G. Bennington 6, T. G. Deal 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

MERTHYR TYDFIL.—On Sunday, August 25th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Morgan 1, F. Chave 2, E. Thomas 3, F. Stedman 4, B. Hunt 5, W. Seeley (conductor) 6, A. Slatter 7, J. Smith 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Smith 1, F. Chave 2, E. Thomas 3, W. Morgan 4, A. Slatter (conductor) 5, F. Stedman 6, W. Seeley 7, P.C. J. Cole 8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, August 25th, 1008 Stedman Triples: E. Coles 1, W. Miller 2, W. Biss 3, W. Heath 4, S. Dawe 5, F. Chamberlain (conductor) 6, A. Rowley 7, C. Oram 8.

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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL.

Our comments last week upon the publication of the official minutes of the Central Council nearly four months after the meeting have drawn from the president, Sir Arthur Heywood, a reply, to which we readily give publicity. He points out some of the advantages accruing from the publication of this summary of the proceedings, advantages which, so far as the members of the Council may be concerned, we do not deny. The point of view which we took up, however, was that of the general body of ringers who have already been provided with an ample report of the business transacted, and from that standpoint we are still of opinion that the publication of the minutes is a work of superfluity. We doubt very much whether the members of the Exercise have any desire to read over again that which they have previously had the opportunity of studying in detail, and it was in this light that we considered the question last week.

So far, however, as the matter affects the members of the Council we agree that they may find advantages in getting the minutes put into print in order that they may keep for reference an official summary of what takes place at each annual meeting, although we doubt if one in six of the members ever looks again at the minutes after perusing them at the time they are issued. Sir Arthur points out that "the accepted purpose of either publishing or reading minutes is to ensure that the record is accurate, by giving an opportunity to any member who was present to correct any slips should there be any." But both the publication *and* the reading which now takes place is surely unnecessary, especially when an "official report" of the proceedings precedes the publication of the minutes, and would, if there be any errors in the records, put members on the alert for mistakes in the minutes when the next meeting comes round.

But if the publication of the minutes, as distinct from the official report, be continued, Sir Arthur would, at any rate, serve the members a good turn by saving their time, if he carries out the suggestion which he has in mind, and proposes that the minutes, having been publicly before the Exercise, be taken as read. This, at all events, would give some real value to their publication. But if this course is to be acted upon, we would seriously suggest that the minutes be prepared for the Press at a much earlier date. There may be difficulties in the way of this being done, but it would be better for the members if they could see the record while the business was fresh in memory, while the general body of the Exercise, if they require it at all, would doubtless prefer it four weeks rather than four months old.

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OPINION OF OUR MODERN WORK.

Broomfield Vicarage,
Chelmsford,
February 19th, 1912.

Dear Sirs,

I have great pleasure in stating that we are perfectly satisfied with the manner in which you have carried out the work entrusted to you of re-arranging and re-hanging the Broomfield Church Bells.

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,
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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

CHARLES DICKENS ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS MILLER	7
JAMES H. SHEPHERD	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
PERCY O. LAFLIN	3	ALF PADDON SMITH... ...	9
THOMAS RUSSAM	4	SAMUEL GROVE...	10
THOMAS H. REEVES	5	JAMES E. GROVES	11
JOHN NEAL	6	*WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal on twelve bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Painter, a much respected member of this Guild.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE, GREENWICH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

HARRY HOSKINS ...	...*Treble*	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	6
WILLIAM PYE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	9
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	5	THOMAS JAKEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal on the bells.

WOLVERHAMPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

HERBERT KNIGHT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	6
SAMUEL PEARCE	2	HARRY GOODMAN	7
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	WILLIAM FISHER	9
SAMUEL BAKER	5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	...*Tenor*

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

This peal was rung to celebrate the festival of St. Matthew. Harry Goodman was proposed a member of the above Society previous to starting for the peal. The ringer of the treble belongs to St. Peter's; the ringers of the 2nd, 5th, 8th and 9th to Coseley; 3rd, 6th and 7th to Dudley; 4th to Willenhall; tenor to Sedgley. The ringers desire to thank St. Peter's band for the bells and Mr. H. Knight for taking a rope and for getting the bells in readiness.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

F. HAMMOND	...*Treble*	*E. BISHOP, Senr.	5
*H. M. SMITH	2	H. R. BUTCHER	6
*O. HOLMWOOD	3	*A. MARTIN	7
E. BISHOP	4	C. BRASIER	...*Tenor*

Comducted by H. R. BUTCHER.

* First peal of Major. This was a farewell peal to the Rev. F. W. Champneys, M.A., who was leaving the parish as rector on the 12th. All the ringers were members of the local band.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK CHAVE	...*Treble*	ALBERT HUNT	5
EDWARD THOMAS	2	ALBAN E. SLATTER	6
FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ...	3	WILLIAM SEELEY	7
CHARLES PALEY...	4	P.C. JOHN E. COLE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

LYMINGE, KENT.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND EADBURG,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED G. KEDWELL	...*Treble*	EDWARD TRENDELL	5
LOUIS HEAD	2	ERNEST CHEESMAN	6
GEORGE FOORD	3	WILLIAM H. WOOD	7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN	4	J. COPPINS...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LOUIS HEAD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Cheesman. It was G. Foord's first peal of Triples.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, DEPTFORD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs., in F.

FREDERICK S. BACON	...*Treble*	ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	5
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	2	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	6
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	3	JOSEPH LAW	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE...	4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. F. J. O. HELMORE.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. H. Hewitt, who is leaving to take a living near Burslem.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD LANE	...*Treble*	HORACE F. STUBBS... ...	5
ERNEST LESLIE	2	JOHN OLDHAM	6
HARRY WHITTLE...	3	EDWARD READER	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	4	WILLIAM THORLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

MRS. R. WHITTINGTON	...*Treble*	HARRY TIDY	5
WILLIAM DENYER	2	THOMAS WORSFOLD	6
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ...	3	WILLIAM CHARMAN	7
HORACE CHARMAN	4	HENRY LEDGER... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

Rung after meeting short for Bob Major, the tenor man kindly standing in. Arranged and rung as a birthday peal to Mrs. R. Whittington; also to A. Pulling, of Guildford.

SHEPSHED, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

RICHARD LANE	...*Treble*	HARRY CHAPMAN	5
ERNEST ABBOTT	2	HORACE ABBOTT	6
W. W. WORTHINGTON ...	3	*JOHN OLDHAM	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON... ...	4	EDWARD READER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal in the method with a working bell.

MIDDLESBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,

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

Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

W. POLLARD	...*Treble*	W. H. THOMAS...	5
C. POLLARD...	2	J. WEDGWOOD	6
F. LAVERICK	3	J. H. BLAKISTON	7
W. RUDD	4	T. LANCASTER	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

W. H. Thomas hails from Bristol.

PONTEFRACT.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR	...*Treble*	WILLIAM PEARSON, Junr.	5
WILLIAM P. BROOK	2	*ARTHUR GILL	6
ARTHUR WALKER	3	THOMAS M. BARKER ...	7
HARRY WALTERS...	4	WILLIAM PEARSON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. M. BARKER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM BERRY... ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
WILLIAM SHIMMANS	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
FRANK I. HAIRS...	4	HENRY E. DARE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung after meeting short for Superlative.

TAMWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDITHA,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22¼ cwt., in E flat.

ALBERT EVERETT ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT YOUNG	5
FREDERICK PRESTON	2	JAMES PRATT	6
J. W. TIMMS...	3	R. P. BRINDLEY	7
ARTHUR MARKS	4	FRANCIS J. KEEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. P. BRINDLEY.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE... ...	...*Treble*	JAMES L. WRIGHT	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	WILLIAM FOX	6
HENRY GREGORY	3	WILLIAM TAYLOR	7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ...	4	*JOHN SIDDALL, Junr.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

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

Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM W. FOX	...*Treble*	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ...	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ...	6
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	7
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Double Norwich.

SAXLINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

FREDERICK H. KNIGHTS ...*Treble*		ALBERT ROUGHT	5
FREDERICK KNIGHTS	2	GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
GEORGE H. CROSS	3	CHARLES E. BORRETT ...	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	4	ALBERT G. WARNES	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

BLOXWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S No. 1. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN C. ADAMS	...*Treble*	EDWIN J. TYLER	5
EDWARD J. STAFFORD ...	2	GEORGE PEATE	6
ARTHUR PAINTER	3	THOMAS J. ELTON	7
EDGAR T. SMITH	4	FRANK W. PERRENS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

Rung on the birthday of J. C. Adams.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

WESLEY WATSON ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. JAYE	5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ...	6
REUBEN SANDERS	3	ERNEST PYE	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Ernest Pye.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...*Treble*		WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	6
JAMES F. DUFFIELD	3	*LEONARD E. LAST	7
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	4	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 7th bells are respectively 12, 13, 16 and 15 years of age.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN T. RICKMAN ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE GATLAND	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	KEITH HART	6
ERIC FILTNESS	3	JOHN CAPP...	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	PHILIP ALLFREY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN CAPP.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, September 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG ...	...*Treble*	HENRY C. BECKFORD ...	5
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	6
WILLIAM WATCHORN... ...	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ISAAC G. SHADE...	4	WILLIAM HORSLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Watchorn.

TRING, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

CHARLES N. LEMAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HODGETTS ...	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS... ...	2	GEORGE N. PRICE	6
HENRY HODGETTS	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
FRANK T. MARTIN	4	ALFRED B. PECK ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

First peal of Major on the bells.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON *Treble*		WILLIAM H. SHUKER ...	5
JOSEPH LOWE	2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	6
HARRY WASHBROOK	3	JOHN T. BOTTRILL... ...	7
JOSEPH WINTERBOTTOM ...	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

Rung on the eve of harvest festival and arranged for W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale.

GARGRAVE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOSEPH BROADLEY ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM JOYCE...	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	ARTHUR R. JONES	6
JOHN LAWSON	3	JOHN MCKELL	7
HENRY BIRTWHISTLE... ...	4	JOHN W. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung on the occasion of the Association's General Meeting. Messrs. Broadley and McKell stood in a peal at the last visit of the Association of the town 30 years ago. It was also J. Broadley's 200th peal.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. TIMMS ...	...*Treble*	BERNARD CLAYDON	5
JOHN JENNINGS	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
FREDERICK J. COPE	3	GEORGE ROBERTS	7
BERNARD W. WITCHELL ...	4	BERTRAM LEEDHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

The band, through "The Ringing World," wish to thank the Vicar (Rev. E. Molloy) for the use of his bells on this and other occasions.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¾ cwt.

RICHARD DRAGE ...	...*Treble*	ALLAN R. HICKTON... ...	5
REV. C. J. STURTON ...	2	†WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	6
†HARRY THORPE	3	*SYDNEY PROCTOR	7
ALBERT COPPOCK	4	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major.

SALTBURN-BY-THE-SEA.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt., in D.

CHRISTOPHER J. WATSON	*Treble*	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER ...	5
JOHN APPLETON...	2	†FREDERICK BARKER... ...	6
JOHN T. GRAVES, Junr. ...	3	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ...	7
*GEORGE A. PECK	4	NORMAN KIDD	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

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

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY...	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. GREEN... ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	WILLIAM TRUSS	6
JAMES SCHOLES	3	CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	7
HENRY SPRINGALL	4	ARTHUR HUGHES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

Rung on St. Matthew's Day, and half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Matthew A. Wood, who was for many years steeple-keeper at this church.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;
Tenor 19 cwt.

*ARTHUR EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY MOORE	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	JOHN DALE	6
GEORGE F. MARGETSON ...	3	HENRY F. COOPER	7
PERCY LETCH	4	ARTHUR HEAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

* First peal in the method as conductor. The ringers of the treble, 2nd and 4th hail from Boreham, 3rd from Chigwell Row, 5th, 7th and tenor from Chelmsford. The ringer of the 6th belongs to the local company.

UGGLESCOTE, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

ERNEST MORRIS	...*Treble*	FRED H. DEXTER	5
ARTHUR PETTIT	2	SAMUEL COTTON	6
LOUIS E. ALLEN...	3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	7
REV. R. P. FARROW... ...	4	JOSIAH MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. H. DEXTER, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells, and the composition is now rung for the first time. The conductor's 150th peal.

DRAYTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt., in E flat.

THOMAS W. CREED	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. COLES	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	GEORGE H. HEAD	6
ISAAC CREED...	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	7
CHARLES R. LILLEY	4	HENRY MOORE...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major by all the band and rung at the first attempt; also first peal in the method in the West of England. First peal of Major on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Soames) for kindly granting permission for the bells, the Squire of Drayton (Mr. E. C. Trevillin) for kindly providing tea, and Mr. J. Welsh (steeple-keeper) for having all in readiness.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

HAROLD W. CLARK	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
ARTHUR J. NEALE	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
ISAAC G. SHADE...	3	WILLIAM PYE	7
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	4	JAMES GEORGE	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

J. HERBERT BENFIELD ...*Treble*		JOHN BASS...	5
*MISS K. C. THATCHER ...	2	WALTER PIGOTT	6
HORACE HOWELL	3	WILLIAM SHILVOCK	7
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ...	4	JOSEPH PIGOTT	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Monday, September 23, 912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT.

First peal in the method as conductor. R. E. Stavert's 150th peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, August 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

HERBERT J. CARTER... ...*Treble*		LEONARD A. SMITH	3
CECIL A. VALENTINE... ...	2	WALTER W. BONHAM ...	4

DENNIS G. CARTER ... *Tenor*
Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal on the bells, which have been rehung, and two more added, by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the "go" being all that can be desired. The ringers desire to thank the Rev. and Mrs. Cobbold for their kind invitation and also for entertaining the ringers after the peal. The ringers also wish to thank Mr. Alfred Alderman, the zealous steeple-keeper, for having the bells in readiness. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 5th were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE-ON-TRENT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, City Delight, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN TURNER	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WHEELDON ...	4
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	ERNEST TIGWELL	5
CLEMENT POINTON	3	CHARLES PRESTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST TIGWELL.

Messrs. W. Wheeldon, C. Pointon and C. Preston hail from Bucknall, E. Tigwell from Biddulph, John E. Wheeldon and J. Turner from Norton.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

*ARCHIE HENMAN	...*Treble*	HENRY W. GAYTON ...	4
*GEORGE LINES	2	PEARL INSKIP	5
*HARRY MEADOWS	3	CHARLES WM. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES WM. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob Minor methods, and first peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

BEDFORD.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER DE MERTON,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN BATES...	...*Treble*	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ...	4
REV. R. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE	2	PERCY J. COOKE	5
CHARLES A. ROBINSON ...	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

Rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. C. A. Peacock, Rector's warden.

GREAT LIVERMERE, SUFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 14 six-scores each of Fortune, Morning Star and Grandsire.
Tenor 6 cwt.

*HERBERT RAWLINGS	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM WATSON	3
†SIDNEY SMITH	2	ARTHUR CUTTER	4

†WALTER BARTLE... ... ...*Tenor*
Conducted by H. RAWLINGS.

* First peal as conductor. † First peal.

HOLBETON, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

*ARTHUR REEBY	...*Treble*	WARREN HORNBROOK ...	4
REV. E. S. POWELL ...	2	†BENJAMIN MILLER	5
†WALTER WILLIAMS	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. E. S. POWELL.

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

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

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.: i St. Clement's, ii Kent Treble Bob, iii Oxford Treble Bob, iv Double and Single Court, v Double and Single Oxford, vi Double and Single Bob, vii College Single.
Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. WOODS	*Treble*	*JOSEPH LORD	4
JOHN W. LAKE	2	ARTHUR I. HOLMES ...	5
JAMES OSBORN	3	*ARTHUR MACKEARS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

* First peal in ten methods. Quickest peal on the bells.

FOWNHOPE, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE	...*Treble*	FRANK VOYCE	4
EDWARD SUMMERS	2	JOHN CLARK	5
CHARLES L. SADLER	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been put in order by Messrs. Barwell.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EBENEZER W. FINCH ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED SOUTH	4
W. G. MANSFIELD	2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	5
HAROLD FINCH	3	FRED CHALK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and tenor.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.
Tenor 11 cwt.

*LEONARD A. SMITH ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT C. EDWARDS ...	4
WILLIAM JACQUES	2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ...	5
CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	3	ALBERT J. GREEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. A. VALENTINE.

* First peal of Minor.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being four 720's of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY HILL	...*Treble*	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	4
ERNEST STONE	2	WALTER J. HORTON ...	5
E. HARRY STONELEY ...	3	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the Festival of St. Matthew, A., E. and M.

OLD WARDEN, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

REV. B. TYRWHITT DRAKE ..	*Treble*	HERBERT L. HARLOW ...	4
MISS EVELYN STEELE ...	2	HENRY W. GAYTON	5
HERBERT SHARPE	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

This is the first peal in seven methods with an inside bell by Miss Steele. The band, through the "Ringing World," wish to thank Mr. W. Mayes for obtaining permission to ring and for having everything in readiness.

YATTENDON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BRADFIELD DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Sunday, September 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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 on the peals.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BOREHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. EDWARDS, "GARDEN CROFT."

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

HARRY MOORE	1—2	GEORGE GREEN	5—6
ARTHUR EDWARDS	3—4	*ARTHUR HEAD	7—8

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.

Umpire, HENRY W. KIRTON, Witness, JAMES WALDEN.

* First peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5555 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL		9—10	

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpires: T. W. RADFORD and W. LOADER

This was M. Smither's 100th peal on handbells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Whittington, of Cranleigh, and the conductor, both birthdays occurring on the 18th.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At 21a, Muriel Road,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

William Hempal	1—2	Albert G. Warnes ...	5—6
Bertie J. Howchin ...	3—4	George Cross	7—8

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by George Cross.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At 58, Manor Street, Clapham,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Frank I. Hairs	7—8

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.
Umpire: John I. Hairs.

F. Hairs' 50th peal this year. This composition contains 12 short and 36 long courses.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the Residence of A. G. Warnes, 21a, Muriel Road,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

William Hempel	1—2	*Albert Rought	5—6
Albert G. Warnes ...	3—4	George H. Cross... ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by G. Cross.

* First peal on handbells.

LONDON.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, LONDON.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
In the Belfry of All Saints' Church, Fulham,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES:

Tenor, size 19 in F.

Louis Attwater	1—2	James W. Driver ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Arthur F. Shepherd...	7—8

Frank I. Hairs ... ... 9—10

Composed by James George, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.
Umpires: Miss E. L. Bennett, S. J. Collins, W. J. S. Knights, A. W. Darlington, and F. G. Woodiss.

A LINCOLNSHIRE WEEK.

The following peals are the result of a week's holiday ringing in Lincolnshire by members of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

HANDBELL PEAL.

HORBLING, BILLINGBORO', LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, September 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At The Bridge,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

John W. Lake	1—2	James Osborn	5—6
Clement Glenn	3—4	Rupert Richardson ...	7—8

Composed by H. Hubbard and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Witness: William Glenn.

SPALDING, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, September 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Mary and Nicholas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James	...*Treble*	Clement Glenn	5
William Richardson ...	2	James Osborn	6
Fred Wilford	3	Rupert Richardson ...	7
George Ladd	4	Arthur J. Farr ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

HECKINGTON, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANCES

Tenor 20 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James	...*Treble*	Rupert Richardson ...	5
*Reginald Scott	2	John T. Holmes	6
Clement Glenn	3	William Dickinson ...	7
Samuel Wesley	4	Fred Wilford ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by George Lewis, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal of Major away from the treble. First peal in the method on the bells.

SLEAFORD, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denys,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

Fred Wilford	...*Treble*	William Dickinson ...	5
*Reginald Scott	2	John T. Holmes	6
Samuel Wesley... ...	3	Rev. H. Law James ...	7
Clement Glenn... ...	4	Rupert Richardson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal in the method.

EDENHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 19, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's—i Sandal Treble Bob, ii Double and Single Court, iii Double and Single Bob, iv Double and Single Oxford, v College Single, vi Kent Treble Bob, vii Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Fred Wilford	...*Treble*	Clement Glenn	4
Arthur I. Holmes	2	James Osborn	5
John W. Lake	3	Rupert Richardson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by John W. Lake.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

METHERINGHAM, LINCS.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Wilfrid,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 8 cwt.

Rev. H. Law James...	...*Treble*	George Chester	5
Frederick W. Stokes ...	2	John T. Holmes	6
Fred Wilford	3	William Dickinson ...	7
Clement Glenn	4	Rupert Richardson	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Clement Glenn.

First peal on the bells.

Mr. H. W. Clark was elected a non-resident life member and not a life member of the Essex Association, as stated, previous to starting for the peal at Great Baddow on Sept. 14th.

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THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

The annual meeting of the Salop Archideaconal Guild, held at Shrewsbury last Saturday week, proved a great success. Representatives to the number of 60 were present from Shifnal, Coalbrookdale, Ludlow, Malinslee, Dawley, Crewe, Wem, Whitchurch and Condover. The bells of St. Alkmund's (8), St. Mary's (10), St. Chad's (12), were thrown open to the visitors, and various touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Kent Treble Bob were rung. At 5.30, a service was held in St. Chad's Church, the Rev. C. B. Crowe, of Coalbrookdale, officiating. Previous to the service, the members were photographed in front of St. Chad's Church, among the group being: Archdeacon Maude (President of the Guild), the Rev. H. B. Beckwith (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. P. H. Roach, and the Rev. C. B. Crowe. Tea was served in St. Chad's Parish Room, at the kind invitation of Archdeacon Maude. Afterwards, a vote of thanks was passed to the Archdeacon for his hospitality.—The Archdeacon, in reply, said it gave him great pleasure to welcome such a fine body of ringers, and hoped it would not be the last time he would have the pleasure of doing so. He expressed the pleasure it was to him to see that ringers of the present day attended church more often than they did in the olden days.

The business meeting followed tea, the chair being taken by Archdeacon Maude.—The Hon. Secretary (the Rev. H. B. Beckwith) presented the annual report of the Guild, which stated that since the last annual meeting the Rev. P. H Green had retired from the office of hon. secretary, in consequence of taking up an appointment in the mission field. One of the events of the year had been the application of eight ringers from Berrington to join the Guild, and the Vicar of Berrington (the Rev. P. Alpe) had joined the ranks of hon. members. There had been a large increase of hon. members, chiefly from Condover, during the year.

Before the meeting closed, the various incumbents were thanked for placing the bells at the members' disposal. The towers were again visited, and the bells were kept going until nine o'clock.

Copies of the photograph of the Salop Guild can be obtained from Mr. R. L. Bartlett, Carter Street, Shrewsbury, at 2s. each, including postage

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Chiddingfold on Saturday, and was attended by about 40 ringers from Farnham, Aldershot, Godalming, Dunsfold, Cranleigh, Ewhurst, Haslemere, Godalming, and Shalford, the service being conducted by the Rev. G. R. German, who gave a very practical address.—Tea was presided over by the Rev. G. Harding, of Shalford, who said he was making progress in the Art, and hoped in time to be a proficient ringer.—Six new members were elected.—It was decided to hold combined practices at Shalford, on October 19th, and at Seale on October 26th. The arrangements for the annual meeting gave rise to some discussion as to whether ringing should be indulged in after tea, but it was decided by an overwhelming majority to have a social as in the past. The date was fixed for Wednesday, November 20th, and the secretary promised to try and obtain the use of both peals at Guildford during the afternoon.

HELP FOR YOUNG BANDS.

A very successful quarterly meeting of the Basingstoke District was held at Rotherwick, on Saturday. The weather was beautifully fine; and by brake or bike some 41 members assembled, from Basingstoke (5), Bramley (5), Dummer (3), Heckfield (7), Oakley (5), Overton (2), Sherfield (3), Whitchurch (1), while the home team, Rotherwick, turned up nine strong. The party included such well-known ringers as Miss Alice White, secretary of the rising Ladies' Guild; Miss Eva Belcher, of Cubitt Town fame; Mr. H. White, of Basingstoke; and a welcome visitor from North Stoneham, Mr. W. G. Edwards. The bells (6) were soon set going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Plain Bob; the many touches including a well-struck 360 of Plain Bob. A short, bright service was held in the church, and afterwards a substantial tea, which was far more than a "plain course," in great part owing to the kindness of the Rev. G. Stapleton, came well within the compass of all present; and was "brought round" by willing helpers.

The business meeting was held in the Infant Schoolroom, presided over by the Rector (the Rev. G. Stapleton). The principal subject of discussion was that of providing instruction,-as several bands had made request for second or further courses of expert teaching. It was felt that one such course of lessons, at the expense of the Guild, ought in general to put a band of would-be change ringers in a position to get on by themselves but that, as Guild money could not be better spent than on instruction, the applicants should be met, as far as possible, with half the cost of additional courses, in desirable cases

The Chairman, with the hearty support of the meeting, offered very warm congratulations to Miss Belcher on her part in the success of the ladies' peal; and a vote of thanks to the Chairman, for the service, the bells, the tea, and his conduct of the meeting, brought the proceedings to a close. The tower was then re-visited, and ringing was kept up till nine o'clock, when in the still moonlight all departed to their homes, well pleased.

The annual district meeting will be at Basingstoke on Saturday, November 23rd.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The September meeting was held at Rye, on Saturday. Brilliant weather prevailed, and about twenty members attended, the towers represented being: Appledore, Ashford, Hawkhurst, Iden, New Romney, Brabourne, Stone-in-Oxney, and Rye. The bells were kept going all the evening, Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being rung. In addition, a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was secured at the second attempt. This sounds better, and to get that method thoroughly ground in, it requires to be continued at every meeting in an eight-bell tower. Other methods would then probably follow, and eventually the area of the Guild would be stripped of the somewhat barren appearance it presents, so far as the nature of methods practised are concerned.

The Vicar of Rye (the Rev. A. S. Howes) had consented to preside at the business meeting, but at the last moment had to cancel the engagement.—The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) occupied the chair, and Iden, a six-bell tower, was settled upon for the October meeting on the last Saturday in the month. Rolvenden was chosen for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, on Saturday, the 5th prox.

Mr. W. Billenness, of Seven Kings, Essex, who was one of the prime movers in forming the Guild, and who was the first Master, was re-elected a member. Mr. R. H. Phillips (son of the Vicar of Stone-in-Oxney), who is taking up ringing, was also elected a member, and it is hoped may be the means of securing that long felt want—two new trebles to complete the octave at Stone—Mr. C. W. Player moved that the best thanks of the company be accorded to the Rev. Howes for the use of the bells.—Mr. T. Ashenden supported the motion, which was carried unanimously.—The members dispersed soon after nine o'clock, terminating another enjoyable sojourn in the ancient town.

CELEBRATION AT WOOL.

The anniversary of the dedication of Wool bells was celebrated on Thursday week, when the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Dobie) invited ringers from all the towers in the district to visit the parish, as has been his custom annually since the dedication in 1907. Ringers attended from Bournemouth, Dorchester, Poole, Wyke Regis, West Lulworth, with a full muster of the local band. During the afternoon, Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung, and ringers (32) and friends were then entertained to high tea in the Schoolroom.

The Vicar presided, supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Salisbury Guild), the Rev. C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, East Dorset branch), and the hon. secretary, Dorchester branch.—The Vicar said it gave him great pleasure to have the members of the Salisbury Guild at that commemoration. He was very sorry this would be the last time he would invite them, as he was shortly leaving Wool, but he would do his best to persuade the next Vicar to observe this occasion, and he would do his best to come himself. He paid a high tribute to his own band, who had for five years rang on four occasions every Sunday. He would like to know, through "The Ringing World," if there was another band that did the same thing. He hoped they would continue their good work. He was sorry that the parish he was going to only had one bell, and he should miss his sweet peal of bells.

The Rev. W. P. Schuster proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the splendid repast, and for the great interest he took in ringing, as it was through his hard work they were able to get this peal.—The Rev. C. A. Phillips seconded, saying Mr. and Mrs. Dobie would leave their good work behind.—Mr. Dobie briefly replied.

The Poole band then rang two courses of Grandsire Triples on the handbells in fine style, conducted by Mr. Townsend. Ringing on the tower bells was then indulged in until service, at which the Vicar officiated, assisted by the Revs. W. P. Schuster and C. A. Phillips, the first-named giving a most appropriated address. The tower was again visited, and all the ringers spent a most enjoyable time.

WRENBURY BELLS RESTORED.

On Wednesday week an eventful ceremony took place in the village of Wrenbury, Cheshire, the old bells in the Parish Church, which tradition says originally came from the Combermere Monastery, being dedicated by the Archdeacon of Chester (the Ven. Edward Barber, M.A., Master of the Chester Diocesan Guild). There was a large congregation, the local clergy being present in large numbers. The service was of a cheerful character, and special prayers were said by the Archdeacon while dedicating the bells, the local ringers taking their share in the opening.

On Saturday, Sept. 21st, through the invitation of the Vicar (the Rev. H. W. Bradley), a band of Guild members from Crewe, visited the village, and signalised the re-opening with a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor and several short touches in other methods. The visitors, together with the local men, were afterwards entertained to tea, and spent an enjoyable evening together.

The cost of restoring and rehanging the bells was borne by Mrs. Spibey, of Alsager, in memory of her husband. The work was executed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, with their customary excellence and thoroughness. The three small bells have been recast, and the whole peal of six tuned on the Simpson principle, and rehung with new headstocks in a new iron and steel frame.

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The tower contains a peal of eight bells, tenor 25 cwt. 51½in. diameter; also the great bell, known as "Great Peter." From an antiquarian point of view these bells are as interesting as those of any Cathedral in England. The inscriptions on them are as follows :—

Treble.

ROBARTE NEVCOME OF LEICESTER MADE MEE 1598 DOCTER LEWES DANEE (*i.e.*, Dean)

Second.

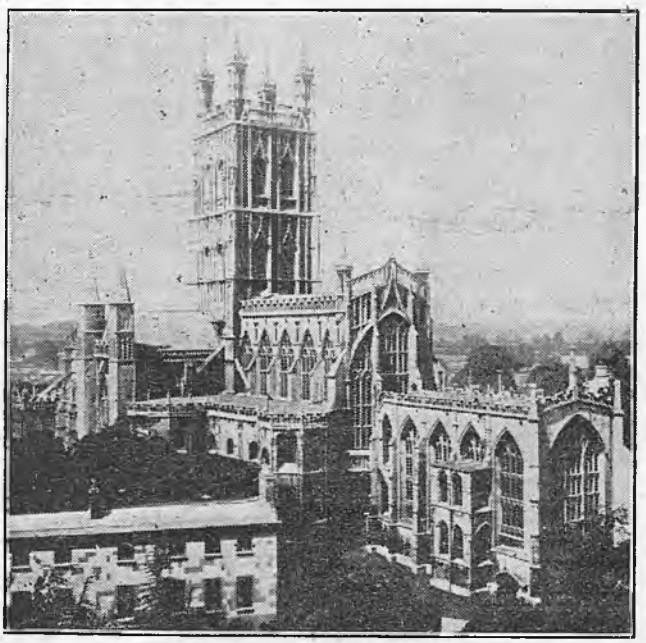
Sancte Petre ora pro nobis I o S (This is in "Black letter").

Third.

IOHN RUDHALL GLOUCESTER FECT 1810

Fourth.

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Gloucester Cathedral.

Fifth.

+ In Multis Annis Resonet Campana Iohannis (This is in "Black letter").

Sixth.

+ Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata (This is in "Black letter").

Seventh.

sileirbaG nemon oebah silec ed issiM 6261. T : W : E (This is in "Black letter"). [This inscription is simply put backwards, and reads "Missi de celis habeo nomen Gabrielis. 1626. E : W : T"].

Tenor.

DAN : NEWCOME : DECAN : NATH : LYE : SUBD : NATH : PANTING : THESS [*i.e.*, Thesaurarius]. A ♙ R. ANNO 1736. (This is in "Black letter").

Above the other bells hangs *Great Peter* (68½ inches in diameter, weight about 3 tons) with this inscription ▽ [shield with 3 bells, and crown above] ▽ [shield with 2 keys crossed impaled by a dagger, and crown above]. Me ▽ [cross keys etc :] fecit ▽ fieri ▽ conventus ▽ nomine ▽ Petri ▽ [3 bells etc]. (This is in "Black letter").

This bell used to be rung for a call-in bell before the services, but the ringing was discontinued by order of the Dean and Chapter in 1857, on account of the insecurity of the tower.

The translations of the Latin inscriptions on the bells is as follows : (2nd) "St. Peter pray for us." (5th) "May the bell of John sound for many years." (6th) "I being struck, am called Mary, Rose of the World." (7th) "I have the name of Gabriel, who was sent down from heaven." (Tenor) "Daniel Newcome, Dean; Nathaniel Lye, Sub-dean; Nathaniel Panting, Treasurer." (Great Peter) "The Chapter caused me to be made in the name of Peter." Before being recast in 1810 the third was inscribed "Gvl Jane, S.T.P., Dec : Anno Dom : 1666," and the fourth "Sit nomen Domini benedictum," *i.e.*, "Blessed be the Name of the Lord."

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to pressure on our space reports of Ringers' Outings and other matter are unavoidably held over.

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More than once we have commented on the phenomenal age at which some of the rising generation begin peal ringing. Here is another example. At Henley, Suffolk, last Thursday week, a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung, and the ages of four of the ringers were : James F. Duffield, 12 years; Edward P. Duffield, 13; William C. Duffield, 16; Leonard E. Last, 15. Presently, we suppose, we shall have a band of elementary school boys ringing a peal. We are glad to see so many boys doing so well in the Art.

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In mentioning that Sherborne was the 300th tower in which Mr. W. Pye has rung a peal, your paragraph last week, writes the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, went on to compare this record with that of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. It may be of interest to note that Mr. Robinson's 300th tower was that of Garston Church, near Liverpool, where he conducted Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples on the 10th February, 1905. This was his 967th peal, the band being made up as follows :—F. Dillon, C. Sharples, W. Hughes, E. Caunce, J. W. Rawlinson, W. Davies, Rev. F. E. Robinson and Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.

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A large clock has just been erected in Maulden church tower, Bedfordshire, which shows time on one large dial, plays the Westminster quarter chimes and strikes the hours. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who recently erected a similar clock at Silsoe Church in the same neighbourhood.

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The photo of the Sherborne Abbey peal band, which we reproduced last week, was the work of Mr. A. R. Macdonald, of Southampton, to whom our thanks are due.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MINUTES.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPLY TO OUR COMMENTS.

Sir Arthur Heywood writes from Doveleys, Staffs, under date of September 21st: May I point out, in reference to your editorial remarks on the publication of the official minutes of the Central Council, that the accepted purpose of either publishing or reading minutes is to ensure that the record is accurate, by giving an opportunity to any member who was present to correct slips should there by any. Further, I have for some time had it in my mind to propose that, in view of the limited time at the disposal of the Council, and that the minutes have already been laid publicly before the Exercise, they should, at our meetings, be taken as read, subject, of course, to any criticism that might be brought forward.

But, for myself, I confess to have always found the official minutes in print a valuable summary of the past work of the Council, which I paste in a book and have by me at all the meetings. I hope, therefore, you will see your way to retract your verdict that the publication of the official minutes is useless.

BURTON BELLS RECAST.

The operation of recasting the bells of St. Paul's Church, Burton-on-Trent, at the foundry of Messrs. John Taylor, of Loughborough, was witnessed by a party including the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. G. Stockley), the churchwardens (Messrs. E. H. Eeles and C. J. Phillips), Dr. Plant, and several ringers and other members of the congregation. The process proved a most interesting one, and the well known bell-founding firm did their utmost to entertain the visitors. The latter were first taken to the tuning shop, where they found the new tenor bell already complete. This weighs 25 cwt., and had to be cast prior to the rest in order that the requisite note, D flat, might be ascertained for them. It was duly struck, and the excellence of the note was commented upon by the Burton party, including Dr. Plant.

A move was then made to the foundry, where the remaining seven bells were to be cast. It may be mentioned that the firm found the old bells were composed of excellent metal, in spite of their unmusical tone, and with the admixture of tin and other fresh metal they anticipate producing a most melodious peal. The party having first viewed the molten metal bubbling in the furnace—for which tinted glasses were requisite—the casting was commenced. Several of the visitors cast silver and other coins into the furnace, and they were of course swiftly liquified. When 4½ tons of metal had been poured into a huge cauldron the seven moulds were filled from it, the flowing of the metal being watched with much interest. It was noticed to be of a deep orange colour, and extreme care was exercised by the workmen in carrying out the operation.

The casting complete, an inspection of the remaining portion of the works was made, peals being shown in readness for Portsmouth, and one cast for the Dowager Duchess of Sutherland's private clock tower. Mr. W. W. Worthington, who had also joined the party, and several of the ringers, then rang on the foundry's own peal, and Messrs. Taylor kindly entertained the visitors to tea. It is expected that St. Paul's bells will be returned to Burton in about a fortnight's time.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday week, another most successful and enjoyable quarterly meeting was held at St. Martin's, Tipton. The Guild's beautiful service was conducted by the Rev. —. Edwards (curate), and the lesson read and address given by the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. De Vine, M.A., R.D.), who gave the Guild a hearty welcome again to Tipton. After the service, between 30 and 40 members sat down to a substantial tea. The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided, supported by Mr. W. R. Small (hon. treasurer), and Mr. H. Mason. Apologies were read from the Master (Mr. S. Spittle) and the Rev. E. V. Cox regretting their inability to be present, also from the Coseley members, who were having their outing that day.

Several new members were added to the roll, including those whose names were proposed in various belfries previous to starting for peals. —Mr. C. Thompson, of Dudley, was elected an hon. member.—It was proposed to attempt several peals during the quarter.—On the proposition of Mr. H. Mason, seconded by Mr. W. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for kindly providing tea, for his address in church, for presiding at the meeting, and for the use of the schoolroom, tower and bells; to his colleague for conducting the service, and to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea.—The best thanks of the members were also given to Mr. J. Smith, the genial tower keeper, for making the necessary arrangements, and having everything in readiness for the comfort of the members.

TAUNTON BELLS.

A JUBILEE CELEBRATION.

The fiftieth anniversary of the re-opening of re-building of St. Mary's tower, Taunton, has just been celebrated, and Mr. Robert Spratt is the only survivor of the band that rang the opening peal. The jubilee was celebrated by a touch of 420 Stedman Triples, by: A. Wyatt 1, H. Creed 2, J. Routley 3, E. Wyatt 4, C. R. Lilley 5, H. Reed 6, J. Burge (conductor) 7, J. Fowler 8.

The re-building of the tower cost £6,217, and the opening of the bells in 1862 was thus recorded by a local writer: "The tower of St. Mary Magdalene, otherwise Marlen, in which these bells be, was rebuilt by Mr. Davis, of this town. At 8 o'clock on the morning of the 8th September, 1862, when the new tower was formally opened and the marriage of a daughter of the builder took place, the whole of the magnificent peal of eight bells rang forth at once, delighting the ears and rejoicing the hearts of thousands who during the re-edification of the tower had been deprived of the music. The manner in which this peal was rung without a cast from beginning to end would have done credit to any set of ringers that ever ascended the old tower and astonished the numerous professional ringers that came from far and near expecting to bear away the laurel; but the victory lay with the Taunton set, whose names are as follow: Treble, Wm. Chapman the younger; 2nd, John Woolfery the younger; 3rd, James Bodley; (4) Robert Spratt; (5) Chas. Sealey; (6) James Bryant; (7) John Woolfery the elder and Thos. Stuckey; tenor (Rupert), Geo. Babb, Joseph Pleass, and Benjamin Steevens."

DEATH OF MR. G. H. BEEVER.

The Lancashire Association has lost another of its best known workers, by the death of Mr. George Henry Beever, of St. Mark's, Glodwick, Oldham. The deceased had been connected with the church a good many years, and had taken part in a great many peals. He will be much missed among his friends.

The interment took place on Saturday at Greenacres Cemetery.

Over the graveside a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by: Samuel Stott 1—2, Isaac Schofield 3—4, James Priestley 5—6, Edwin B. Shaw 7—8. Among the floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from his fellow ringers.

A number of ringers attended the last obsequies from Milnrow, Middleton, Newhey, Shaw, Oldham, Moorside, Glodwick, and Chadderton. In the evening a muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung as a token of respect and deepest sympathy by: J. Knight 1, F. Crossland 2, I. Schofield 3, J. Lees 4, A. Clegg 5, S. Stott 6, J. W. Taylor (conductor) 7, W. Succliffe 8.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liverpool branch was held on Saturday, at Port Sunlight, members attending from Liverpool, Tuebrook, Walton, Grassendale, Garston, and the local company. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, and Mr. Woodhall presided at the subsequent business meeting.—Four new members were elected, and Tuebrook was chosen for next place of meeting.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for providing tea was passed, and a similar vote was also accorded the steeple keeper for having all in readiness. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Oxford Treble Bob Major.

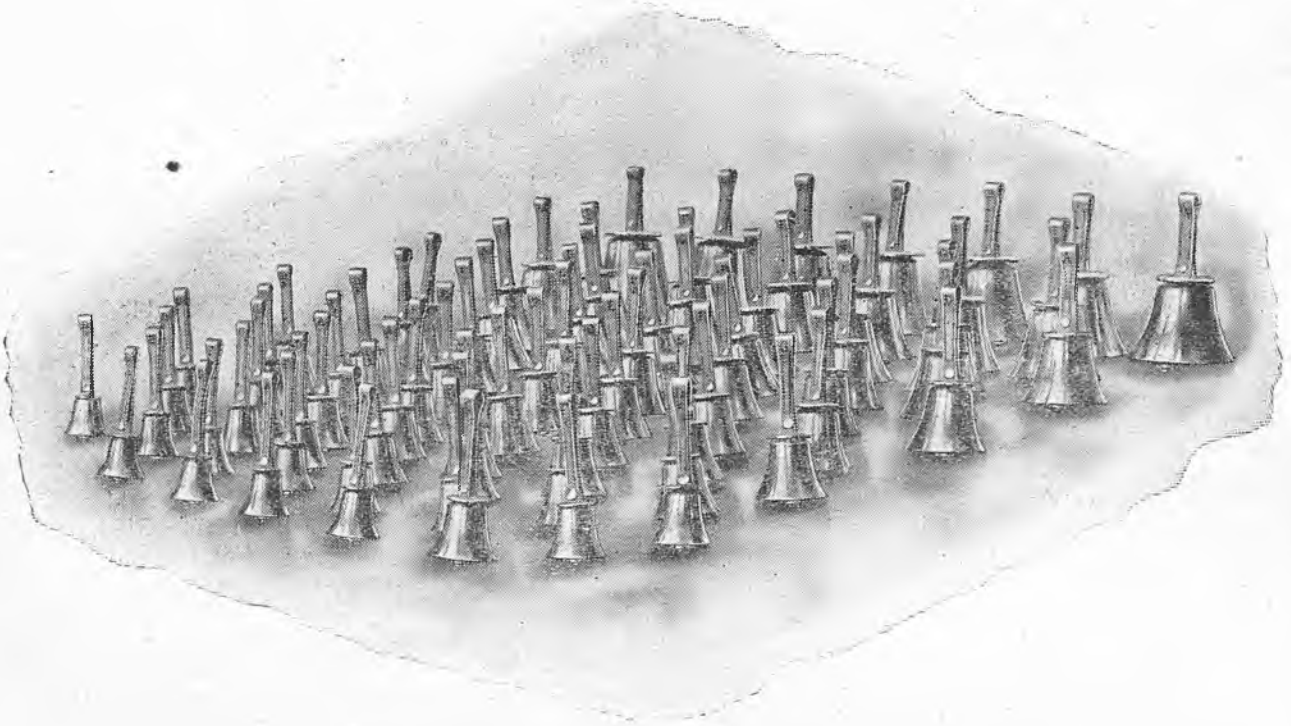
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Luton district was held on Saturday, at Toddington, 20 members being present from Luton, Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husborne Crawley, and Aspley Guise. The bells were kept busy from 3.30 to 8 p.m., in the following methods: Bob and Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.—After tea, at the "Sow and Pigs" Hotel, a short business meeting was held, the President (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, of Dunstable) occupying the chair.—Mr. George Healey was appointed representative of the Dunstable tower, in place of Mr. A. J. Simms, who is leaving for St. Albans very shortly.—One new member was elected, Mrs. Rust, wife of the Rev. A. Rust, Vicar of Husborne Crawley, and general secretary of the Association.—The next meeting will take place at Houghton Regis on October 19th.—Votes of thanks terminated the meeting.

COMING-OF-AGE PRESENTATION.

The coming-of-age of Mr. H. Ellis, of Walsden, Todmorden, was celebrated by a half peal of Grandsire Triples, the first by all except the ringer of the 2nd, the band being: H. Greenwood (conductor) 1, J. H. Lord 2, J. Dugdale 3, H. Ellis 4, G. E. Dixon 5, C. S. Dennett 6, J. Fielden 7, H. Marshall 8.—On the 14th inst. Mr. Ellis entertained the band to supper, and a very enjoyable evening was spent, the host receiving a pleasant surprise when Mr. J. H. Lord, on behalf of the ringers, presented him with a silver-mounted amber cigarette holder and a box of cigarettes, as a mark of their esteem and good wishes.

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THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Allesley on Saturday, September 28th. Bells (6) available from 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at Colne on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 7 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at St. George's, Gravesend, on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Tower open at 3.30 p.m. Service in church at 5 p.m., followed by tea (for which 3d. per member will be charged) and meeting in the Church House. Milton-next-Gravesend and Swanscombe towers will be open after the meeting until 9 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at Gainsborough on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Service in Parish Church 4.30 p.m. Meeting and tea at Coffee Tavern imediately after service. Bells available afternoon and evening. A peal will be attempted in the morning, starting about eleven o'clock. For other information see circular.—J. W. Seamer, Honorary Secretary, 9, Augustus Street, Grimsby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. The next meeting will be held at St. James' Church, Didsbury, on Saturday, September 28th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7 p.m. A cordial invitation is given to all ringers.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—The next meeting of the above will be held at Appledore on Saturday, September 28th. Bells will be available at 3 o'clock. There will be a short special service in church at 6 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile single fare (maximum 2/-) will be paid to all members attending before the service.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bolsover on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4.15. Tea (1/- each) at 5 o'clock, both in the National Schools.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, September 28th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea and meeting at the Greyhound Hotel at 4 p.m.—E. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at All Souls on Saturday, September 28th. Bells ready at six o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WILLIAM VERRY COMMEMORATION DINNER.—The above will be held at the Queen's Head Hotel, Soho Road, Handsworth, on Saturday, September 28th, at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tickets may be had, price 2s. 6d., from C. Starkey, Honorary Secretary, 96, Edith Road, Smethwick, Birmingham.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton, near Bradford, on September 28th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Bolton Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Skelton-in-Cleveland on Saturday, September 28th, 1912. Tea provided at the Duke of Wellington at 5 p.m. sharp. Members 6d. Non-members 1s. 6d. The bells at Skelton (8, tenor 23 cwts.), Saltburn (8, tenor 23 cwts.), Guisborough (6, tenor 9 cwts.), Maske (6, tenor 7 cwts.) available for ringing. Any members attending the Church Congress at Middlesbrough will receive a most hearty welcome at this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Honorary Secretary.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—A meeting will be held at Stanford-le-Hope on Saturday, September 28th. Brakes leave Brentwood Station 2.45. Fare 9d. Short service at 5. Tea kindly provided by the Rector at 5.45. Orsett will also be visited.—Henry F. Cooper, Honorary Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—A quarterly meeting is to be held at Fontmell Magna on Saturday, September 28th. Ringing from 2. Service at 4.30. Tea at 5. Compton Abbas, Twerne Minster, Shroton and Childe Okeford towers will be available.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Members please note that the next meeting will be held at Preston on October 5th, not September 28th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Maxey on October 5th. Bells (6) available from 1 o'clock. Service at 4 o'clock. Tea and meeting after. Those who intend being present please let me know by October 1st.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 1st, 15th and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 1st; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourn on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30. Tea in the schools at 6, for those only who send word by October 1st. Brake will leave High Level Station, Wolverhampton, at 2.45, return fare 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, October 5th, service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector in the schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) and also Clent (8) available at 3 p.m. Motor 'bus leaves Stourbridge Town Station (not Hagley) at 3.15 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. for Belbroughton. Will all those intending to be present please let me know on or before October 2nd.—E. J. Dowler, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Honorary Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, October 5th, at 4 p.m.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Church Room at 5 p.m. Service at 6. West Tarring bells will also be available in the evening. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, October 3rd.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Wortley, near Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, October 5th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea 5.30, at the Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present let me know by Wednesday, October 2nd.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Halifax on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Tenor 11 cwt. 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 me by October 7th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry, G.N.R.) on Saturday, October 12th. Tea 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, at the White Horse Inn. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. S. W. Law, Misson, Bawtry, by Wednesday, October 9th.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at "Ye Olde Gate" at 5.30 p.m., 1s. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Through the kindness of the Rector tea will be provided for all members notifying me not later than Tuesday, October 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares to two shillings paid.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Christ Church, Dore, 8 bells, tenor 11 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 o'clock.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary Middlesex County Association (North and East District) has removed to 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

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THE PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES AT WILLENHALL.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I beg to point out that the peal reported in your last issue was not the first in the method on the bells, a peal of Stedman having been rung there by members of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, 32 years ago; to be exact, on Saturday, August 14th, 1880. This was composed by Mr. J. B. Lates, and composed by W. Hallsworth, the band standing as follows: Samuel Reeves 1, Job Joyner 2, W. R. Small 3, Henry Johnson, senr., 4, Henry Johnson, junr., 5, John Buffery 6, Wm. Hallsworth 7, Thos. Reynolds 8. This was the first in the method on the bells, and was rung in 2 hrs. 55 mins.—Yours truly,

A. PADDON SMITH.

Mr. W. R. Small has a'so written to the same effect.

HUNSLET, LEEDS.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, 720 Bob Minor: *G. Stevenson 1, *R. Chisem 2, *H. Smith 3, *C. Robinson 4, J. R. Kemp 5, W. Powell (conductor) 6. *First 720 of Minor.

RUGBY, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Sept. 9th, 448 London Surprise: W. Tayler 1, A. J. Hessian 2, H. O. White 3, J. W. Chandler 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, E. J. Oliver (longest touch in the method) 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. George 8.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 8th, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., with the bells half-muffled, for the late Mr. H. Sugden: A. Ainge 1, B. Norfolk 2, J. Palframan 3, A. Gill 4, W. Waland 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, B. E. Howe 7, S. Palframan 8.

WOOLWICH.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 8th, for morning service, 578 Grandsire Triples: W. Aldridge 1, A. Neal 2, W. Watchorn 3, G. Carter (conductor) 4, H. Beckford 5, C. Dann 6, W. Horsley (longest length with bob bell) 7, E. Pollard (first 500) 8.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

PEAL RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

Another letter on the subject of "Ringing and the Public" appears in another column, and the writer on this occasion takes the opportunity of ventilating a grievance as well as of appealing for consideration for those who live within the sound of the bells. Without going into the question of the complaint which he makes against some ringer unnamed, there are two points in the letter which call for comment. In our love and enthusiasm for the Art we must not be blind to the feelings of others, particularly when it comes to a question of indulging, for our own pleasure, in something that may give others annoyance, but do not let us get a distorted view of things.

Our correspondent says "we ringers are to a very great extent a nuisance to the public, and judging by the peal records, an increasing nuisance, and unless we show people a little more consideration we shall, in my opinion, be faced with a determined opposition brought about by the craze for ringing peals." Of course consideration must be shown to the public, but has not our correspondent taken a rather exaggerated view of the state of affairs? It is quite true that peals are being rung in increasing number—nearly every year sees a fresh record made in this respect—but this does not necessarily show that the public are receiving less of that consideration which, we believe, ringers are ever ready to show. Our view is that the increase in peal ringing is due to the much larger number of rings of bells now in pealable condition, coupled, of course, with the rapid extension of the Art, and the ever improving facilities of transit. A careful analysis, we believe, would show that the number of towers in which peals are rung is now greater in proportion to the actual peals than ever it was, a fact which would show that, speaking generally, individual districts get less peal ringing now that was once the case. Moreover, the growing "craze," as our correspondent describes it, does not necessarily mean more annoyance to the public. Take last year as an example. Although the total number of peals was 14 more than in 1910, the number of peals on tower bells was 49 less. All of which goes to prove that the public is not being treated with less consideration than heretofore.

One other point in the letter is worthy of note, and that is the suggestion, that associations should have powers to restrain their members from attempting peals under certain circumstances. Well, they have not yet the control over their members and the towers as, for instance, the Football Association has over players and grounds, and it is much easier to talk of restraint than to apply it. In the present state of organisation such powers, even if they were necessary, would be absolutely valueless.

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On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (COLLEGE) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in D flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR D. BARKER... ...	7
ALBERT WALKER	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	3	REV. CYRIL W. O. JENKYN	9
FRANCIS E. DAWE	4	ALFRED B PECK	10
THOMAS H. REEVES	5	HERBERT LANGDON	11
FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	6	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	...*Tenor*

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On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF ERIN CATERS, 5018 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ...	6
FRED G. MAY	2	FREDK. W. WADE	7
WILLIAM STOWELL	3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	8
CHARLES PERRY	4	ISAAC LONG	9
ALFRED E. REEVES	5	URIAH BRAVEN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. MILEHAM, and
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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5014 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM TRUSS	6
EDWIN HORREX	2	CHARLES S. BURDEN ...	7
EDWIN GIBBS	3	JAMES E. DAVIES	8
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	4	ALFRED B. PECK	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	EMMANUEL HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the late William P. Cooter and Matthew A. Wood.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS 5075 CHANGES;

HARRY SMITH	...*Treble*	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	6
SAMUEL PEARCE	2	HARRY GOODMAN	7
WILLIAM R. SMALL	3	ALFRED ROWLEY	8
HERBERT SHEPPARD	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	5	CHARLES FAULKS ...	...*Tenor*

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

This is supposed to be the first peal of Grandsire Caters in which the ringers are all members of the C.E.M.S, and was rung as a compliment to the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, on the 20th anniversary of his induction as Vicar of Dudley. Messrs. W. R. Small, H. Smith and A. Rowley belong to Tipton Parish Church C.E.M.S., B. Gough and S. Pearce to Coseley Parish Church C.E.M.S., and the rest to Dudley Parish Church C.E.M.S.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MESSAM ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED H. WINCH	5
GEORGE MARRINER	2	ERNEST C. BONIFACE ...	6
JOHN WYATT	3	ARTHUR C. OTWAY	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	4	ARTHUR DEAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. DEAN.

DUBLIN.

THE IRISH ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE NATIONAL CATHEDRAL OF ST. PATRICK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

RICHARD LYNCH	...*Treble*	ROBERT TAIT	5
EDWARD LUTMAN...	2	GABRIEL LINDOFF	6
CHRISTOPHER MURRAY ...	3	*GEORGE F. WILMOT ...	7
WILLIAM E. LYNCH	4	ROBERT S. F. MURPHY ...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by G. LINDOFF.

* First peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

THOMAS FORD, Senr.	...*Treble*	THOMAS FORD, Junr. ...	5
ARTHUR LEEDER...	2	CLEMENT MORE	6
CHARLES MILLS	3	GEORGE ARCHER	7
JOHN SMITH...	4	JOHN SOUTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

The peal was rung in honour of the conductor's birthday.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

BRUERTON'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

ARTHUR EDGERTON ...	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
JAMES JONES	2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	6
THOMAS HORTON...	3	FRANK BURLEIGH	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	4	REUBEN HALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This peal was arranged as a farewell to the conductor who is shortly sailing for Australia, and who rang his first peal at the above church on the same bell.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOSEPH WOODS	...*Treble*	HENRY FYLES	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON... ...	2	EDWARD CAUNCE	6
GEORGE WOODHALL	3	*THOMAS R. STORER... ...	7
SYDNEY F. BARNES	4	EDWIN BREEZE... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal of Major.

STAVELEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

Arthur Craven	...*Treble*	Samuel Smedley, Senr.	5
Lewis G. Palmer	2	William T. Palmer ...	6
John Worthington	3	John R. Brooks	7
F. E. Parsons	4	John Flint	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by Arthur Craven.

Rung as a farewell to Mr. John Worthington, who is shortly returning to America, and also in honour of the eleventh anniversary of his wedding. J. Flint hails from Bolsover.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Heywood's Variation. Tenor 19½ cwt.

William Coley	...*Treble*	Harry Lea	5
Elijah White	2	William H. Webb	6
Victor White	3	Alfred Hackett	7
*Edward Bache	4	Matthew Hackett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Coley.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Somers, who have been prominent members of this church for a great number of years.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Rev. C. D. P. Davies' Variation. Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Frank Bennett ...	...*Tenor*	George Huxley	5
Isaac Emery	2	*Arthur Bygrave	6
*Spenser Marshall	3	George Durling	7
Hubert J. Blackwell ...	4	Alfred James	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal of Stedman.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

George Dawson	...*Treble*	Henry George	5
Herbert Day	2	Fredk. W. Hill	6
James Pagett	3	William C. Pilcher ...	7
John Flower	4	Alex. Hutchison ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Haley, and
Conducted by Fredk. W. Hill.

The quickest peal of Major on the bells. It was George Dawson's 95th peal, and the first he had rung away from his own tower (Duffield) where he had previously rung 94 peals.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

Ernest Brett	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	5
J. Armiger Trollope ...	2	Frank I. Hairs	6
*Bertram Prewett	3	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7
*Harold Burton	4	James E. Davis ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by James E. Davis.

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

SELBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Abbey Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 20 lbs.

*Albert Cryer	...*Treble*	*Horace Morley	5
*George Morley	2	Frederick Cryer	6
Charles Jackson	3	*Henry Fairlam	7
*James Jackson	4	Thomas Strudwick ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal. This composition, from "Grandsire," page 205, is now rung for the first time. Rung in honour of the dedication of the new South Transept, by His Grace the Archbishop of York. The new wing, with its beautiful stained glass window, which cost about £10,000, is the gift of Mr. Wm. Liversidge, a native of Selby.

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

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

Alfred R. Glasscock	...*Treble*	Norman A. Tomlinson ...	5
John Armstrong	2	*Alfred W. Grimes ...	6
Charles T. Coles	3	John E. Miller	7
Frederick G. Tegg	4	William Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung on the 76th birthday of Mrs. Pye, mother of the conductor.

CIRENCESTER, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity, Watermoor,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

William C. Minchin	...*Treble*	*Victor R. Williams ...	5
Harry Lewis	2	Charles E. Bartlett ...	6
Francis J. Lewis	3	John J. Jefferies	7
William C. Cuss	4	Wilfred G. Cook ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis J. Lewis.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged and rung as a wedding peal for the conductor (F. J. Lewis), who was married to Miss Margaret Little, at the Parish Church, on February 15th, a peal on that day being unfortunately lost.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Six-Part No. 11.

Ernest Carter	...*Treble*	James Elderfield	5
William Henley	2	James Blackmore	6
George Allder	3	George Basden	7
Joseph J. Parker	4	Walter E. Harris	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. J. Parker.

Rung on the 15th anniversary of the dedication of the two treble bells. Mr. Harris was elected a member of the above Guild before starting.

MARSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, September 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 5 lbs.

George H. Cross ...	...*Treble*	George Moy	5
George Soame	2	Frank Copeman	6
William A. Hempel ...	3	Fred J. Howchin	7
George Howchin	4	Albert G. Warnes ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by George Cross.

Rung as a compliment to F. Copeman on his 19th birthday.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S ONE-PART, No. 12. Tenor 11½ cwt., in F.

HENRY F. COOPER ...	...*Treble*	*PERCY LETCH	5
HENRY HEAD	2	ARTHUR HEAD	6
ALFRED TARBUN, Senr. ...	3	HARRY MOORE	7
ARTHUR EDWARDS	4	†JAMES WALDEN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR EDWARDS.
* First peal of Stedman. † First peal on eight bells.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 11½ cwt.

DAVID COTTON	...*Treble*	WALTER CANNER	5
JOHN HOUGH	2	ERNEST W. BEADSMOORE	6
WALTER HAIR	3	WM. W. WORTHINGTON ...	7
WILLIAM J. SMITH	4	REUBEN STEVENSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.
First peal of Triples as conductor. The peal was rung on Michaelmas Eve.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE	...*Treble*	GEORGE GATLAND	5
JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	ARTHUR HUTCHINGS ...	6
HENRY STALHAM...	3	KEITH HART	7
EDMUND H. LINDUP	4	BERT CHALLEN... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD E. FOREMAN	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
EDWARD TRENDELL ...	2	WILLIAM HEWETT	6
HAROLD BURTON	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
EDWIN G. BUESDEN... ...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
* First peal in a Surprise method.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

GEORGE WIGHTMAN...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ...	5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ...	2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	6
*GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ...	3	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ...	7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ...	4	WILLIAM SAWYER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.
* First peal.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN WYATT...	...*Treble*	ALBERT N. SELBY	5
JOHN HOYLE	2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ...	6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ...	3	CHARLES E. READ	7
CLARENCE H. DOBBIE ...	4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by W. E. GARRARD.
* First peal in the method.

BOLTON, BRADFORD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*ARTHUR AINGE	...*Treble*	JAMES COTTERELL	5
*FRANK R. CUNDALE... ...	2	JOHN MCKELL	6
PERCY J. JOHNSON	3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ...	7
JAMES R. KEMP	4	THOMAS R. HENSHER	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.
* First peal in the method. First peal of Double Norwich in the City of Bradford. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. G. Naylor to Miss Margaret Oates, of Lightcliffe, the ringers wishing them health and happiness; also as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd. Rung on the eve of St. Michael's day.

CHORLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

E. ROGER MARTIN	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE...	5
JAMES ARMSTRONG	2	SAMUEL WATKINSON ...	6
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ...	3	JOHN POTTER	7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG	4	WILLIAM H. HUNTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.
First peal in the method by all except the ringers of the 6th and 7th. Also first peal of Stedman on the bells.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 2 qr. 25 lbs.

JOSEPH J. PRATT... ...	...*Treble*	WALTER S. INWOOD ...	5
CHARLES T. COLES	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
HENRY WAITE	3	BERTRAM PREWETT	7
ERNEST PYE...	4	WILLIAM HONOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., a vice-president of the Association.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*WILLIAM HAYS... ...	...*Treble*	*BERT PERRITT	5
FRED STUBBS	2	ANDERSON Y. TYLER ...	6
*THOMAS JERVIS...	3	WILLIAM J. GILBERT ...	7
JAMES NICKERSON	4	FRANK KIRK	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
* First peal in the method. Rung on the eve of St. Michael and All Angels' Day.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES
Tenor 12¾ cwt.

GEORGE POVEY	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ...	2	ISAAC EMERY	6
REGINALD BROUGH	3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
JOHN WHEADON	4	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.
This is the first peal in the method by all the band, on the bells, and by the Association.

ROWLEY REGIS, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICTS GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEART	...*Treble*	THOMAS TAYLOR	5
FREDERICK BENDALL	2	WILLIAM COOPER	6
GEORGE GRIFFITHS	3	ALBERT MILLS	7
STANFORD WOODHALL ...	4	ELIJAH PAGETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

The above are all ringers at All Saints, West Bromwich, and wish to thank the Vicar of Rowley for the use of the bells, and also Messrs. Homer and G. H. Detheridge for making the necessary arrangements. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Peart, the band wishing him "many happy returns."

SELLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt., in A flat.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE	...*Treble*	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	5
WILLIAM HEWETT	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	3	*CHARLES W. BRETT ...	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method. This peal was rung, by special permission of the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford, on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;
GROVE'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HORACE HOWELL	...*Treble*	JOHN E. EATON	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ...	2	WALTER PIGOTT	6
*J. HERBERT BENFIELD ...	3	†GEORGE PIGOTT	7
JOHN BASS	4	JOSEPH PIGOTT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal inside. † First peal as conductor. Quickest peal on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, September 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's in ten methods, viz.:—i Cambridge Surprise, ii Double and Single Court, iii Double and Single Bob, iv Double and Single Oxford, v S. Clement's, vi Oxford Treble Bob, vii Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF	...*Treble*	JOSEPH T. DYKE	4
HERBERT HURDMAN	2	JOHN HOUGH	5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	3	DAVID COTTON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal in ten methods on the bells, and by the ringers of 2, 4, 5, 6.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH H. PARSONS	...*Treble*	FRED BRACE	4
*CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	2	WALTER J. BRETHERTON	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in seven methods on a bob bell.

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

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 of Single Court and three 720's each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR TAYLOR	...*Treble*	*J. FRANK PROCTOR	4
HARRY THORPE	2	DAVID B. OVERTON ...	5
WILLIAM G. THORPE	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Minor.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
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 10 cwts.

*GEORGE WHIFFEN	...*Treble*	JAMES FRENCH	4
FRANK CLAYDEN	2	ERNEST RIDGWELL	5
†JOHN TURNER	3	JAMES FLEUTY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. RIDGWELL.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. J. Fleuty has now rung a peal on every bell in the tower.

SWAINBY.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being four extents of Kent Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9½ cwt.

CHRISTOPHER J. WATSON ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. BLAKISTON ...	4
JOHN APPLETON	2	FREDERICK BARKER	5
JOHN T. GRAVES, Junr. ...	3	EDMUND MILBURN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

BLACKMOOR, HANTS,
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM FISHER	...*Treble*	ALFRED CROUCHER	4
†GEORGE FISHER	2	ERNEST NEWELL	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	3	CHARLES EDWARDS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal upon the bells.

LITTON CHENEY, DORSET.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WEST DORSET BRANCH.)

On Saturday, September 28, 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. Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

*GEORGE W. GREENING ...	...*Treble*	T. HERVEY BEAMS	4
WILLIAM OATES	2	W. S. B. NORTHOVER ...	5
W. J. ZEALLEY	3	*FREDERICK DENNETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. This peal was rung as a compliment to Mr. Fry, through whose liberality it was made possible recently to have the bells overhauled and put in a ringable condition.

POTTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, and two 720's each of College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 7¾ cwt.

SAMUEL STUBBINGS ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ...	4
GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	2	WILLIAM COMPTON	5
ALFRED BAILEY	3	EDMUND C. CHASTY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

MAULDEN, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine and Oxford. Tenor 11 cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLONE	...*Treble*	CHARLES STAPLETON ...	4
PERCY J. COOKE	2	CHARLES WM. CLARKE ...	5
WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	3	CHARLES A. ROBINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

First peal on the bells.

ST. DECUMAN'S, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being Forty-two Six-Scores. Tenor 18 cwt.

HAROLD PROLE	...*Treble*	ROBERT W. HENSLEY ...	4
FREDERICK SULLY	2	WILLIAM BENNETT	5
EDWARD THOMAS	3	WALTER J. PROLE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WM. BENNETT.

First peal by all except ringers of treble and fifth.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM NYE	4
FREDERICK G. MACEY ...	2	THOMAS JULL	5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ...	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Rung for morning service at the Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, September 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT 120, CROYLAND ROAD,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

WILBY J. HAZELL	1—2	CHARLES H. HORTON ...	5—6
JOHN THOMAS	3—4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	7—8

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: MR. F. CONN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to C. H. Horton. It was his first peal of Triples on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, September 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT COMMERCIAL HOUSE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: S. RADFORD and T. W. RADFORD,

This composition has all the 6,7's at back stroke. For calling see "Stedman," page 64.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

JOHN THORPE	1—2	ARTHUR HAGUE	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	*WILLIAM E. UNSTEAD ...	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: R. W. COLLIER.

* First peal.

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

On Friday, September 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
97, EDEN BRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL... ...	1—2	JOHN THOMAS	5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	3—4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	7—8
JAMES PARKER	9—10		

Composed by F. G. MAY, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

HARROW, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT 16, WELLESLEY ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5002 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM ROUGHTON ...	1—2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ..	5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE ...	3—4	FRANK T. MARTIN	7—8
CHARLES N. LEMAN	9—10		

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

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

On Sunday, September 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK DEWELL ...	1—2	ARTHUR E. MOORE... ...	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER... ...	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: WILLIAM KEMP.

This peal was rung to replace a peal rang by the same band on August 28th, 1911, which was afterwards proved to be false in several places, Mr. F. Dench having published the composition in 1897 as a 5,056 of Brighton Treble Bob and not intending it for Kent.

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

On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM W. KEMP ...	1—2	HARRY A. TURNER ...	5—6
FREDERICK DEWELL ...	3—4	JOHN SPARROW	7—8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by HARRY A. TURNER.
Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

* First peal double-handed and first attempt.

The umpire to the peal of Triples rang at Leytonstone on September 4th was Mr. J. Parker.

The peal rung at Maldon, Essex, on Sept. 21st, and credited to the Ely Association, was rung for the Essex Association.

The conductor of the peal at Llangibby, on Sept. 14th, was Walte Large and not George Large.

SALOP GUILD'S ANNUAL MEETING AT SHREWSBURY.

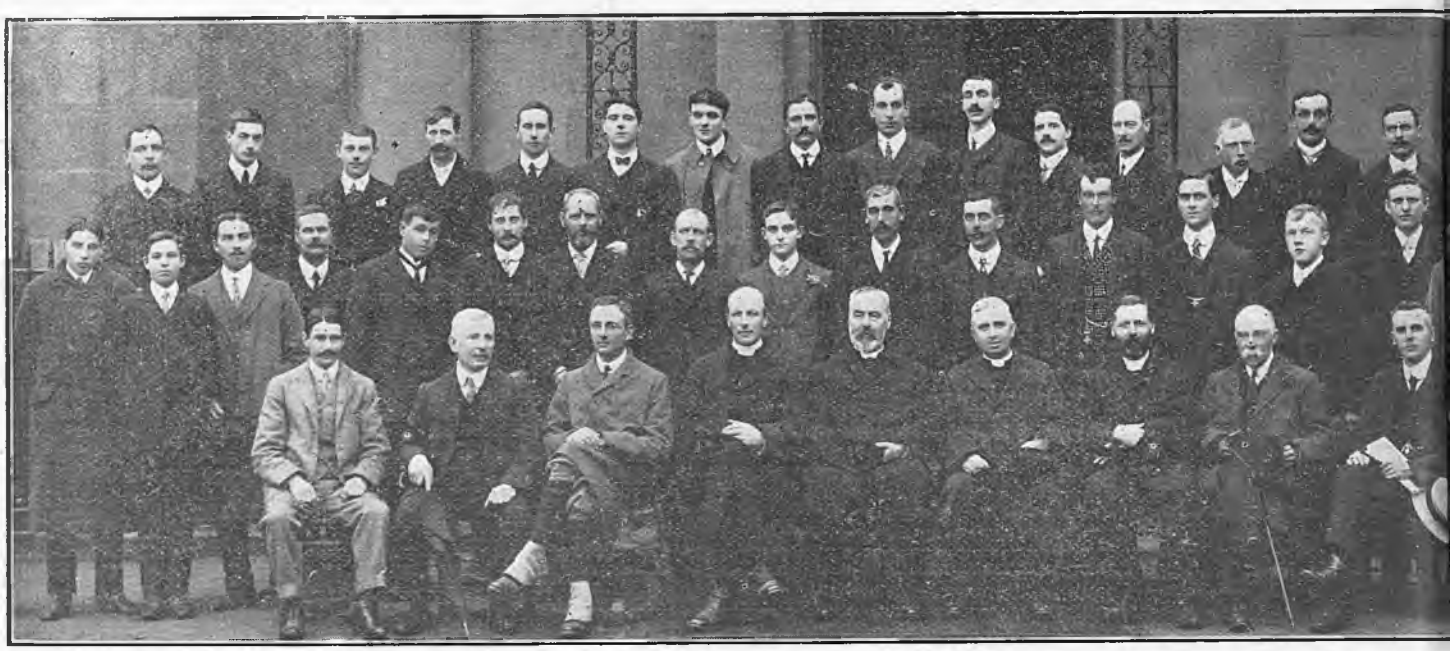


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SALISBURY GUILD.

BAD GOING BELLS RENDER CHANGE RINGING DIFFICULT.

A successful meeting of the Marlborough Branch was held at Marlborough last Saturday. Some of the ringers visited Overton, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were brought round, but an attempt for Cambridge Surprise Minor failed through the breaking of the fifth rope. A return was then made to Marlborough, where ringing had been taking place at St. Mary's Church, at which, also, the Guild service was held.—Tea was afterwards provided at the Angel Temperance Hotel, and at the subsequent business meeting, presided over by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, the Secretary (Mr. J. Butler) explained that he had been unable to get the names of the ten Wootton Bassett ringers whose election had to be confirmed. They were, therefore, elected in a body.—After tea, the towers of St. Mary's, St. Peter's and Preshute Churches were visited, and the bells kept going until late in the evening. Touches in various methods were brought home, but, owing to the bad " go " of the bells in this district, very little change ringing could be done.

PAINSWICK FEAST.

On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for the celebrated Painswick Feast, a large number of ringers visited Painswick, from Stroud, Gloucester, Cheltenham, Bristol, Newport, Wooton-under-Edge, Upton St. Leonard's, Barnwood, and Witcombe, and with the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths, rang some good touches on the famous Painswick bells. For Divine service at 9.15 a.m., the touches included Grandsire Triples and Caters; for the 11 a.m. service, a good touch of Grandsire Cinques; for the " clipping " service, several touches of Grandsire Triples and a course of Cinques; and for the evening service, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and a course each of Bob Royal and Grandsire Cinques. All the visitors appreciated the excellent " go " and tone of the bells. The various touches were conducted by Messrs. Albert Wright, John Austin and William Hale.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch of the Lancashire Association was held on Saturday last at All Souls' Church, Bolton. Members were present from Newchurch, Walkden, and Deane, with some of the local company. Good touches of Stedman, Treble Bob and Grandsire were rung, and it was proposed that the next meeting be held at St. Saviour's Church.

LEEDS SOCIETY'S MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Bolton, near Bradford, on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Calverley, Drighlington, Guiseley, Gargrave, Halifax, Hunslet, Holbeck, Mirfield, Pudsey, Queensbury, Shipley, Wakefield, and the local band. A peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, recorded elsewhere, was rung in the afternoon, and touches in other methods were rung in the evening.

The business meeting was held at the Bolton Hotel, with the President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) in the chair.—After formal business had been transacted, Messrs. T. R. Hensher, J. McKell, J. R. Kemp and J. W. Wright were elected members of the society.—The next meeting is on October 19th, at Headingley St. Chad's, and names were given in for a peal on that day, the final arrangements being left to the secretary.

Mr. J. Cotterell proposed, and Mr. J. McKell seconded, that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bolton for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for making the arrangements.—Mr. A. Gill responded.—Touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung on handbells during the evening.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

A SUGGESTION TO ALLESLEY CHURCH AUTHORITIES.

A monthly meeting was held at Allesley, near Coventry, last Saturday, about twenty-five members attending from Rugby, Coventry, Nuneaton, Sutton Coldfield, Allesley and Stratford-on-Avon. The bells are a light and musical ring of six, and go well, but they are rather noisy in the tower, and an additional floor in between the bells and the ringing chamber would undoubtedly be a great advantage. Some good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, and touches were brought round in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Oxford and Kent, and Plain Bob Minor.—The Rector (the Ven. Archdeacon Bree) very kindly entertained the company to tea, but unfortunately could not be present at the meal. The Rev. T. Mirams, however, looked in as his representative, and acknowledged the vote of thanks proposed by the hon. secretary to the Rector for his hospitality and welcome to the Guild. The Rector himself favoured the visitors with his presence later.—After tea various touches were indulged in on the handbells.—Seven new members were elected at this meeting.

PETTISTREE.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evensong, 360 Plain Bob and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Cooper 1, W. Reeve 2, R. Miles 3, E. Butler 4, C. Fisher (conductor) 5, D. Leggett 6.



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THE LINCOLN GUILD.

THE DEAN AMONG THE RINGERS.

The half-yearly meeting of the Northern branch of the Lincoln Guild was held at Gainsborough on Saturday last, 43 members and friends being present, representing 15 towers. Ringing in various methods was indulged in during the afternoon, and service was held in the Parish Church, Canon Standen (Vicar) and the Revs. Letts and Whitehead (curates) taking part, the last-named giving a most excellent and instructive address from the words of Psalm cl, 1.

Tea took place at the Coffee Palace, the President of the Guild (the Very Rev. Dean Fry) presiding, supported by Canon Standen, the Rev. R. Bond (Lincoln), the Rev. Whitehead (Gainsboro'), Mr. F. F. Linley (President of the Northern Branch), etc.

Mr. Linley expressed the pleasure it gave the members, and especially those belonging to Gainsborough, in having the Dean among them, proving that he was not merely a figure-head, but one who was taking a very lively interest in their work.

The Dean, who, on rising, had a most enthusiastic reception, said that his interest in the Association had not in the least abated, and considering the interest that had been shown in the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel at the Cathedral, was not likely to do so. He thanked the ringers, on behalf of the Bishop and himself, for the services rendered to the various churches by the ringing of the bells for calling congregations together.

The Dean having to leave the meeting at this juncture, Mr. F. F. Linley took the chair.—The Rev. R. Bond proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Gainsborough Parish Church Guild of Ringers, who had so excellently entertained the members to tea, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to visit them again, it being the town wherein he held his first curacy, and where he was taught the art of change ringing. He wished the ringers' Guild prosperity and happiness, and extended a hearty welcome to the members of the North Notts Association who had paid them a visit that day.—Mr. G. Chester (Lincoln) proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar (Canon Standen) for kindly granting the use of the bells and for arranging the service, to the Rev. Whitehead for his excellent address, and to the choir boys and organist for their valuable assistance.—Mr. J. C. Tinker proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. F. F. Linley for presiding, and this concluded the business, after which the ringers wended their way back to the church, where the bells were soon busy.—The following methods were rung during the day: Bob Minor and Major, Kent Minor and Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, also touches upon the handbells.

NEW RING OF SIX FOR MAULDEN, BEDS.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF ELY.

On Tuesday, Sept. 24th, the pretty village of Maulden, near Ampthill, was visited by the Bishop of Ely for the purpose of dedication of a new ring of six bells. They were formally a peal of five, and the three old trebles have been recast and a new treble added, the result being a very handy peal of six, hung with entirely new fittings and framework by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of Whitechapel. The work has been carried out in the most efficient manner, and reflects great credit upon the firm. The weight of the bells are as follows Treble, 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 17 lbs.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.; 3rd, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 23 lbs.; 4th, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb.; 5th, 8 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.; tenor (note G), 10 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs. A new clock was also dedicated. This shows time on one large dial, and plays the Westminster chimes, and was erected by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, of Derby.

The service began with the hymn, "Lift the strain of high thanksgiving," sung as a processional. The Bishop of Ely was attended by his chaplain (the Rev. Mowbray Smith), the Rural Dean (the Rev. J. H. Spokes, Barton), the Rev. H. B. Brown, the Rev. T. F. F. Williams, of Silsoe, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, of Higham Gobion. The following clergy were also present in their robes: The Revs. R. C. Whitworth (Wilstead), B. L. Postgate (Shillington), W. S. May (Ampthill), A. Crean (Flitton), T. Collinson (Gravenhurst), A. J. Foster (Wootton), and A. E. Lloyd (Campton). The Rector (the Rev. Cecil Bromley) was unable to be present owing to illness.

After the anthem, the Bishop, attended by his chaplain, the Rural Dean, the Rev. H. B. Brown, and the Rev. R. C. Cory, proceeded to the entrance of the belfry, where his lordship offered the formal prayer of dedication. After a special prayer the bells rang out a merry peal, and were then lowered. Miss Moore, of Maulden Cottage, the oldest Churchwoman in the parish, being 85 years of age, loosened the cord which set the clock in motion.

The Bishop then ascended the pulpit, where he preached from the text, "Wist ye not that I must be in My Father's house."—After service, peals were rung on the bells by the following members of the Beds Association: The Rev. W. W. C. Baker (President), Dunstable; the Rev. A. Rust (general secretary), Husborne Crawley; Messrs. A. King (district secretary, Luton district), J. Simms, H. Shepherd and H. Smith.

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ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The peal of Norfolk Surprise rung by the St. John's, Waterloo Road, band last Wednesday week is of more than passing interest. The band have now rung four peals in the method in four attempts. Three of these were the first in the method by three of the leading associations, viz., Kent, Norwich and Middlesex, and the fourth was the first in the county from which the method takes its name. The others include also the first peals in London and in Kent.

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Mr. George Dawson, of Duffield, has achieved a remarkable record. Although he rang his first peal as long ago as 1884—the "first peal on the bells, and the first by all the band" at Duffield, conducted by Sir Arthur (then Mr.) Heywood—he waited until last week before ringing his first peal away from his own tower. In the meantime he had scored 94 peals, and is now in his 63rd year.

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To a correspondent: Mr. Sydney F. Barnes, who recently took part in a peal at Oxton, Cheshire, is not the famous Staffordshire cricketer. Famous cricketers who are also members of the Exercise are very few, but one recalls the fact that the great Australian, M. A. Noble, was once, if not at present, a devotee of our Art, and during one of his tours in England visited and rang in a number of towers.

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The band at St. Matthew's Church, Auckland, New Zealand, are making progress, and have scored a 672 of Grandsire Triples and a quarter-peal. The former was rung for morning service on Sunday, August 4th, and the latter for morning service on August 11th, the band on each occasion being J. F. Colegrove 1, N. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, O. Throssell 4, S. C. Hamblin 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8. This looks promising, and we hope we may soon record a peal.

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In his letter, which we briefly mentioned last week, relating to the first peal of Stedman at Willenhall on August 14th, 1880, Mr. William Rock Small recalls two amusing incidents in connection with the performance. He writes: While ringing the peal the band was much annoyed by the choir boys, who had come to a practice, and continually shouted "bob" after the conductor made a call. When they at length desisted, a policeman came into the tower, walked round and took stock of the ringers. The conductor (Mr. Hallsworth) asked him to go down, and eventually he did so. . . . Despite these disturbing incidents a good peal was rung.

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The Rev. Maitland Kelly writes: In the report of the handbell peal rung at Plymouth on September 14th it is stated that Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Major, and the first to ring a peal in the Devonshire Guild. The latter sentence is correct as regards handbells, but not as to tower bells, for Miss Elliot, of Tiverton, about two years ago rang a peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells of St. Peter's, Tiverton, so to her belongs the credit of being the first lady to ring a peal for the Devonshire Guild.

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The Mr. Frank Bennett, to whom a farewell peal, prior to his sailing for Australia, was rung last week at Oldbury, must not be confused with the popular and energetic secretary of the Cumberlands. The Oldbury ringer will depart with the best of good wishes from a large circle of friends.

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Mr. G. Naylor, until recently honorary secretary of the Halifax Association, has joined the ranks of the benedicts. Congratulations!

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A C.E.M.S. peal of Grandsire Caters was rung at Dudley on Saturday, and is believed to be the first time a ten-bell peal has been rung in which all those taking part are members of this rapidly growing society of Churchmen.

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All the bells but the tenor in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Helmingham, Suffolk, on Saturday, were rung by Wightmans. Are they intent on rivalling the performance of the Bailey family? When, by the way, is the next peal to be rung by the Leiston brothers?

* * *

The ring of five bells of Marston Bigott, near Frome, Somerset, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame complete, with all the most modern fittings, and a new treble added. The work of restoration has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry.

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Our inquiry as to the oldest man to ring a 5000 brings a reply from Mr. Philip Hodgkin, of Headcorn, Kent, who writes that on Monday, October 25th, 1813, at St. Nicholas Church, Leeds, Kent, the Leeds Youths, "to exercise five young hands," rang a complete peal of 5040 changes of Bob Major in 3 hours 12 minutes. James Barham (age 88 years) treble, Richard Gibbons 2, Thomas Bigg, senr., 3, William Holland 4, James Bolden 5, James Holland 6, Thomas Bigg, junr., 7, Thomas Cook, tenor. Conducted by T. Bigg, junr. We hope Mr. Gosling, of Mansfield, who, at the age of 85, has just rung a peal of Treble Bob, may be spared to eclipse this record of a wonderful old ringer.

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Is there a band that can beat the record of the company at Wool? They have rung regularly four times every Sunday for the last five years.

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Our reference, in a recent number, to the peal recorded on a jug at Barnsley has brought us information of another such record at Chesterfield, where, we are told, in a hotel near the church is a jug recording a peal of Canterbury Pleasure Caters.

LITTLE BOB MAJOR.

By E. BARNETT, CRAYFORD.

23456	W	M	H
53426	S		
45632	—	—	
63452	—		—
46235	—	—	
34265	—		
63245	—		
26534	—	—	
32564	—		

Eleven times repeated, with S for B in fifth course of the 6th and 12th parts. Reduced to 5088 by calling the third course of first part S 3rds, S 5ths, which cuts out five courses and produces the part end. This peal has 4, 5 and 6 their extent in sixths. First rung at Crayford as 5088, Sept. 28th, 1912, conducted by the composer.

"THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Sir,—It certainly would appear, after reading the Rev. Boughey's letter in your issue of Sept. 6th, that the eight hours' ringing at Cambridge could not have annoyed anyone. But those who have the pleasure of knowing the reverend gentleman will agree with me in saying that it would be impossible to refuse a request made by him or complain of any action of his, so genial is his manner to all. But apart from this there can be no doubt that we ringers are to a very great extent a nuisance to the public, and judging by the peal records, an increasing nuisance, and unless we show people a little more consideration we shall, in my opinion, be faced with a determined opposition, brought about by the craze for ringing peals. That it is a craze, which can be as baneful in its effects on the Exercise, as it is frequently an annoyance to the public, the following incident will show. An unsuccessful attempt, by a mixed band, was made for a peal at Acton on Sept. 18th. Permission for this was absent-mindedly given by the Rector, who had overlooked his promise that the tower should not be open for peal ringing until the local band, which was formed early in the year, had attained a fair degree of efficiency. This arrangement will be quite intelligible to those who know the position of Acton Church, situated as it is adjacent to a busy and populous neighbourhood. Also the only evening in the week on which a peal can be attempted is Wednesday, the half-holiday and practice night of the local band. This arrangement was well known to the applicant for the bells, but an appeal to him was of no avail, though it was pointed out that his attempt for a peal would be depriving a band of learners of their much-needed practice, many of the practices having been lost during the year mainly owing to the position of the Church. I can only hope that the other members of the band, some of whose records stand foremost in the Exercise, were not aware of this. If towers are obtained for peals with such scant consideration for the local band, the sooner the compilation of peal averages, and incidentally the Warner cup, are abolished the better. The secretary of the local Association, under which the peal, if successful, would have presumably been published, has no powers to deal with such a case, as there does not appear to be any regulation in existence to deal with ringers whose enthusiasm for their own personal powers makes them both a nuisance to the public and their fellow ringers. It would appear necessary to have powers of restraint as well as means of promulgation included in the rules of the various ringing organisations.

J. R. MACKMAN.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

ASHFORD DIVISION PROPOSE TO MEET IN A SUSSEX TOWER.

The Ashford Division of the Kent Association held a meeting at Appledore on Saturday, by kind permission of the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt). The attendance numbered nearly thirty, the towers represented, in addition to the local one, being: Ashford, Brabourne, Hythe, New Romney, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney and Tenterden, and some well-struck touches of Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon. A service, conducted by the Vicar, was held, Miss Avery kindly presiding at the organ. A meat tea was partaken of at the Swan Hotel, under the chairmanship of Mr. G. B. Anderson, of New Romney. Subsequently the Vicar arrived to preside at the business meeting. Wye was selected as the place for the meeting in February next, and on that occasion the usual travelling expenses will be allowed.—A rather lengthy discussion took place regarding the place for the meeting in May. Many of the members seemed to be extremely anxious to hold a meeting at Rye, a tower in Sussex, and on the borders of Kent. Whether this is wise or not remains to be seen, and whether it will be held depends on the action of the committee. There are forty towers in the Ashford Division, of which only about half belong to the Association, so there is still a good deal of spade work necessary to cultivate change ringing in unattached towers. On the face of those conditions, therefore, it seems that the best course would be to make Rye an extra meeting. Then there is the Sussex Association, to which Rye is affiliated, to be taken into account, and Mr. A. R. Manning, who was the proposer of the resolution, suggested that the meeting should take the form of a combined assembly of the two Associations, subject to the consent of the committee.—Mr. T. A. Vincett seconded, and this was carried.—Probably the meeting, if it takes place, will be the largest ever known in the ancient town, and the writer, who is closely associated with the borough, hopes to see well over a hundred in attendance. It is to be hoped the Kent Committee will view the matter favourably, and Sussex would probably do the same when approached.

The question of the opening of Saltwood bells was next discussed.—On the proposition of Mr. A. R. Manning, seconded by Mr. G. B. Anderson, it was decided to write to the general secretary to ascertain if the Association's services would be needed for the opening ceremony, and it was decided, if they are, that the arrangements be left in the hands of the district secretary.

On the proposition of Mr. G. B. Anderson, seconded by Mr. S. A. Gower, the Vicar was heartily thanked for the use of the bells, the service, and for presiding.

The Chairman, in response, said he looked upon it as a privilege and pleasure to be connected with an Association of their kind, and especially so, because he was connected with a church with a good peal of bells and a set of bell ringers, who took a great interest in bell ringing. It was a very great pleasure to his bell ringers to welcome members from other churches, and a special pleasure to him to preside, as there were not only parishes in his deanery represented, but delegates from Hythe, a church he was connected with for 18 months. He had not seen them since he left that parish, and would like to say how much he welcomed them as well as others. He hoped the associations and guilds throughout the country would live long and prosper.

Subsequently the tower was again visited, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

On Saturday, at Cookham, Berks, a meeting took place for combined practice, about 20 members being present, representing Burnham, Chalfort St. Peter, Cookham, Fulmer, Farnham Royal, Maidenhead, Old Windsor, and Stoke Poges. Several 360's of Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung. Also 120 of Grandsire Doubles, in which Miss Ellis, of Halesworth, took part, and 120 of Stedman Doubles, to which Mr. E. Keeley, of Cookham, rang the tenor. Mr. Keeley is one of the Guild's oldest members. The local ringers rang the bells in rounds.

The monthly combined practice for the Sonning branch was held on Saturday, at Arborfield. The number of members present was rather below the average, viz.: Binfield (3), Hurst (2), Sandhurst (1), Easthampstead (1), and the local band (5). Some good touches of Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Cambridge, Double Court, Double Oxford, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles were rung, and also Grandsire Triples on handbells.

RINGERS' LAST TRIBUTE.

On Saturday, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half-muffled, at the Church of St. Andrew, Holborn, as a token of respect to the late Ex-P.C. Thomas Hickmore, City of London Police. The deceased, who was held in the highest esteem as a Church worker, passed away recently, after a long and painful illness.

The ringing was done by the following: A. Riley 1, C. H. Hughes 2, R. W. Green 3, H. S. Ellis 4, T. Walker 5, J. Cornford 6, B. Horton 7, F. A. Nunn 8. Afterwards three courses of Stedman Triples were rung by the following: T. Walker 1, C. H. Hughes 2, H. Gowlett 3, H. S. Ellis (conductor) 4, R. W. Green 5, B. Horton 6, J. Cornford 7, F. A. Nunn 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, A. Riley ringing the treble.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

SIX-BELL RINGERS' PROGRESS.

The second quarterly meeting of the year was held at Bolsover on Saturday last, and proved very enjoyable and successful. Rrepresentatives were present from Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Chesterfield, Cotgrave, Darley Dale, Derby, Ilkeston, Loughborough, North Wingfield, Nottingham, Ripley, Palterton, Sandiacre, and Sheffield, in addition to the local ringers, and some very good ringing was done during the afternoon and evening, Stedman, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol and London Surprise being amongst the methods rung.

Tea was served in the National Schools. Mr. J. W. Taylor (vice-president) took the chair at the subsequent business meeting, supported by the Rev. Webb-Peploe (Vicar of Bolsover), the Rev. S. M. Wheeler (curate), the Hon. Treasurer, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Arthur Knights, Mr. John Flint, and others. Mrs. J. W. Taylor and several other ladies were also present.—Eight new ringing members were elected.

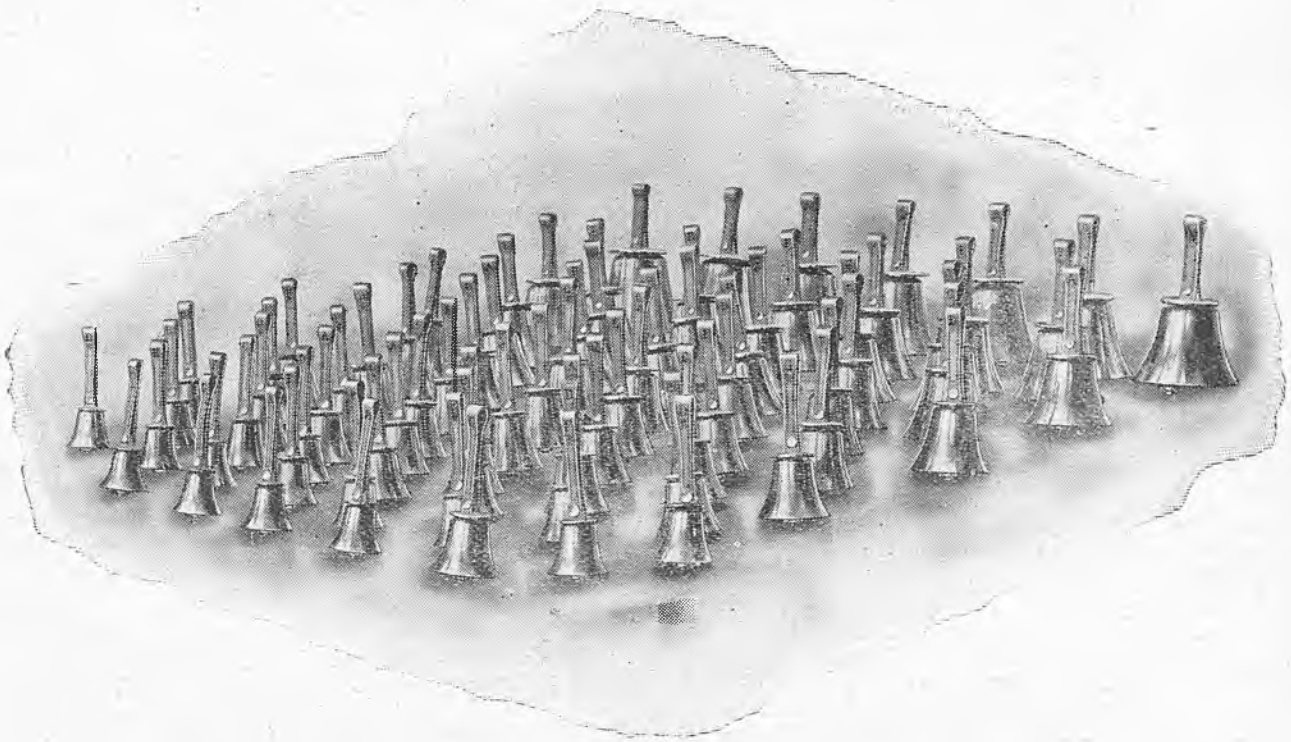
The Chairman, in the course of his remarks on the work done during the past quarter, drew special attention to the great increase in the number of peals rung on six bells, and also to the higher standard of the methods rung. Eleven of these peals had been rung during the past quarter, eight of which were 5040's in seven methods, and one a 5040 in ten methods. He also noticed the first peal of Stedman Triples in the county of Rutland, which had been rung at Oakham, and a peal of Grandsire Caters, the first on handbells in the town of Derby.

The Vicar, replying to a vote of thanks for the use of the bells and schoolroom, said he was pleased to welcome the Association to Bolsover, and hoped to have the pleasure again in the near future.—Thanks were also passed to the local men for making the arrangements for the day, and to Mr. Taylor for presiding. This terminated the meeting, and a move was made to the tower, where ringing was continued until time compelled the visitors to seek their trains for home.

WEDDING BELLS.

At Wakefield, Yorks, on Tuesday, Sept. 24th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. Scott (a member of the local band) to Miss A. Morris, the Cathedral Society rang a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 52 mins.: W. Peaker 1, G. Hinsley 2, J. Moorhouse 3, J. W. Moorhouse (composer and conductor) 4, T. L. Moorhouse 5, J. Thos. Eason 6, T. R. Hensher 7, F. Cockell 8. The composition contains twelve each of the 74's, 46's and 67's.

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BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Eaton Socon on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 o'clock.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Members please note that the next meeting will be held at Preston on October 5th. Bells available from 3 to 7.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Yatton on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 4 o'clock. Service at 5. Tea and business meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Wombourn on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available at 3. Service in church at 5.30. Brake will leave High Level Station, Wolverhampton, at 2.45, return fare 1s. 3d.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATIONS.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Belbroughton on Saturday, October 5th, service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea kindly provided by the Rector in the schools at 5.30. Business meeting to follow. Bells (6) and also Clent (8) available at 3 p.m. Motor 'bus leaves Stourbridge Town Station (not Hagley) at 3.15 p.m. and 4.45 p.m. for Belbroughton.—E. J. Dowler, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham, Honorary Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bassaleg on Saturday, October 5th, at 4 p.m.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Piercefield, Barrack Hill, Newport, Mon., Honorary Secretaries.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Heene, Worthing, on Saturday, October 5th. Bells available from 3.30 to 9 p.m. Tea at the Church Room at 5 p.m. Service at 6. West Tarring bells will also be available in the evening.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—The annual meeting for this district will be held at Dunmow on Saturday, October 5th. Bells ready 3 p.m.; tea 5.30, at the Angel and Harp. Will those intending being present kindly send notice to A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Hernhill on Saturday, October 5th, 1912. Tower open at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided at the school at 5.30 p.m.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Cottenham, on Saturday, October 12th. Short service at 5 o'clock, tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president to be sent to the branch secretary not later than October 11th. A good attendance of ringers is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Halifax on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Tenor 11 cwt. 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 me by October 7th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry, G.N.R.) on Saturday, October 12th. Tea 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, at the White Horse Inn. Will those members and friends who intend to be present kindly notify Mr. S. W. Law, Misson, Bawtry, by Wednesday, October 9th.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at "Ye Olde Gate" at 5.30 p.m., 1s. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Through the kindness of the Rector tea will be provided for all members notifying me not later than Tuesday, October 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares to two shillings paid.—G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Tea provided for all those sending in their names to me by the Wednesday previous. Defford Station 2½ miles.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—A quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Salehurst (Robertsbridge Station) on October 12th. Ringing from 3 to 8 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m., 6d. each to members.—George H. Howse, Divisional Secretary, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The meeting at Dore is POSTPONED till Saturday, October 12th.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society. Established 1824).—A quarterly general business meeting of the association will be held at

the headquarters room, the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held Saturday, October 26th.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's Hackney, on October 15th and 29th; Southwark Cathedral on the 8th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at four o'clock. Tea at the King of Denmark at 6 o'clock. There will also be a practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, October 12th, from 3 to 5 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, October 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Honorary Secretary, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

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CONDUCTOR.

SHALFORD. — Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Sept. 18th, 720 Bob Minor: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, W. Moorey 2, T. Streeter 3, T. Thompson 4. G. Elston 5, R. Whittington (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. R. Whittington.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SWINDON.

The Swindon Parish Church bell ringers had their outing on September 14th, and spent a most enjoyable time. The party, accompanied by Mr. William Newell (Reading) and Mr. James H. Shepherd (Wolverhampton), left Swindon by G.W.R. at 7.22 a.m. for Bath, where a motor char-a-banc was awaiting their arrival. A trip to Marshfield was the first item on the programme, and the ride thither was most pleasant. The church was visited and the bells were rung for a short time. Leaving Marshfield at 10 o'clock, the company reached Wotton-under-Edge a few minutes before 11, and, after the morning service, ringing was indulged in for half an hour. Dursley, a distance of about five miles, was the next stopping place, and here some of the local ringers were met and the bells were soon set going. A short time was spent at Berkeley, and the tower, which is situated some distance from the church, was the object of much interest. The bells here were also rung. The next objective was Thornbury, where an excellent dinner was partaken of at the Swan Hotel. An adjournment was afterwards made to the Parish Church tower, and the bells were rung for about half-an-hour. Leaving Thornbury at 4 o'clock, a stop was made at Olveston, where some more ringing was done. The last call was at Almondsbury, and the church tower was found to contain a magnificent ring of bells. Two courses of Plain Bob Major were rung here. The company then proceeded to Bristol, where an hour was spent before taking train to Swindon.

SMETHWICK.

The Smethwick band had their outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th, and visited London. Thanks to the kind offices of Messrs. E. T. Coles and G. M. Kilby, of Willesden, St. Mary's bells were at the disposal of the visitors. Several members of the local company awaited the Smethwick men's arrival, and everything was in readiness for ringing. A seven-method Minor peal was started for, the first 720, Double Court, coming round in fair style. The band by that time were used to the bells, and College Single was beautifully rung. Double Oxford, however, proved their Waterloo, a trip midway causing a shift course, and so ended the peal attempt. The band stood: J. H. Benfield 1, Miss S. Pigott 2, H. Howell 3, W. Pigott 4, G. Pigott 5, J. Pigott (conductor) 6. Afterwards, 360 Kent Treble Bob was rung, Mr. Kilby standing in. After saying farewelll to the local band, the visitors proceeded to the city, where, after satisfying the wants of the inner man, the rest of the time until midnight was spent in seeing the sights. The band desire to convey their gratitude for the very hearty welcome they received from the Willesden men, and hope to take advantage of their offer in the near future to come up and finish the peal.

ST. MARTIN'S, GOSPEL OAK.

On Sept. 14th, the ringers of this church spent a most pleasant day at Tring. The church contains a nice peal of eight bells, and the visitors, who were met by the steeple keeper and local ringers, soon set the bells going to Grandsire Triples. Touches of 336 and 504 (conducted by Mr. Alderman) were brought round, being the longest lengths by two of the local men. A capital spread had been provided at the George Hotel, and afterwards the party again wended their way to the tower, where they were strengthened by Mr. A. King from Luton. One of the local men desired to ring a quarter-peal, and the company had the pleasure of scoring a well-struck 1260 in 45 mins.: C. Pryer 1, N. Alderman 2, A. Brightman 3, E. Young 4, E. Bonfield 5, W. R. Melville 6, A. King (conductor) 7. A. V. Tompkins 8. It was the first quarter-peal by the ringers of 6th and tenor. With the assistance of Messrs. E. F. Cole and R. Bevan, who had by this time arrived, Grandsire was changed to Stedman, Treble Bob and Bob Major, the steeple keeper ringing the treble for the first time to Major. After tea, the visitors once more ascended the tower to have a final pull with more of the local ringers until the eight o'clock service, when they adjourned to the George for a social hour with their friends. The band wish, through "The Ringing World," to tender their best thanks to the Vicar for the use of bells, to Mr. F. Reeve for making such splendid arrangements, and to the local ringers for joining them

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The formation of the Ladies' Guild is progressing in the most satisfactory manner, and among our notices this week will be found the preliminary announcement of the inaugural meeting, which is to be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields on October 26th. Thus are the fair sex entering upon an independent existence in the realms of change ringing—a position which they have fully established for themselves, by reason not only of the peal at Cubitt Town, but by their numbers scattered throughout the length and breadth of the land, and the increasingly active part they are taking in the Art. At the moment of writing we do not know exactly what the strength of the Guild is likely to begin at, but that the response has been encouraging to the promoters is obvious from the fact that the organisation is to be formally launched a fortnight hence. Whatever else the Guild may do—the members will be too scattered to be expected to ring many peals together—it is certain to give an impetus to the Art among ladies, and to draw them together by a still closer bond.

It was the peal at Cubitt Town which led to the idea of a Guild for ladies being brought to a definite issue, and there is something rather appropriate in the fact that the announcement of the inaugural meeting coincides with a suggestion put forward by a correspondent in another column that a commemorative tablet of the ladies' peal should be erected by the male members of the Exercise. The pluck and perseverance of the band has been admired by every ringer, and we feel sure a large number will be only too glad of the opportunity of showing their admiration by contributing to a fund for the erection, in the belfry where the peal was rung, of a fitting record of the great performance.

Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, who puts the proposal forward, suggests that the subscriptions should be limited to a penny each, in order that as large a number as possible may have a share in the project. He also suggests that the Editor of "The Ringing World" should act as treasurer of the fund. Needless to say, if this meets with the general approval of those who wish to subscribe, we shall be only too happy to act in this capacity, and sums forwarded will be acknowledged through these columns. We feel sure it only needs this intimation that the fund has been started, to secure a prompt and widespread response. The ultimate style of tablet depends, of course, entirely upon the amount available, and we propose to request one or two representative men of the Exercise to act in conjunction with the committee of the Ladies' Guild, when appointed, to settle details.

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On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

James Motts	...*Treble*	William Hewitt	7
Edgar Pemberton	2	Charles A. Catchpole...	8
William P. Garrett ...	3	Edward Evans...	9
Charles J. Sedgley ...	4	James E. Davis	10
William L. Catchpole ...	5	Robert H. Brundle ...	11
William Motts...	6	Alfred W. Grimes...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by James Motts.

The peal was especially arranged and rung to oblige Alfred W. Grimes, J. E. Davis and W. Hewitt, who hail from London, and were having a week-end in Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5400 CHANGES;

*Harry Dewey	...*Treble*	Walter Claydon	6
Arthur Holman	2	George H. Croucher ...	7
Henry F. Ewins	3	Thomas Sparks	8
*Oscar Gilbey	4	Henry A. Hoad	9
Albert Harman	5	George F. Hoad ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George F. Hoad.

* First peal on ten bells. First peal by the Southern Branch of the above Association.

LEEDS, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in F.

*William H. Lambert ...	...*Treble*	Frank Bennett	6
†Ernest J. Dobbie	2	*Charles Tribe	7
†Edwin F. Pike...	3	*Hubert J. Blackwell ...	8
†Isaac Emery	4	†William Spice...	9
Robert J. Dawe	5	*Phillip Hodgkin ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by William T. Elson, and
Conducted by Frank Bennett.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters. It was R. J. Dawe's 300th peal and the 100th by C. Tribe.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, September 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

Clarence Gooch ...	...*Treble*	Ernest Whiting	5
Edwin Whiting... ...	2	John Snelling...	6
George Snelling	3	Frederick R. Borrett...	7
Bertie Turner	4	Frederick Seager ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by F. R. Borrett.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal in the method by all except the conductor.

KEIGHLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¼ cwt.

Herbert Green... ...	...*Treble*	Robert W. Jennion ...	5
John Edmondson	2	Sam Bateman	6
Eddie Green	3	John Hall	7
Thomas Bancroft	4	Smith Murgatroyd	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. Brierley, and
Conducted by Thomas Bancroft.

Rung with the bells half-muffled to the memory of the late William Bastow.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

Joseph A. Lambert ...	...*Treble*	Albert Calver	5
James D. Drewett	2	Thomas Steers	6
Douglas W. Drewett ...	3	*Robert Grimwood	7
Benjamin Morris	4	William H. Joiner	...*Tenor*

Composed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and
Conducted by Joseph A. Lambert.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Witney and Woodstock Branch.)
On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

*Herbert Long... ...	...*Treble*	†George Brooks	5
Albert Brooks...	2	John Monk	6
Ernest Brown...	3	Jesse Brooks	7
Thomas Bull	4	Christopher R. Walker	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Monk.

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

RAWTENSTALL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 14 cwt.

Thomas Rollerson	...*Treble*	†George Hy. Hargreaves	5
Thomas Collinge	2	*William Graham	6
*Fred. Wallwork	3	*William Rideough... ...	7
James Rollerson	4	Alex. Rideough ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George H. Hargreaves.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor and Mr. H. B. Worswick.

RYDE, ISLE-OF-WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Five-Part (No. 2.) Tenor 26½ cwt.

Charles J. Hainer ...	...*Treble*	William E. Ward... ...	5
*Rev. J. C. Cantlow ...	2	Edward Hatcher	6
George H. Coombes ...	3	A. Richard Ward	7
Percy Long	4	T. William Kemp ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Richard Ward.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to the Rev. J. C. Cantlow, who was returning to his duties at St. Stephen's, Carlisle, and in celebration of his former association with the Ryde band. He was re-elected member of the Guild previous to starting.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 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.

William Dellar ...	...*Treble*	William Wheeler... ...	5
Harry Bottrill	2	Harry Smale	6
George Dent	3	John Cordell	7
Henry F. Cooper	4	Isaac Cavill	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. Dains, and
Conducted by G. Dent.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(Sheffield District Society.)

On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary and All Saints,

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

Tenor 24½ cwt.

George Hollis	...*Treble*	William J. Thyng... ...	5
George Davies	2	Arthur Knights	6
*Frederick E. Smith... ...	3	George A. Thompson ...	7
Frank Jacobs	4	Benjamin A. Knights ...	*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method by the local band.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Lewisham,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 22¾ cwt.

*Merrick R. Warnett ...	*Treble*	Fredk. Wm. Richardson	5
William W. Fox	2	William J. Jefferies ...	6
Thomas Taylor	3	Harry Warnett, Senr....	7
Joseph Law	4	*Henry J. Norgate... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Warnett, Senr.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. R. Warnett, son of the conductor.

MACCLESFIELD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 cwt.

Rev. A. T. Beeston	...*Treble*	John M. Davenport ...	5
William Walmsley	2	*Arthur Burgess	6
Wilfred Matthews... ...	3	Alfred Mottershead ...	7
Thomas Mottershead ...	4	Joseph Norbury ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Rev. A. T. Beeston.

* First peal. Rung, half-muffled, as a mark of respect for the memory of Colonel J. W. H. Thorpe, of Macclesfield, and Mr. William H. Ingham, of Sutton, recently deceased, both of whom were long associated with the Guild.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Stephen, Eastwood,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

*Arthur Hague ...	...*Treble*	John W. J. Cottam ...	5
*William E. Unstead ...	2	*Francis Green	6
Walter Allwood	3	R. Wilfred Collier ...	7
Clement Glenn	4	William Hurst ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Wilfred Collier.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the second anniversary of the dedication of the tower, spire and bells, the exact date (October 3rd) not being convenient on account of a service.

STAND, MANCHESTER.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

J. R. Chapman	...*Treble*	R. Lever	5
H. Fitton	2	Francis Bradshaw... ...	6
Mark Morris	3	W. Chambers	7
Samuel Morris	4	J. Norris	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Samuel Morris.

First peal on the bells by local men for over 25 years, and rung at the first attempt. Rung to commemorate the dedication of the bells after being recast and rehung in new steel frames by Messrs. Gillett and Johnson.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

*William Bashford	...*Treble*	Oscar Gilbey	5
*Frederick Bashford ...	2	*William Cheesman ...	6
Henry F. Ewins	3	Henry A. Hoad	7
Albert Harman	4	George F. Hoad ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by George F. Hoad.

* First peal on eight bells. Rung as the quarterly peal for the Southern Branch. The band wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of the Holy Trinity,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 10 lbs., in E.

*Joseph Hanley	...*Treble*	*James L. York...	5
John Overton	2	William Short	6
*Herbert Bailey	3	‡William Saunders... ...	7
Charles H. Watts... ...	4	†Arthur Garbett ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Short.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. ‡ First peal in the method away from the tenor. The conductor is now on his annual tour through the Hereford Diocese as instructor to the above Guild.

THORNABY-ON-TEES.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10¾ cwt.

Norman Kidd	...*Treble*	Rev. R. L. B. Oliver...	5
John Appleton	2	William Rudd	6
*John T. Graves, Junr. ...	3	John H. Blakiston ...	7
John H. Jones	4	Edmund Milburn ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by John H. Blakiston.

* First peal in the method.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At Holy Trinity Church,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES

Tenor 8¾ cwt., in A flat.

*Joseph Woolley	...*Treble*	Clement Glenn	5
Samuel Wesley	2	R. Wilfred Collier ...	6
*Arthur Hague	3	John H. Brothwell ...	7
Tom O'Hara	4	Walter Allwood ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. H. Lewis, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county.

RUGBY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD,
(St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.)
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Joseph B. Fenton	...*Treble*	Walter Malins	5
Alfred J. Hessian	2	Charles W. Wheeler	6
Harry O. White	3	John W. Chandler	7
Ernest J. Oliver	4	James George	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by J. B. Fenton.

Rung to welcome the new Rector of Rugby (Rev. Claude Martin Blagden), late of Christ Church College, Oxford.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 19½ cwt.

John Dale	...*Treble*	Charles T. Coles	5
Bertram Prewett	2	Reuben Sanders	6
Isaac G. Shade	3	William Pye	7
William Miller	4	Ernest Pye	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Dains, and
Conducted by William Pye.

SHERFIELD ENGLISH, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 9 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb., in A.

William T. Tucker	...*Treble*	Charles H. Russell	5
Lionel H. Page	2	Edwin J. Harding	6
William G. Edwards	3	George Williams	7
Leonard Harris	4	Owen H. Giles	...*Tenor*

Conducted by George Williams.

Rung as a wedding peal to the ringer of the 4th, who received the hearty congratulations of the band on its completion. E. J. Harding's 50th peal.

WRAXHALL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part.
Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

William G. Nipper	...*Treble*	William J. Perry	5
Fred G. May	2	Edwin J. Andow	6
Francis W. Nipper	3	George H. Collins	7
John H. B. Hesse	4	Anthony Lane	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred G. May.

All the above, except the conductor, belong to Wrington, and it was the first peal on eight bells by all except the ringers of 2nd and 4th.

COLSTON BASSETT, NOTTS
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven-and-a-half Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Divine,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Heywood's Variation of Thurstans'. Tenor 22½ cwt.

Walter White	...*Treble*	William C. Wakley	5
William E. White	2	R. Henry Bartram	6
J. James Jackson	3	*Thomas Squires	7
Albert P. Wakley	4	*William Allison	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert P. Wakley.

* First peal of Stedman.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 24 cwt., in E flat.

Herbert Cockings	...*Treble*	William H. Lambert	5
Charles Tribe	2	Robert J. Dawe	6
John J. Manktelow	3	Charles W. Player	7
Frank Bennett	4	Phillip Hodgkin	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Bennett.

CAVERSHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Reading Branch and St. Peter's Society, Caversham.)
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Harry Tucker	...*Treble*	*Ernest G. Frankum	5
Ernest W. Menday	2	Rev. Cyril Jenkyn	6
Hubert Hatto	3	Richard T. Hibbert	7
Albert D. Cullum	4	Walter Webb	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. Hibbert.

* First peal in the method.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes
At the Church of St. Peter,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

Joseph Woolley	...*Treble*	J. Charles Dicken	5
T. Roland Flint	2	Albert Coppock	6
William E. White	3	Samuel Wesley	7
*Alfred Barratt	4	Ernest J. Oliver	...*Tenor*

Composed by Henry Johnson, and
Conducted by Albert Coppock.

* First peal in the method.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

John T. Bottrill	...*Treble*	Harry Shuker	5
James W. Washbrook	2	Samuel Greenhalgh	6
George E. Turner	3	William Davies	7
Joseph Winterbottom	4	Harry Chapman	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. Washbrook.

Arranged for W. Davies, of Liverpool, and was his first peal in a Surprise method.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(Halesworth District.)
On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

*Leonard Kemp	...*Treble*	James Spalding	4
Frederick C. Lambert	2	Thomas Crane	5
*E. Austin Head	3	Walter Kerrison	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. Lambert.

* First peal of Minor. The treble ringer is only 15 years of age. Rung as a farewell peal to Captain and Mrs. P. Balfour, who are leaving Wissett Hall for an extended period, and who have taken great interest in the church choir and ringers.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)
On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs.

Horace W. Foulger	*Treble*	Frederick Dewell...	4
Frank J. Levitt	2	Robert Wilding	5
Oliver Bullman	3	Charles Woodcock	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. Foulger.

BURNHAM-ON-CROUCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(Maldon and District Guild.)
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Cambridge Surprise, Double Court, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

Joseph H. Waldock...	*Treble*	Alfred South	4
W. George Mansfield	2	Horace J. Mansfield	5
Harold Finch	3	Fred Chalk	*Tenor*

Conducted by Horace J. Mansfield.

Arranged for Joseph H. Waldock, who was made a member previous to starting, and who was instructor to the Burnham company until taking up his residence at Maldon. First peal on the bells which were augmented to a peal of six in June, 1911, by Messrs. Warner and Sons, who have made them a nice musical peal, which go splendidly.

WHIRTON, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six-scores. Tenor 15 cwt.

†William Jacques	*Treble*	†Henry W. Gaynton	3
*Arthur Minney	2	*Albert Minney	4

Harry Fowler ... *Tenor*

Conducted by H. Fowler.

* First peal. † First peal of Doubles. Albert Minney was elected a member before starting.

WESTON FAVELL, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being forty-two six-scores.

William Law	*Treble*	Thomas Law	3
Harry Clarke	2	*Alfred J. Richardson	4

Frank Rollings ... *Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Rollings.

* First peal.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD, AND
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of London Surprise, one of Chester, two of Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise, called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

Thomas W. Chapman	*Treble*	Geoffrey J. Stoneley...	4
Edgar Vallance	2	Thomas H. Vallance	5
Walter J. Horton	3	E. Harry Stoneley	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. Harry Stoneley.

First peal of Surprise Minor by the Warwickshire Guild, by all the band, and on the bells; also first by the Midland Counties Association.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTER.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of the Ever Blessed Virgin,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Seven different 720's. Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs. in E flat.

Joseph Williams	*Treble*	John Clark	4
W. J. Roberts	2	Charles L. Sadler	5
Edward Summers	3	William Poston	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Poston

First peal of Minor on the bells. First peal of Minor by ringers of treble and 2nd, who were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, St. Clements, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

Joseph A. Lambert	*Treble*	Frederick J. Lambert	4
Andrew Marshall	2	Jim Beach	5
Frederick Butchers	3	Edwin Lambert	*Tenor*

Conducted by Edwin Lambert.

First peal in seven methods by J. A. Lambert, who hails from Merton, Surrey.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch.)
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Grandsire, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*Ernest E. Barber	*Treble*	William Ranford	4
Gordon W. Checketts...	2	*James W. Edgington	5
William Page	3	†Robert G. Knowles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert G. Knowles.

* First peal in seven methods. † First peal in seven methods as conductor. This is the quarterly peal for the above branch.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
At 31, Burgess Street,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES;

Arthur Hague	1—2	John Thorpe	...5—6
Clement Glenn	3—4	R. Wilfred Collier...	...7—8

Composed by Arthur Craven, and
Conducted by Clement Glenn.

Umpire: Joseph Atkin.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

James M. Bailey	1—2	Charles F. Bailey	5—6
Ernest S. Bailey	3—4	Edgar H. Bailey	7—8

Composed by Frederick A. Holden, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)
On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur E. Moore... ...	1—2	Harry A. Turner... ...	5—6
Frederick G. Dewell...	3—4	Frank J. Levitt	7—8

Composed by J. Nicholl, and
Conducted by Frank J. Levitt.
Umpire: W. W. Kemp.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(The St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds.)
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. R. Moore, Cemetery Road,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Horace F. Moore... ...	1—2	Frederick G. Dewell	5—6
Arthur E. Moore... ...	3—4	Harry A. Turner ...	7—8
Frank J. Levitt	9—10		

Composed by Robert Williams, and
Conducted by Harry A. Turner.
Umpire: W. W. Kemp.

First peal of Kent Royal in hand by all; also by the above Association by a band resident in the diocese.

LEYTONSTONE.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. W. Pye, 8, Sansom Road,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Ernest Pye	1—2	George R. Pye	5—6
William Pye	3—4	James George	7—8

Conducted by George R. Pye.
Umpires: R. Sanders and E. T. Wigg.
This was the conductor's 100th peal on handbells.

SCARBOROUGH, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Belfry of the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Parker's Six-Part.

John R. Barton	1—2	Harry Gibson	5—6
Albert Coates	3—4	James Dixey	7—8

Conducted by J. Dixey.
Umpire: J. Fryers.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey...	1—2	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Maurice Smither... ...	7—8
		*William D. James ...	9—10

Composed by J. Carter, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpires: S. Radford, T. W. Radford and W. E. Maulden.
* First peal of Stedman on handbells. This composition is No. 12 on the Broadsheet. This peal was the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey's 50th peal "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	1—2	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	*William D. James	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Witness: W. E. Maulden.
* First peal of Stedman Triples in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

Rev. A. H. F. Boughey...	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	3—4	James Hunt	7—8
William D. James ...	9—10		

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpires: T. W. Radford and S. Radford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1—2	*William D. James ...	5—6
Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	3—4	James Hunt	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair. This was Mr. Hunt's 50th peal on handbells since ringing one on tower bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and One Minute,
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1—2	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	5—6
Rev. A. H. F. Boughey	3—4	William D. James ...	7—8

Composed by J. W. Washbrook, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

A CLEVELAND MEETING.

The September meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association was held at Skelton, in Cleveland, on Saturday, Sept. 28th, the towers of Saltburn, Guisbrough and Maske being also open. Ringers attended from Guisbrough, Hemingbrough, Leeds, Maske, Ormesby, Redcar, Ripon, Saltburn, Shildon, Stockton, Skelton, Sharow, Robin Hood's Bay, Whitby, Wather. Good use was made of the bells throughout the day, several good touches being brought round in Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.—Tea was provided at the Duke William Hotel, Skelton, when 40 members sat down, presided over by the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright), supported by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Saltburn, vice-president; Mr. G. F. Alexander, Robin Hood's Bay; and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). —The usual toasts were honoured.—The President proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Rector of Skelton, the Rector of Guisbrough, and the Vicars of Saltburn and Maske for the use of their bells, and the vote was acknowledged by the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver.—Several new members were elected, including three performing members, one honorary and performing member (the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver, Saltburn), one honorary member (the Rev. H. M. Drake, Rector of Skelton), one life member (Mr. B. G. S. Webb, Leeds).

An appeal made on behalf of Mr. J. Barnett, Northallerton, who is seriously ill, and is unfortunately almost penniless, met with a ready response, the sum of 15s. being subscribed by those present.

The President reminded the members that the next meeting would be held at Whitby on Easter Monday, 1913, and he hoped there would be a record attendance.—This concluded one of the best September meetings that the society has held for some time.

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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.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—HEREFORD.

By J. R. Jerram.

The tower contains a peal of ten bells, tenor about 40 cwt. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

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Second.

A.R. 1698. GOD PROSPER THIS CHVRCH & ALL THE MEMBERS.



Photo by] [*F. E. Dawe*

HEREFORD CATHEDRAL FROM THE NORTH EAST.

Third.

T:WOTTON:T. ROGERS:W. V. WATTS: A. OATLEY:Ri BVLKLEY CANONS 1698

Fourth.

A.R. 1697. GOD PROSPER THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND

Fifth.

+Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Katerina Vocata (3 shields, each charged with a chevron between 3 lave pots) This bell recast by Mears & Stainbank London and the peal rehung by White & Sons by Subscription. A.D. 1865.

Sixth.

STEPHANVS:BANASTRE:ME:FECIT.

Seventh.

LET VS RING PROSPERITY TO ENGLAND.
A:R ANNO DO. 1697.

Eighth.

†††† GEORGI GRETTON DECANO HEREFORDENSI ANNO DOMINI 1810. G.R. III. THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT.

Ninth.

+. IN SANCTE . TRINITATIS . HONORE . WILHELMVS . WARWIKE . CONSTRVXIT . ME

Tenor.

+SANCTE (crown) CUTHBERTE (crown) ORA (crown) PRO (crown) NOBIS

The last two inscriptions are in Lombardic letters.

The points between the words on the ninth are composed of four fleur de lys. The E's on the tenor are all reversed.

The noisiness and awkward arrangements of the ringing chamber were fully described in the "Ringing World" some weeks ago.

I am not quite sure whether William Warwike, whose name appears on the ninth bell, was the donor or the founder. The word "construxit" may be used instead of "fieri fecit."

ODD CHANGES.

There is a talk in some quarters of the need for an easily understood manual of instruction for beginners in the Art. Haven't these folk ever heard of Snowdon's "Ropesight," which begins with the management of a bell and devotes long chapters to the rudiments of the Art, explaining the whole thing in the most simple language, or of "Troyte's Change-Ringing," which also, so to speak, begins at the beginning and gives a lucid explanation of the elements of the Art? One is published at 1s. 6d., and the other (with instructions up to six-bells) at 1s. It is because the whole ground is so admirably covered by such publications as these that even the Central Council have not found it necessary to include any elementary treatise upon ringing in their publications.

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The wonderful family of Baileys, of Leiston, have quickly replied to the inquiry last week as to when they would ring the next peal. They did it on the evening the query appeared in print, when they rang a peal of Treble Bob on handbells. What we are really waiting for, however, is the next peal by the eight brothers on tower bells.

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A slight error occurred in the account of Gloucester Cathedral bells, which appeared in our issue of September 27th. The words "This is in Black letter" at the end of the tenor inscription should have been omitted. The inscription is in the large Roman capitals used by Abel Rudhall at that date.

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Mr. J. Hunt, of Guildford, has just rung 50 consecutive peals on handbells. It must surely be an easy record to ring all this number without a single tower bell peal in between.

SHOREDITCH BELLS.

FORTHCOMING CONCERT.

A concert is to be held in aid of the fund for the restoration of Shoreditch bells in the Churchroom on Saturday, October 19th. There will be tune ringing by the Stoke Newington handbell ringers (Messrs. F. Blaber, T. Scarlett and Stubbs), a course of Bob Major and Bob Royal will be "tapped off" by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and songs, recitations, etc., by the famous operatic company, "The Carltons." The fund has recently progressed most favourably, and if this concert is a success, the work will be put in hand. Tickets may be obtained from Mr. H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30. Tickets, 6d., 1s., 2s.

THE LADIES' PEAL.

A SUGGESTION.

The peal rung by ladies at Cubitt Town has excited general admiration among ringers throughout the country, and a suggestion is now put forward that the members of the Exercise should mark their appreciation of the fine performance, by erecting a suitable tablet in the tower.

Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, writes: With regard to the ladies' splendid achievement at Cubitt Town, may I suggest that we, as true Englishmen, show our appreciation of the ladies' performance, by placing one of the finest peal tablets it is possible to obtain, in the belfry, to record the peal. I would like also to suggest that you, sir, as Editor of "The Ringing World," should act as treasurer for this fund, and that the secretaries and captains of the local bands should collect one penny from each member and forward the amount to you.

Why I say one penny per member, is to give every ringer in the country an opportunity of showing his appreciation of this grand performance. I for one would gladly collect for the Rugby district.

I am not in favour of votes for women, but I do feel we ought to do something as a body to encourage our ladies in the art of change ringing. I may say I have had the honour and pleasure of ringing the tenor behind five ladies ringing Doubles, and I am sure it is the treat of a life-time to hear the sweet voice calling "Bob."

We think the idea of a commemoration tablet being erected by subscription is a very nice one, and, should the scheme meet with general approval, as we believe it will, we shall be very glad to act in the capacity suggested by Mr. White. We feel sure there will be a spontaneous response to this proposal, and any subscriptions forwarded will be acknowledged through these columns.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ROCHESTER DISTRICT'S YEAR'S WORK.

The annual meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday week, at St. George's, Gravesend, but owing to serious illness in close proximity to the tower, no ringing could be done at the church. Milton-next-Gravesend was, however, opened in the afternoon instead, as well as after the meeting. The service was held at St. George's, about 40 members being present.—The Rector, Canon Gedge (assisted by his father, who is 75 years of age) conducted the service, the District Secretary (Mr. E. A. G. Allen) presiding at the organ. The Rector took his text from the special lesson given in the Kent County Association service book, which was used on this occasion.

Tea was served in the Church House (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Church House Committee), 56 sitting down, including the Rector, who also presided at the subsequent meeting. He spoke of the cause which had debarred them from having the use of the bells, and himself of the pleasure of hearing them.—The short report of the doings of the district was presented, and showed the lapse of one tower and 28 members, and the addition of 29 members; 28 peals had been rung in the district since the last annual meeting, against 13 in the previous year; 14 members having rung their first peal, two their first as conductors. Mr. Hyland, of Upchurch, rang his 50th peal, and Mr. Wilkins, of Sheerness, his 150th peal.—The District Representative and District Secretary were again unanimously re-elected.—The next meeting will be held at Chatham, in December.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for presiding, and for his address in church, and to the other clergy for the use of their bells.—Ringing was afterwards indulged in at Milton-next-Gravesend, and at Swanscombe.

PRESENTATION AT ASTON.

On Sept. 27th, the ringers of Aston Parish Church, together with a few friends from Handsworth and St. Martin's Guild, met to bid farewell to Mr. F. Bennett, a member of the Aston society, who sailed for Australia on the 1st inst.—Mr. Faux (Handsworth) presided, and in a short and pithy speech wished Mr. Bennett God-speed and good luck in his new venture, and presented him, on behalf of his fellow ringers at Aston, with a handsome Meerschaum pipe.—Mr. J. Jones paid a tribute to Mr. Bennett's services, his regular attendance, both at service ringing and on practice nights, and to the progress he had made as a conductor.—Mr. Bennett suitably acknowledged the gift in a very feeling manner, thanking everyone for their good wishes and the kindly manner in which they had thought of him.—A few remarks from Mr. P. Laflin concluded the speeches, the rest of the evening being spent in a very harmonious manner.—Some good songs were rendered by Messrs. Faux, T. Verry, and others: and, of course, the inevitable "Sweet Bob Major," by Mr. W. Ellis, was rendered.

Mr. Bennett, who was held in the highest regard, left with the best wishes of all with whom he had come in contact during his ringing career. He will be greatly missed by his ringing friends at Aston Parish Church.

REDEDICATION OF BELLS AT BATH.

MAYOR ASSISTS IN CHIMING.

St. Michael's Day was chosen at St. Michael's, Bath, for the annual thanksgiving for the in-gathering of the harvest, and at the morning service, when the Mayor and Corporation attended the church in state, the bells were re-dedicated. The bells have been rehung in a steel frame of special design, and all retuned, the corrosion having been taken off by sand-blasting. They have been fitted with cast iron headstocks with special renewable steel gudgeons, so that the bells can be rehung in years to come at much less expense. The seventh and second bells have been recast, and the old inscription reproduced with a new addition. A chiming apparatus has been fixed, consisting of the Ellacombe chiming hammers in an oak chiming case. Each bell bears an interesting inscription. The tenor, which weighs 16 cwt., is inscribed: "I to the Church the living call and to the grave do summon all," the seventh, "Peal rehung and 7th recast, June, 1912, in memory of Ellen Taunton Little. H. J. Heard, M.A., Rector. D. Leslie Beath and Robert Best, churchwardens." Sixth, "We were all cast at Gloucester by Abell Rudhall, 1757." Fifth, "Prosperity to our benefactors." Fourth, "Peace and good neighbourhood." Third, "Fear God, Honour the King." Second, "Hark to our Melody"; and treble, "When you us ring, we'll sweetly sing." The work has been carried out, under the supervision of Mr. Mowbray A. Green, F.R.I.B.A., by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who hold the Royal Warrants of the present King, King Edward and Queen Victoria. Mr. Robert Warner represented the firm at the service. The cost of the work has been defrayed out of the legacy left by the late Miss Little, and the work has been executed as the inscription on the seventh bell indicates, to her memory.

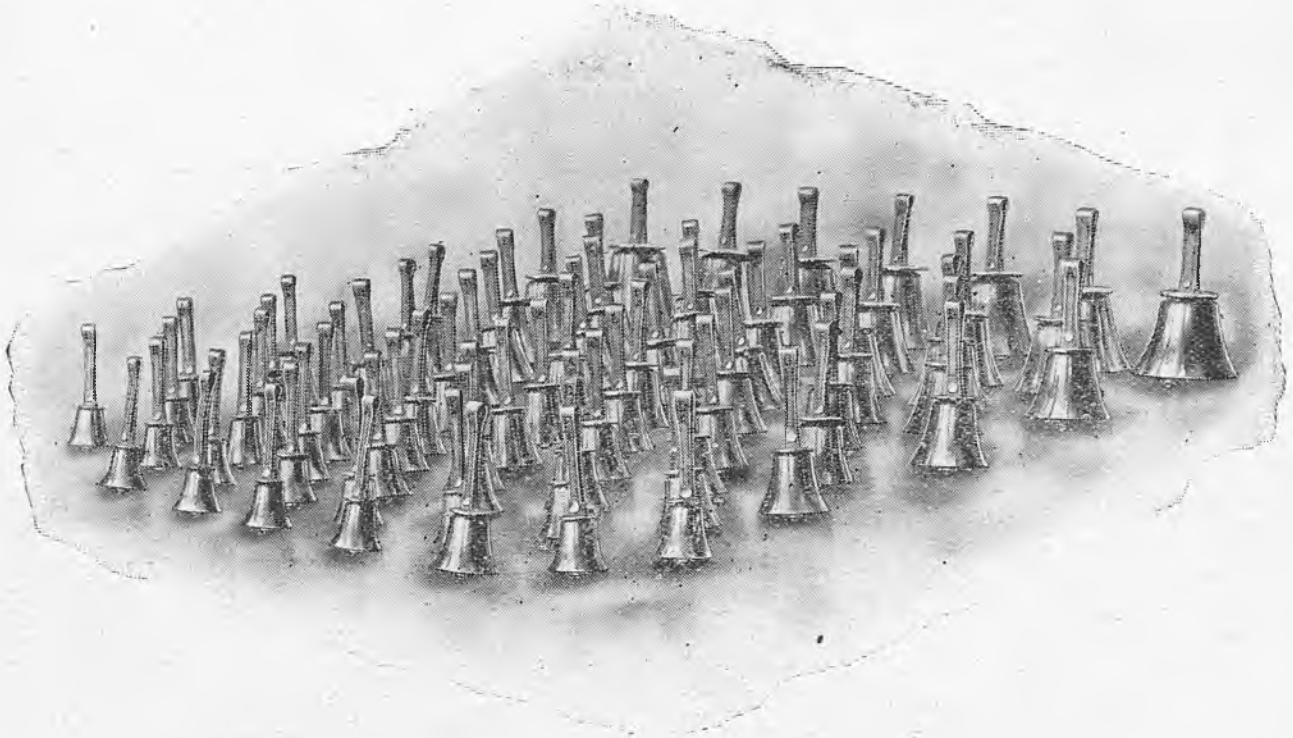
The church was very tastefully decorated. Special music was sung by the choir, the anthem being Maunder's "While the earth remaineth," and the Te Deum, Simper in C, while the National Anthem was played as the civic procession entered the church. Prior to the sermon, the clergy, choir and churchwardens, followed by the sword bearer and the mace bearers, the Mayor and the town clerk proceeded to the tower, where the dedicatory prayers were said by the Rector (the Rev. H. J. Heard). Then the bells were chimed, the Rector taking the tenor bell, the Rev. D. Ballard (curate) the seventh, Dr. Leslie Beath (churchwarden) the sixth, Mr. R. J. Best (churchwarden) the fifth, Alderman Rubie the fourth, the Mayor the third (selected because of its fitting inscription: "Fear God, Honour the King"), the Town Clerk the second, and Mr. Mowbray Green (the architect) the treble.

The sermon was preached by the Rector, who remarked that the bells had been sanctified to Christian use for a great many years. In the Parish of St. Michael's they had records of chimes of bells more than 500 years ago, and throughout all those years not long had the bells been silent. The present peal was first hung in the church preceding the existing building. In 1757 they were brought from Gloucester, of course, by road, and hung with rejoicings in the tower of the last church, where they remained until 1835. Though 1757 was an age very far short of the present one, an age of insincerity, deep scepticism and brutal indifference to higher things, nevertheless it had both in State and Church the seeds and commencement of high and better things. It was the year when Clive went out to India, and General Wolfe went from that parish and city and won imperishable glory on the Heights of Abraham. There were also seeds of higher things—Wesley and Whitfield were preaching to thousands. Things in the past were not all wrong, and a good many things had been handed down from the past which were not altogether unworthy of preservation. People might say why should the clanging of bells be added to the hoot of the motor horn and the shriek of the railway whistle? It was not his province to discuss the question of the street noises, and he did not advocate indiscriminate bell ringing, but he pointed out that the bell represented to some of them Christianity. They rang out a public proclamation of the full and free Redemption in Christ. However much bounded and narrowed their religion might sometimes have been by merely human doctrines, however much fenced in by officialism and formalism, nevertheless there was the Bible, the Psalms and the Canticles, and the beautiful prayers handed down to them from their forefathers, and all might go in. However much they might make excuses, the feast was spread, and the bells rang out a reminder, "Lest we forget." The tolling of the bell reminded them that their time of opportunity, too, was passing, and that the bells reminded them of a day of rest. Perhaps a little noise out of the ordinary might be good. They had to endure secular noises all the week, and perhaps they might for one day endure a little noise that was not altogether disagreeable to their sensitive ears.

The members of the Bath and Wells Association, who were present for the opening, were delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells.

After the service, 630 of Grandsire Triples was rung, and after the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., by: W. H. Seers 1, R. J. Cousins 2, A. E. Alexander 3, C. Goodenough 4, H. E. Lewis 5, A. E. Seers (composer and conductor) 6, C. Densley 7, G. Crisp 8. During the ringing, the Rector, accompanied by the Rector of Bath (Preb. S. A. Boyd), the Rev. D. Ballard (curate), and the newly-appointed tower master (Mr. G. Alford), visited the tower, and in conversation with the ringers, invited the non-members to join the C.E.M.S., reminding them of their important part as Church workers.

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MEMBERS RING ON STEEL BELLS.

A well-attended and most successful quarterly meeting of the Llandaff Association was held on Saturday last at Bassaleg, Monmouthshire. The fact that the bells, a ring of six, are of cast steel probably had something to do with so many putting in an appearance, for many who were present had never heard cast steel bells before, and, from the unanimous opinion expressed, cast steel is a failure, so far as bells are concerned. Fortunately this is the only ring of steel bells in the diocese, and many present were of the opinion that if the matter were brought to the notice of Viscount Tredegar, this ring also would soon be non-existant.

The meeting was held in the Parish Rooms, which, by-the-way, are a magnificent suite, being built and presented to the parish only a short time ago by Viscount Tredegar. The chair was taken by the Vicar (the Rev. D. Bowen).

Instructors' reports having been presented, the place for the next Monmouthshire quarterly meeting was discussed, and it was unanimously decided to visit Marshfield.—Several new members were then elected, including Miss E. Pacey, of Rumney tower.—It was decided to hold a committee meeting in Cardiff to discuss the question of issuing annual reports, the meeting to be held and the report to be submitted at the annual meeting, on December 26th.

The Vicar kindly invited every one present to tea, an excellent repast being served in the adjoining room.—Afterwards, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. D. Bowen for his kindness, and also to the ladies who had so kindly helped.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was grateful for the vote of thanks, and welcomed heartily the Association to his parish. At present, he said, he had no band of ringers, but he was about to call a meeting to start a company, as several in the parish were willing to learn. He would then call upon the Association to come to his assistance and help them in change ringing.

During the evening, touches in the four Standard methods were rung, bringing to a close a very enjoyable meeting, and one which is likely to do good.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE PROPOSED DIVISION OF THE WIMBORNE BRANCH.

On Saturday, September 28th, a quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch was held at Fontmell Magna, a new centre (three miles from Shaftesbury), where a good ring of six has just been put into order by Messrs. Warner and Sons, Ltd. One party arrived soon after 2 p.m., and the bells were kept going till 4.30, when a hearty little service was held, and an address appropriate to Michaelmas Eve given by the Rev. Canon Mansel Pleydell. Tea followed in the school, at which 35 sat down from Bournemouth, Buckhorn, Weston, Childe Okeford, Colehill, Fontmell, Twerne Minster, Mere, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingstone, and Wimborne.

At the meeting which followed, Mr. W. W. Hughes D'Aeth was voted to the chair, and a short discussion was held on the persistent question of dividing the branch, this time into two divisions, North and East, instead of three—such division having led to a very remarkable development of the Guild's work in the western half of the county. The feeling of the meeting was that there was not enough change ringing in the North for such a division to be successful, but the opinion of some members is evidently yet unformed, as not half of those present voted.

The company then scattered to Twerne Minster, Shroton and Childe Okeford, where the bells were kept at work till eight or nine o'clock.

DEVIZES BRANCH TO HAVE A SET OF HANDBELLS.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Market Lavington, on Saturday last, at which were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), supported by the secretary (Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes), the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), the Rev. P. H. Dale (Rector of Fittleton), and ringing members from Edington, Beechingstoke, Devizes, Potterne, Southbroom, Fittleton, Urchfont, Market Lavington, and Bishops Cannings. The bells were raised at three o'clock, and kept going in various methods till 8.0 p.m. Tea was served in the Parish Room, 30 ringers sitting down.

At the business meeting which followed, the places for the next meetings were decided upon as follows: Nov. 2nd, Chirton and Marden; Dec. 7th, Edington and Bratton; Jan. 4th, Devizes and Southbroom. The question was raised by the chairman as to the desirability of having a set of handbells for the use of the Devizes branch, to be kept in charge of the secretary, and brought to the various meetings for the use of the members when not engaged with the ropes. It was decided to purchase a second-hand set which the secretary knew of, and had brought over with him for inspection.—A proposal was put forward by Mr. Heginbotham, and seconded by Mr. Bealing, that the annual reports of the Guild, since the formation of the Devizes branch, should be bound in a volume, containing a convenient number of years, and retained by the secretary as a book of reference.—Mr. West promised to see this duly carried out.—Mr. A. Ellis, of Market Lavington, was elected as a member of the Guild.—Mr. West proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar of West Lavington for the use of his bells, several of the ringers having visited the church during the afternoon; also a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Market Lavington for the use of his bells and the Parish Room.

"THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was one of the band that attempted the peal at Acton a week or two ago, and I can assure Mr. Mackman that there was no thought of interfering with any of the local ringers' rights. One did hear remarks dropped about some dispute between Mr. Mackman and Mr. Harding, who got the tower, but the wise man doesn't pay much attention to such disputes. Roughly speaking, the same band, although belonging to several towers, had rung one or two peals a year at Acton for a long time past, so it was hardly a case of intrusion, and as the Rector had given permission, our consciences were clear. If Mr. Mackman has a grievance, surely it is with the Rector, not with us.

As to the larger question, whether too many peals are rung, that depends on entirely local circumstances; and whether the church is surrounded with houses or in the open is not always the most important. In some places, the three Ealing towers, for instance, one peal a year is too many; at St. John's, Waterloo Road, one peal attempt a fortnight, with a long practice in the alternate week, doesn't cause opposition. You could ring at St. Clement Danes once a week without causing annoyance; higher up the street, St. Bride's may not be rung even on a Sunday for fear of disturbing someone or other.

In this matter ringers must use such sense as they possess, remembering that too many peals have shut up towers in the past, and will do so again in the future. Two other points—bands wishing to ring a peal in a strange tower should always consult the convenience of the local men; and the local men should not act the part of the dog in the manger. You can't expect to have one without the other.—Yours truly,

Ealing, W. J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

Sir,—May I ask Mr. Mackman a question? Was the Rector of Acton "absent-minded" when he gave permission to the College Youths to ring a peal there on Wednesday, 10th April, 1912, and why did not Mr. Mackman write a letter of protest then, seeing that the local band were deprived of their practice on that day? I may mention that our peal attempt on Sept. 8th did not deprive the locals of their practice that week, as they knew we were coming, and met on the Monday previous.—I am, etc., BERTRAM PREWETT.

A DEVON PEAL RESTORED.

The ring of six bells of North Bovey, South Devon, which were cast by Bilbie, of Cullompton, in 1814, have been silent for some time, owing to their bad condition. The treble, which was found to be badly cracked, was sent to London to be recast by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, and the work of rehanging the bells was carried out by Messrs Aggett and Son, the well-known bell-hangers, of Chagford, Devon. Ringers from Moretonhampstead, Widdicombe-in-the-Moor, Manaton, Stoke, Chagford and Dunsford, rang several touches upon the bells on the occasion of the re-opening, and everyone was of the opinion that the tone and "go" of the bells left nothing to be desired

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT CONDEMNED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Midsomer Norton, on Saturday week, when members were present from Batheaston, Bathford, Bridgwater, Burnham, Leigh-on-Mendip, Midsomer Norton, Nunney, Shepton Mallet, St. Saviour's, Bath, Twerton-on-Avon, and St. James', Taunton.

A short service was held in the Parish Church, the Rev. W. E. Newling, Vicar of Midsomer Norton, officiating and giving the address, the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill, Vicar of Leigh-on-Mendip, and President of the Midsomer Norton branch, assisting.

Service over, tea was partaken of at the Greyhound Hotel, after which the business meeting was held. In the absence of the Master, the Rev. C. C. Parker, through illness, the Rev. Honnywill presided.

The Hon. Secretary reported that he had sent the resolution re Welsh Distablishment to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Somerset Members of Parliament, each of whom had acknowledged receipt of the same.

Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (Nunney) then moved the following resolution: "That this meeting, comprised of men who are Churchmen and honest men who view with abhorence the misappropriation of funds which are held on trust for a religious purpose, confirms and emphasises the resolution passed at the annual meeting of the Association on June 29th last at Yeovil, re Welsh Disestablishment."—This was seconded by the Rev. A. Dewing, Rector of Camerton, and carried unanimously, the secretary being instructed to send it to the Prime Minister, Mr. Bonar Law, and Members of Parliament for Somerset.—Ten new members were elected, and Wrington selected as the place for the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Newling for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells.—This was carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks was also accorded the Rev. Honnywill for presiding at the meeting.—A move was made to the tower, where touches of Kent Treble Bob and Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples, were rung.

WOKING.—On Sept. 7th, at the Parish Church, 720 of Plain Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: D. Ugle 1, C. Cobbett 2, D. Hampton 3, S. Petter 4, L. Brackley 5, T. Strudwick (conductor) 6.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

One more was added to the list of successful meetings of the above society, when on Saturday upwards of 50 members met at Wombourn. Some journeyed thither on cycles, some by waggonette, and others by " Shanks' ponies," for the weather provided a glorious autumn day.

The committee meeting was held in the Institute, Mr. W. R. Small being voted to the chair.—Six new members were enrolled, and the next meeting fixed for January 18th (or thereabouts), at Perry Barr.—Letters of apology were received from Messrs. S. Reeves (Central Council representative), G. Hughes (Ringing Master), J. Taylor, T. J. Elton, and J. E. Groves.

A short service was held in the beautiful church, brightened by the help of the choir boys, and a helpful address was given by the Rev. Preb. E. P. Nicholas (Vicar), who took for his text the society's motto: " Whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men."

A splendid meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom. — Votes of thanks were accorded to the Vicar for his address, the use of the bells, etc.; the organist and choir boys for their services; to the ladies who were so attentive at the tea table; and last, but by no means least (not even in stature) to Mr. Rowland Cartwright for his untiring help.—A little handbell ringing was indulged in, to the special delight of the uninitiated; after which the tower was re-visited, when the bells were set going in various methods. During the afternoon a group was formed in the churchyard, and a " snap " taken by a budding photographer

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL NORTHERN BRANCH MEETING.

For the first time in its history, the Worcestershire Association held, on Saturday last, a meeting in the old-world town of Belbroughton, famous for its scythes, and it was in every way a most enjoyable and successful gathering. The service in the church was well attended, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. C. M. Cooke), who, in his address, which was very much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it, spoke of ringers' love for their work. It was a work, he said, which brought out their manliness and usefulness as Church workers. Ringers sacrificed a great deal of their spare time in practising and making themselves efficient, and in helping others to become so, in order to carry out the highest duties in life as Churchmen.

After the service, a splendid repast, kindly provided by the Rector and churchwardens, was partaken of in the schools, over 70 sitting down, and the following parishes were represented: Kidderminster, Oldhill, Oldswinford, Wolverley, Clent, Stourbridge, Wollaston, Rowley, Wordsley, Halesowen, Wolverhampton, Smethwick, Brierley Hill, Selby Oak, and the local band.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rector presiding, it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Oldbury, on Jan. 18th, while the quarterly peal is to be attempted at Belbroughton, conductor, Mr. H. Martin.—Two hon. members (the Rector of Belbroughton and the Vicar of Clent), one life performing member, and nine performing members, including the Belbroughton company, were elected.—The secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to the widow of the late Mr. W. T. Whitehouse, for many years a ringer and tower keeper at Oldswinford Church.

In proposing the re-election of Mr. R. Matthews as Master; Mr. J. Pigott, as member of the committee; and Mr. E. J. Dowler, secretary, Mr. H. Mason spoke of the success of the society since its division into three branches. Considerably larger attendances were very noticeable at the services and business meetings, and they had secured a larger number of new members. He also alluded to the reforms that had taken place in the belfry during the past 25 years, and to the very sincere way in which ringers as a whole performed their duties as Church workers.—Mr. A. E. Parsons moved a vote of thanks to the Rector for his address, to the organist for presiding at the organ, to the Rector and churchwardens for the splendid repast which had been provided, and to the ladies for their excellent services during the tea.—The Rector, in responding, welcomed the Association, and trusted it would not be long before the first peal of 5,000 changes would be rung on his bells. He also hoped that that would not be the last time the Association would visit his parish.

The bells, a peal of six, with tenor about 15 cwt., were kept going until nine o'clock in various methods in which Miss K. Thatcher took part. The meeting proved one of the most successful which the Association has held.

E. J. HARDING'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 9, conducted, 2; Stedman Triples, 14; Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 14; Double Norwich Major, 7; Superlative (on the treble), 1; total, 50. Rung in 12 towers in Hants.

SHOREHAM.

The St. Mary's, New Shoreham Society, visited Horsham, Warnham and Billingshurst for their annual outing, touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman being rung, and a most enjoyable day spent. The visitors desire to thank all those who helped to make the day such a successful one.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

A STAFFORDSHIRE OUTING.

On Saturday, September 14th, a party of ten ringers from Bilston, Darlaston and Willenhall, Staffs, visited Shareshill and Cannock. At Shareshill they found a pretty little ring of six bells by Taylor, the " go " of which is excellent. Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung, and after about an hour's ringing the bells were lowered. The visitors' best thanks were tendered to the Vicar (the Rev. E. Russ) for his kindness, and then they journeyed to Cannock, where Mr. T. Benton and Mr. W. Till, members of the local band, met them, and conducted them to the church. The peal of six were raised after a struggle, and two or three 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Minor were rung, but the bells require the attention of a bell hanger, and the sooner they are put in proper order the better. As the result of a chat with the Vicar (the Rev. Mr. Price), no doubt he will do his best to get the bells rehung. After a convivial hour with the local ringers and the handbells, the return journey was made, and home was reached after spending one of the most enjoyable afternoons possible.

NEWCHURCH.

The ringers of Newchurch, near Warrington, had their second half-yearly trip to Frodsham, on September 21st. The visitors enjoyed a cycle run through some beautiful scenery, but on reaching Frodsham met with disappointment, as owing to illness near the church, the bells could not be rung. Handbells were, however, procurable, and four of the party brought round a course of Grandsire Triples. The visitors also enjoyed the magnificent view of the surrounding country from the summit of the tower. After tea, the return journey was commenced, and home was reached about 10 p.m., after a most pleasant excursion.

SCUNTHORPE (LINCS.).

The Scunthorpe Parish Church ringers visited Hatfield, near Doncaster, on Sept. 19th, at the invitation of Mr. J. E. Smith, of Hatfield, who is an honorary member of the Scunthorpe Guild. An attempt was made at a peal of Grandsire Triples, by: W. A. Miller 1, N. Short 2, H. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, C. Bird 5, R. Oliver 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8. After ringing just short of 2,500 changes, in 1 hr. 35 mins., however, the attempt unfortunately came to grief.—Afterwards tea was served at the Blue Bell Hotel, kindly provided by Mr. J. E. Smith. Subsequently a splendid quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung in 50 mins., the following taking part: H. T. Turner (longest touch) 1, N. Short (conductor) 2, R. Oliver 3, S. E. Smith 4, C. Bird 5, D. England (Hatfield) 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8. After this, touches of Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, and brought an enjoyable outing to a close.—The ringers wish to thank Mr. Smith for his kindness, both in providing the tea and the conveyance between the village and railway station. They also desire to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells for the afternoon, and the Hatfield ringers for having same in readiness.

CORRECTING A MISAPPREHENSION.

Mr. W. C. Wakley, of Burton-on-Trent, writes: In reporting the account of the outing of the ringers of St. Edmund's, Northampton, to Messrs. Taylor and Co.'s foundry, Loughborough, on Sept. 7th, your informant has evidently made some mistake about the bells he saw cast there, and must have confused these with the Burton tenor he saw in the tuning shop. The seven small bells of St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, were cast on Thursday, Sept. 12th, and the operation was witnessed by a very interested party from Burton. I am informed that of the three bells the St. Edmund's Society saw cast, one was for Canada, another for Flintshire, and the other for a church in Lincolnshire.

[Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.]

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT MEETING.

A meeting was held on Saturday week, at Stanford-le-Hope, reached by brake from Brentwood. A party of 15 members raided the brake at 3 p.m., and duly arrived just in time for one short ring before the service, which was held at 5 o'clock, and was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. J. Russell). It was attended by about 30 members.—Afterwards, all adjourned to the Rectory, and were the guests of the Rector to a plentiful repast.

The Master of the District presided at the business meeting, at which Messrs. W. Halls and W. Hawkins (Stanford-le-Hope), Messrs. H. Joslin and H. Chinnery (Orsett) were elected members. The election of Mr. H. W. Clark, of Cubitt Town, as a non-resident life member was confirmed.—Great Waltham found no opposition as the place for the annual meeting in December, and was duly selected.

The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for the service and his kind hospitality, and gave a short description of the bells of Stanford-le-Hope.—Mr. C. H. Howard seconded the proposition, and urged the members of the towers in the neighbourhood to combine for united practices.—The Rector replied, and then those who had gone by brake had to make a hurried retreat. It had been intended to visit Orsett, but this was found to be impossible. Ringers taking part in this little trip were from the towers of Barking, Braintree, Boreham, Widford, Chelmsford, Shenfield, Fryerning, Little Bentley (South Weald), and Orsett).

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Nominations for branch president to be sent to the branch secretary not later than October 11th. A good attendance of ringers is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 8-bell contest will be held at Halifax on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Tenor 11 cwt. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Misson (Bawtry, G.N.R.) on Saturday, October 12th. Tea 1s. each, at 5 o'clock, at the White Horse Inn.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Boldmere on Saturday, October 12th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Tea at "Ye Olde Gate" at 5.30 p.m., 1s. per head, followed by business meeting. —A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Maidstone District.—The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Wrotham on Saturday, October 12th, 1912. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5.30 p.m. Half railway fares to two shillings paid. — G. Moore, District Secretary, Bellville, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Strensham on Saturday, October 12th. Service in church at 4 o'clock. Defford Station 2½ miles.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special quarterly meeting will be held at St. Giles', Northampton, on Saturday, October 12th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea at Carter's Restaurant, Guildhall Road, at 4.30.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, October 12th, at Christ Church, Dore. 8 bells, tenor 11 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).—A quarterly general business meeting of the association will be held at the headquarters room, the Cheshire Cheese, Milford Lane, Strand, W.C., on Monday, October 14th, at 8.30 p.m. The annual concert will be held Saturday, October 26th.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Giles', Cripplegate, on the 15th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. LUKE'S, WOLVERHAMPTON.—Practice will be held on Wednesday, October 16th, and every succeeding Wednesday in future, instead of Friday. — A. Fallon, Hon. Sec.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at four o'clock. Tea at the King of Denmark at 6 o'clock. There will also be a practice at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, October 12th, from 3 to 5 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, October 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Honorary Secretary, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

GRAND CONCERT in aid of Shoreditch Bells Fund, Saturday, October 19th, in the Church Room, tickets 6d., 1s., 2s., from H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION. —Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Prayers 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All change ringers welcome. Visitors intending to have tea kindly communicate with the honorary secretary two or three days before.—D. G. Taylor, Honorary Local Secretary, Ilminster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 1912, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. — Arthur D. Barker, Honorary Secretary pro. tem., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District. — A ringing meeting will be held at Etwall on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Through the generosity of the Vicar tea will be provided for all those attending the meeting who send their names before Wednesday, October 16th, to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road N., Burton-on-Trent.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Headingley St. Chad's, on October 19th. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting in the schoolroom at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the Ladies' Guild will be held on Saturday, October 26th, at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W., at 3.30 p.m. Further particulars next week.—E. K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, October 26th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be heid at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at usual charge, will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, 1912. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The tenth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Ladies specially invited. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the association, or from F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send me their names not later than Tuesday, the 22nd? Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting? —T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Billingborough and Falkingham on Saturday, October 26th. Service at Billingborough at 4 p.m. Tea at Fortescue Arms at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Members are requested to send notice of attendance by October 21st. All friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A South and West District meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. All are welcome. Members are reminded that outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. —H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walpole, St. Andrew's (6 bells), on Saturday, October 26th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Plough Inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2/6 each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE GUISELEY COMPANY wish to state that all communications respecting ringing or the use of the bells must be made through the Secretary, Mr. C. Stephenson, 13, Union Street, Guiseley, Yorks.

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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CARPENTER required, must be good change ringer. —Apply John Warner and Sons, Ltd., the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, Spelman Street, London, N.E.

RINGERS' ENTERTAINED.

On Thursday week, the Rev. J. Cantlow generously entertained the Ryde band to dinner at the York Hotel. A most enjoyable evening was spent, with pleasant reminiscences and mutual congratulations upon the peal which had been rung two days before. The evening terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Drake, the genial host of the York Hotel.

OLD RINGERS' DEATHS.

At the advanced age of 88 years Mr. Robert Smith, through whose energy the old East Berks and South Bucks Society, which is now the Oxford Guild, was started, and who, while in the Metropolitan Police at Devonport Dockyard rang in the first peal of Grandsire in the western counties at the Dockyard Chapel in 1867, has passed away at Boyne Hill, Maidenhead.

Mr. W. H. Ingham, of Sutton, near Macclesfield, who has been leader of the St. James' ringers since 1879, has died at the age of 61 years.

BATH.—Bath and Wells Association.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: A. Alexander 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, T. Groombridge, junr., 3, N. E. Lewis 4, A. E. Seers 5, C. Densley 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, G. Frost 8. Messrs. Groombridge and Frost hail from London.

BLACKPOOL.—At St. John's Parish Church, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Pagett (Derby) 1, J. Eachus (Manchester) 2, L. Green (Blackpool) 3, J. Bourne (Ripley) 4, F. W. Greenwood (Blackpool) 5, J. Smith (Blackpool) 6, H. Sear (Bletchley) 7, J. Winter 8.

PULHAM MARKET.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, August 11th, 1008 Double Norwich: G. Baxter 1, *S. Annision 2, C. Baker 3, *F. Burrows 4, F. Copeman 5, F. Borrett (conductor) 6, T. Roope 7, C. Roope 8. * Longest length.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

WHERE ASSOCIATIONS MIGHT HELP.

Speaking at the meeting of the Yorkshire Association Archdeacon Kilner gave voice to some very pertinent suggestions which might be taken to heart by a good many of our ringing organisations. He was referring to the difficulties which sometimes arise in regard to bells and ringers, and in these matters he urged that the associations should take up the position of advisory bodies. That they are ready to do so we have not the slightest doubt, but very few of the associations go out of their way to make it known among incumbents that their assistance in this respect is at the service of any who desire to take advantage of it. We do not refer so much to the question of disputes between church authorities and ringers—these, perhaps, are best left for settlement by those chiefly concerned, although even here there might be scope for judicious mediation on the part of an association.

There frequently occur, however, instances in which, particularly with regard to bells and the organisation of local companies of ringers, the practical advice which could be given by the committee or officers of an association would be of immense value to an incumbent, but more often than not it does not occur to him to consult the ringers' organisation. It seems to us, therefore, that the associations might do good work if they took special steps to bring to the notice of the clergy within their respective spheres of influence the fact that advice and help, so far as it can be given, are available on all matters appertaining to the belfry.

The question of rules for ringers, in the formation of which an association might also play a useful part, was also touched upon by the Archdeacon. This is one of the matters upon which local circumstances have an influence. Conditions which might be readily acceptable to one company, could not be enforced with another, but associations might do more than they do, perhaps, to secure the general adoption of the model rules for local companies, as drafted by the Central Council.

Other points were touched upon by the Archdeacon, and may well give many executives of associations food for thought. There is plenty of scope still for bringing church authorities and ringers into closer touch with the county diocesan and district ringing organisations, and the more intimate their relationship the better it will be for the Exercise, and the stronger will be the associations. It is not sufficient merely to draw members into affiliation, there are many practical ways in which the ringing organisations can be of real value, and a little enterprise and judicious effort in giving help along lines such as were suggested by Archdeacon Kilner to the Yorkshire Association would prove beneficial not only to church authorities and ringers individually, but to the ringing societies in their collective capacity as well.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

AYLSHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	*Treble*	FREDERICK MANSER	6
EDWIN WHITING	2	GEORGE SNELLING	7
CHARLES BAKER	3	JOHN SNELLING	8
BERTIE TURNER	4	ERNEST WHITING	9
HENRY GARNHAM	5	FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal on ten by all except the ringers of the treble and third.

CIRENCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt., in D.

FRANCIS W. BOND	*Treble*	*H. W. L. WELLS	6
*W. C. MINCHIN	2	CHARLES BARTLETT	7
JOHN AUSTIN	3	H. T. GARDNER	8
H. C. BOND	4	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	9
CHARLES J. GARDNER	5	W. J. FINCH	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the eve of the Dedication Festival, and as a farewell peal to W. C. Minchin.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
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On Saturday, September 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt., in F.

THOMAS BICKNELL	*Treble*	JOHN SANDERS	5
CHARLES COTTRELL	2	WILLIAM J. MEERS	6
THOMAS RUSSAM	3	GEORGE GARRISON	7
JONATHAN PRESTON	4	THOMAS WELLS	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Edwin J. Houlston, churchwarden of Erdington.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	*Treble*	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN	2	EDGAR WIGHTMAN	6
*GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	4	WILLIAM BURGESS	*Tenor*

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by DAVID G. WIGHTMAN.

* First peal in the method.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

†JACOB WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ROBERT MATTHEWS	5
CHARLES E. PERKINS	2	JOHN LLOYD	6
WALTER J. BRETHERTON	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
WILLIAM POTTER	4	*WILLIAM ATKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal. † First peal away from the tenor.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SEAR	*Treble*	EDWARD WHITBREAD	5
*JOHN MEAD	2	CECIL A. VALENTINE	6
GEORGE N. PRICE	3	HARRY SEAR	7
CHARLES W. SMITH	4	*THOMAS BEST	*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

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

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS MAY THOMPSON	*Treble*	HENRY BROWN	5
JOHN CLARKE	2	JAMES HARRIS	6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON	3	WILLIAM WILLSON	7
ALBERT H. BELL	4	WILLIAM W. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a birthday tribute to Miss May Thompson, aged 17 years.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	*Treble*	THOMAS W. GARRARD	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	6
THOMAS FITZJOHN	3	WILLIAM DENT	7
PERCY W. FORDHAM	4	W. R. JOHN POULSON	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE SAVIOUR,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

*ANDREW GORTON	*Treble*	FRED ABBOTT	5
*HAROLD GORTON	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
THOMAS WORSLEY	3	ROBERT BENNETT	7
WALTER GORTON	4	ROBERT ALDRED	*Tenor*

Composed by J. ASPINWALL. and
Conducted by T. BARLOW.

* First peal.

TAUNTON.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 20 cwt.

J. MADDOCK	*Treble*	G. H. YENDALL	5
T. DOBLE	2	H. BOSLEY	6
F. MILLARD	3	W. FARLEY	7
E. E. BURGESS	4	W. TARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. Dr. Dixon, Vicar of St. James'. W. Farley hails from Wells.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BROMLEY COMMON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC EMERY	*Treble*	ERNEST B. CROWDER	5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	2	GEORGE BUXLEY	6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON	3	GEORGE DURLING	7
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON	4	*JOHN T. NEWICK	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. DURLING.

* First peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

JOHN SMITH	*Treble*	ARTHUR LEEDER	5
GEORGE H. CROSS	2	CLEMENT MORE	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	GEORGE ARCHER	7
WILLIAM ROSE	4	JOHN SOUTER	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by J. SOUTER.

Messrs. Rose and Clover hail from Thornham, and Cross from Norwich.

HIGHAM FERRERS, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JAMES T. WARD	*Treble*	WALTER PERKINS	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	JAMES GARRATT	6
JOHN J. MAWBY	3	ALFRED H. MARTIN	7
EDWARD WHITBREAD	4	ARTHUR CHAPMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	*Treble*	ROBERT F. TURNER	5
ARTHUR E. PAYNE	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	6
GEORGE N. PRICE	3	DAVID J. NICHOLS	7
CHARLES W. BIRD	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was specially arranged, and rung to oblige Messrs. G. N. Price and E. Whitbread, who hail from Watford.

MIDDLESBROUGH.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILDA,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 12 cwt., in G.

W. POLLARD	*Treble*	N. ADDISON	5
J. H. JONES	2	G. CATTLE	6
*WILLIAM RUDD	3	J. H. BLAKISTON	7
C. POLLARD	4	J. H. PINKNEY	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WM. RUDD.

* First peal as conductor.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	CHARLES RUSSELL	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	2	ALAN R. MACDONALD	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
CHARLES J. FRAY	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by G. NEWSON, and
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. Kenworthy-Browne, who recently resigned the living, after having been for 26 years rector of North Stoneham.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six 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
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	2	WILLIAM FLORY	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	*PETER LAFLIN	7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN	4	JOHN C. SELF	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

*ERNEST J. SILLS	*Treble*	*JAMES BENNETT, R.M.L.I.	5
F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.	2	FREDK. MACEY	6
*THOMAS JULL	3	WM. H. B. WILKINS	7
ERNEST DOBBIE	4	WM. J. WALKER	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

* First peal of Major.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

HAROLD BURTON	*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE	2	*WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
FRANK I. HAIRS	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

WESTERHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 23¼ cwt. in E.

HENRY J. SELBY	...*Treble*	JAMES HEASMAN	5
ARTHUR J. LEWIS	2	*GEORGE MALYAN	6
GEORGE B. SELBY	3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	7
*ERNEST LEIGH	4	HARRY DURLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the anniversary of the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns. The ringers of 1, 2, 3 belong to Westerham, 4, 5, 6 to Edenbridge, 7, 8 to Chislehurst.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT	...*Treble*	ERNEST WHITING	5
EDWIN WHITING	2	GEORGE SNELLING	6
BERTIE TURNER	3	FREDERICK MANSER	7
FREDERICK SEAGER	4	JOHN SNELLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

First peal on the bells.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt., in E.

JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr.	...*Treble*	WALTER MARTIN	5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	6
ERNEST STONE	3	HARRY ARGYLE	7
ROWLAND O. POLLARD	4	DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by DOUGLAS HAROLD ARGYLE.

This peal was arranged as a compliment to the conductor, this being the 16th anniversary of his birthday. It was his first peal as conductor in the method.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY),
AND THE ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, HAMMERSMITH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE W. COOMBER	...*Treble*	†HARRY STEVENS	5
HARRY BARRETT	2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT	6
ERNEST H. COOK	3	FRANK SKEVINGTON	7
E. RALPH MACKRILL	4	WILLIAM BROOKS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal on eight bells.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ANDERSON Y. TYLER	...*Treble*	JAMES T. WARD	5
GEORGE N. PRICE	2	WALTER J. GERMAN	6
JAMES GARRATT	3	EDWARD WHITBREAD	7
*J. HUBERT HORN	4	JAMES HOUGHTON	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by G. N. PRICE.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE N. PRICE	...*Treble*	JOHN OLDHAM	5
WILLIAM WILLSON	2	EDWARD WHITBREAD	6
WILLIAM SMITH	3	EDWARD READER	7
ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was arranged for Messrs. Price and Whitbread, of Watford, Herts, who were elected members previously to starting.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

RICHARD DARLOW	...*Treble*	FRANK T. MARTIN	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	BERTRAM PREWETT	6
WALTER S. INWOOD	3	FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
HUBERT EDEN	4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

The 100th peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ROCHESTER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 26½ cwt.

WILLIAM COOK, R.N.	...*Treble*	JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5
ERNEST DOBBIE	2	WM. H. B. WILKINS	6
ALFRED H. WINCH	3	WM. J. WALKER	7
JAMES TULLETT	4	FREDK. A. HOLDEN	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FREDK. A. HOLDEN.

Arranged for A. H. Winch, who hails from Leatherhead, Surrey. W. J. Walker's 100th peal.

BARKING, ESSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Five Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 8896 CHANCES;

Tenor 22¼ cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN	...*Treble*	EBENEZER ANDREWS	5
CALEB FENN	2	REGINALD BLAKE	6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER	3	HERBERT LANGDON	7
THOMAS FAULKNER	4	ALBERT C. HARDY	...*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM HARRISON, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

The longest peal on the bells, and by all the band. Also first peal of Treble Bob by R. Blake.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Denis,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 24½ cwt.

Albert D. Stone ...	...*Treble*	Richard Stredwick ...	5
John T. Rickman ...	2	William C. Hart ...	6
John Capp	3	Keith Hart	7
Edward C. Merritt ...	4	Arthur W. Gravett ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

The band visited Rotherfield at Mr. Rickman's invitation, and they wish to thank him through the "Ringing Word" for providing such a sumptuous dinner after the peal. The local ringers are also thanked for having everything in readiness.

WOOLWICH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

Reuben Sanders ...	...*Treble*	Henry C. Beckford ...	5
George R. Pye	2	John Armstrong	6
George H. Jaye	3	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7
Isaac G. Shade	4	Arthur J. Neale ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by George R. Pye.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(The Bolney Branch.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven-and-a-half Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

Arthur Absolam ...	...*Treble*	Thomas Gasson	5
*William Vincent	2	George A. Lewry	6
William Wheeler	3	Warden Walder	7
Frank Stoner	4	George Walder ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Vincent.

* First peal as conductor.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Hollis' Five-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Walter Farley ...	...*Treble*	Herbert Knight	5
*Isaac B. Holmyard ...	2	†Thomas E. Francis ...	6
Henry J. Trim	3	Gabriel Chamberlain ...	7
Lewis Moore	4	*George Fisher ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Chamberlain.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. First peal on the bells by the Bath and Wells Association, and rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Trim, the ringers wishing him many happy returns of the day.

QUORNDON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Original. Tenor 14½ cwt.

*Miss Hilda F. Willson ...	*Treble*	*Sydney Shelton	5
Miss Lilian A. Willson	2	T. Henry Hardy	6
Leslie Willars	3	William Willson ...	7
Edgar Vallance	4	Ralph Hubbard ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Willson.

* First peal. Miss Hilda Willson, age 13, is presumably the youngest girl ringer on record to accomplish a peal on church bells.

BLACKBURN.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(The Blackburn and Preston Branches.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Vicars' Six-Part. Tenor 15 cwt.

Arthur Tomlinson ...	...*Treble*	William H. Hunter ...	5
*Harry Jones	2	†John H. Gartside, Junr.	6
Frederick Hindle	3	William E. Wilson ...	7
Fred Rigby	4	John Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. E. Wilson.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The ringers of 2, 4, 5 and 6 hail from Chorley.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

Leonard P. Bailey ...	...*Treble*	Ernest S. Bailey	5
Rev. William C. Pearson	2	Edgar H. Bailey	6
Frederick W. Bailey ...	3	Charles F. Bailey ...	7
James M. Bailey ...	4	*Charles E. Fisher ...	*Tenor*

Composed by the late Rev. H. E. Bulwer, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

* First peal in the method.

FRODSHAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Edwin H. Lewis ...	...*Treble*	*Charles E. Boyers ...	5
John Wilkinson	2	Thomas Murray	6
Robert Sperring	3	William Davies	7
*William Bibby	4	Henry W. Wilde ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. Robinson, and Conducted by E. H. Lewis.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for Harvest Thanksgiving. For calling see Midland Counties Association Report, 1905, No. 1210.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Frederick S. Price ...	...*Treble*	J. Charles Dicken ...	5
Albert Coppock	2	Wm. Clifford, Junr. ...	6
Wm. Clifford, Senr. ...	3	Edward Whitbread ...	7
George N. Price	4	Percival Price ...	*Tenor*

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by George N. Price.

Arranged for Messrs. G. N. Price and Whitbread, who are holiday-ing in the district. The thanks of the band are due to the local men for having everything in readiness at very short notice.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 24 cwt.

*Harold Butcher ...	...*Treble*	Gilbert H. Harding ...	5
William McCaffrey ...	2	Arthur K. Harrison ...	6
Jesse Francis	3	Samuel J. Hector	7
Charles Raison	4	*William Baxter ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by Gilbert H. Harding.

* First peal of Triples. This is the quickest peal on the bells; also the first peal on them since rehanging by Messrs. Llewellins and James. All the above ringers are members of the local band, and it is the first peal rung at Trowbridge by entirely local men since March 28th, 1826.

TADCASTER.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt. 3 qr. 0 lbs.

ERNEST H. LINDLEY	*Treble*	FRANK POOLE	5
CHARLESWORTH W. HOGG	2	HERBERT E. PICKERING	6
JOHN W. GARBUTT	3	JOHN BRADLEY	7
HERBERT BLAKE	4	HENRY CLAYTON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by C. W. HOGG.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	*Treble*	OLAVE BROYD	5
WILLIAM DENT	2	*HARRY W. CATTERWELL	6
ALBERT CATTERWELL	3	WALTER NICE	7
ARTHUR SYMONDS	4	*GEORGE PANNELL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The 6th and tenor men were elected members previous to ringing the peal. It is upwards of sixteen years since a peal has been rung on these bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

SAMUEL PEARCE	*Treble*	LEONARD F. TAYLOR	5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	2	BENJAMIN GOUGH	6
EDGAR T. SMITH	3	HARRY GOODMAN	7
SIDNEY R. ROPER	4	THOMAS J. ELTON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY W. WILDE, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. George Hughes, the esteemed ringing master of the above Society, who came specially to hear the last part of the peal, also as a birthday compliment to Mr. Leonard F. Taylor, the ringers greeting both with the usual good wishes. The band desire to thank Mr. Ben Fullwood for the bells and getting same in readiness; also for his and his good wife's kind hospitality to them and Mr. Hughes after the peal.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

†EDWIN WHITING	*Treble*	GEORGE SNELLING	5
FREDERICK R. BORRETT	2	JOHN SNELLING	6
*WILLIAM STEELE	3	*JOHN E. BURTON	7
*GEORGE P. BURTON	4	FREDERICK SEAGER	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method, these ringers never having rung a course in the method before. † First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on the bells.

OLD HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS	*Treble*	CHARLES F. WHITE	5
ROBERT MATTHEWS	2	ALFRED HACKETT	6
WILLIAM BIRD	3	SAMUEL GROVE	7
VICTOR WHITE	4	WILLIAM GREEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. A. E. Parsons and the conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, September 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's Oxford Bob, two of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob.

JOSEPH DUNTHORNE	*Treble*	JOHN JUTSON	4
*WILLIAM WALDRON	2	HENRY TRAYNAR	5
EDWIN TILLEY	3	GEORGE JUTSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court and Bob Minor.
Tenor 18¼ cwt., in E.

FREDERICK WILKIN	*Treble*	FRANK CLAYDON	4
LEWIS WISEMAN	2	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM	5
HORACE H. COOPER	3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

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

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Bourne and Norwich Surprise, Kingston Treble Bob, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 9 cwt 0 qr. 4 lbs.

CLARENCE GOOCH	*Treble*	GEORGE SNELLING	4
FRED MANSER	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
BERTIE TURNER	3	FRED SEAGER	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. MANSER.

First peal on the bells.

BARKSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, October 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM E. WOODS	*Treble*	ARTHUR DAVEY	4
REGINALD SCOTT	2	WILLIAM WATSON	5
ARTHUR PALMER	3	ARTHUR MACKEARS	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. MACKEARS.

Rung in honour of the return of Capt. H. F. P. D. Acland and Mrs. Acland to Syston after their wedding.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9¼ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL	*Treble*	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY	4
E. MAURICE ATKINS	2	WALTER T. WILSON	5
FRED WILFORD	3	WILLIAM D. JAMES	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

Joseph H. Parsons ...	...*Treble*	Fred Brace	4
Charles E. Perkins ...	2	Walter J. Bretherton	5
Robert Matthews	3	Charles F. White	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Matthews.

Rung as a welcome to the Rev. C. V. B. Robinson, the new curate of the above parish.

WOLVEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

John William Rowley ...	*Treble*	Arthur R. Oldham ...	4
James Upton	2	Albert Upton	5
William Thorpe	3	Robert Furborough	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur R. Oldham.

First peal on the bells. First peal by all except the conductor, and rung at the first attempt.

WEEKLEY, NORTHANTS,
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, viz.:—Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine Treble Bob, Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court Bob, Double and Single Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*Robert Black	...*Treble*	J. Edward Chapman ...	4
Matthias Hobbs	2	Frederick W. Sawfoot...	5
E. Maurice Atkins ...	3	David J. Nichols ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by D. J. Nichols.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells. This is the first peal of Minor in 8 methods to be rung by the Association, and it contains what is supposed to be the first 720 of Cambridge by the Association.

HARROLD, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Frank Skevington ...	...*Treble*	William Jacques	4
Herbert L. Harlow ...	3	Henry W. Gayton... ...	5
Miss Evelyn Steel	4	Charles W. Clarke	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles W. Clarke.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Southern Branch.)

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

*John Peel	...*Treble*	Arthur Drury	4
Rev. C. J. Sturton ...	2	†William E. Woods	5
Arthur Mackears... ...	3	Joseph Lord	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur Mackears.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal on a bob bell.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET,
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of Plain Bob and Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

Henry Watts	...*Treble*	Arthur H. Jenkins ...	3
William Bennett	2	Arthur Cavill	4
Albert J. Barker ...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by Wm. Bennett.

KINGSWINFORD, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 11⅜ cwt.

Walter J. Bretherton ...	*Treble*	Fred Brace	4
Charles E. Perkins ...	2	Robert Matthews ...	5
John Bass	3	Charles F. White	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. Matthews.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Double Court, and two 720's each of Plain Bob, and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

H. Perkins	...*Treble*	W. Underwood	4
A. Ives	2	G. Rice	5
W. Wiffen	3	E. Perkins	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Underwood.

The last peal rung on these bells was March 15th, 1883.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Arthur F. Shepherd ...	1—2	William Shepherd ...	5—6
Ernest Pye	3—4	Alfred W. Grimes ...	7—8

Composed by A. Knights, and
Conducted by Alfred W. Grimes.
Umpire: E. E. Grimes.

J. E. Davis also heard the last part of the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1—2	Maurice Smither	5—6
James Hunt	3—4	Septimus Radford ...	7—8
Thomas W. Radford	9—10		

Composed by G. Lindoff, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
In the Vestry of St. Margaret's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

James M. Bailey	1—2	Charles F. Bailey ...	5—6
Ernest S. Bailey... ...	3—4	*Frederick W. Bailey...	7—8

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.
Umpire: E. H. Bailey.

* First peal on handbells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

At the Residence of Mr. H. Langdon, 70, Salterford Road, Tooting,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Challis F. Winney ...	1—2	Harry R. Pasmore ...	5—6
Herbert Langdon ...	3—4	James George	7—8

Conducted by Challis F. Winney.

Umpires: Frederick J. Hardy, William H. Pasmore and Walter S. Wise.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At "Leyland," Queen's Road,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 size, in C.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Frank I. Hairs	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	7—8
* William A. Woodrow	9—10		

Composed by William Willson, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.

Umpires, Messrs. J. Loveridge and F. Shepherd.

* First peal of Royal. First handbell peal of Royal by the Guild.

"THE CRAZE FOR BELL RINGING."

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me, in reply to Mr. Prewett, to state that the Rector of Acton was not "absent-minded" when he gave permission for the peal which was rung by the College Youths in April last, as he simply fulfilled a promise of some months' standing, made in fact before the formation of the Acton Guild. The conductor on this occasion considerately fixed the date to suit the convenience of the locals. Under these circumstances there were no grounds on which to protest; but if there had been, the protest would certainly have been forthcoming, whether the band belonged to the College Youths or the Middlesex Association. I am a member of both Associations, and I would like to add that nearly the whole of our band are being proposed as members of, and the tower is being affiliated to, the latter. I may also inform Mr. Prewett that it was owing to the vigorous protest made by the locals that the Rector gave them another night for practice, and this was some considerable time after I appealed to Mr. Harding. I further submit that Mr. Prewett would not have put off his attempt for the peal if we had not been granted this concession.

I accept Mr. Trollope's statement so far as to believe that he himself had no thought of interfering with the local ringers' rights, but am afraid he is not entitled to include thought-reading among his many accomplishments. An attempt was made by one of his band to undermine the loyalty of our steeplekeeper, who is also a member of our band, by pointing out to him that he was losing money as steepleage while the tower was closed for peals. I, therefore, think that Mr. Trollope's wisdom would have been well employed if he had made further enquiries into what he wrongly described as a dispute. While the authorities of Acton Church see fit to retain my services, I shall use to the utmost my privileges in order to combat such methods as this. I heard soon after I came to London of similar tactics being employed in securing towers for peals, but being an unsophisticated countryman, I hardly credited these reports; but now that I have experienced something similar I begin to think there is something in them after all.

I must remind Mr. Trollope that other bands besides his have been in the habit of ringing peals for years past on Acton bells; but if the local band is to have a chance at all to progress in the Art, it is obvious these attempts by visitors must cease, at least for a time, as we do not intend to pursue a dog in the manger policy.

I would like to make further observations on the matter of peal ringing, but am afraid I am encroaching on your indulgence. However, before closing, may I be permitted to suggest that as regularity and good ringing for Sunday services constitute the highest duty of ringers, some system of acknowledging this might be introduced by the Associations awarding each year a certificate suitably inscribed, to the bands in each district showing the highest percentage of attendance and best performances for Sunday ringing. I venture to think that such a competition would instil a more proper rivalry amongst ringers than peal ringing, without further introducing the methods of the Football Association.

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BIRMINGHAM MEN AT BOLDMERE.

The last quarterly meeting of the current year was held on Saturday last at Boldmere, and was well attended by members from Birmingham, Aston, Erdington (Parish Church), Handsworth, Harborne, Smethwick, Sutton Coldfield, Tipton and West Bromwich.

The Church of St. Michael, Boldmere, is comparatively "young" as churches go, having been built only about 55 years ago. It is prettily situated, about four miles from the centre of the city, and the tower contains a musical ring of eight, tenor 13¾ cwt. in F, by Barwell, installed in 1906. Ringing was commenced early in the afternoon, and at 5.30 a substantial tea was partaken of at "Ye Olde Gate" Inn. This was a very enjoyable function; none the less so because the room had apparently been "made to measure," and would not have accommodated another single person over and above those who had expressed their intention to taking tea.

The business meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Vice-President, Mr. Samuel Reeves.—The business was purely formal, several new members being elected. Later, while some remained to enjoy a social hour, others re-visited the tower, and kept the bells going till about nine o'clock. During the day ringing in the following methods was indulged in, several men taking the opportunity of ringing their first touch in one or other: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Cambridge and Superlative Surprise.

The ringers wish, through the medium of the "Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for so kindly placing his bells at their disposal, and Mr. Wm. Anker for making such excellent arrangements for tea, and for having the tower in such good order.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

WESTERN BRANCH OFFICERS ELECTED.

On the extreme edge of the county of Worcestershire and of the Western Division of the Association, the parish of Strensham is situated. Away from the village the Parish Church is to be found, after a walk through winding lanes and across fields. It stands out in noble form, isolated, but a good land mark for miles around. Inside the church, which dates back to the 12th century, is to be found some very rich carvings. Here on Saturday the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch was held. The six bells (recently rehung, with the addition of a new treble, added by the munificence of Mr. A. J. Taylor) were raised, and six-scores of Doubles and touches of Bob Minor were rung.—The Rector (the Rev. A. E. F. C. Davenport) conducted a service, and gave a very practical address. Tea, kindly provided by Mr. A. J. Taylor, was then partaken of, and afterwards, while the tables were being cleared, more touches of Oxford Treble Bob and College Single were rung.

The business meeting followed, the Rector being in the chair, in the unavoidable absence of the squire. Ringers were present from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester, Hallow, Suckley, Malvern Link, Madresfield, Upton-on-Severn, Castlemorton, Welland, and Strensham.—Malvern Link was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on January 25th, and arrangements were made for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Strensham, Mr. W. C. Jones to be conductor.—The Rector consented to become an hon. member, as did Mr. T. C. Santler, of Malvern Link. Two new performing members were also added.—Mr. W. Page was re-elected Master, and Mr. R. G. Knowles, secretary.—Mr. W. C. Jones, of Worcester, was appointed to represent the branch on the Central Committee.

The Rector promised to convey the thanks of the meeting to Mr. A. J. Taylor for providing such an excellent tea, and in acknowledging a vote of thanks, said he was very pleased to meet the ringers. He wished them to make it known that, though Strensham Church was rather out of the way, they had a church that was really worth seeing, and a ring of bells, for the ringing of which he would gladly give permission.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A well attended meeting of the Western Division was held at Heene, on Saturday week, when members were present from Arundel, Augmering, Brighton (St. Peter's), Goring, Pulborough, Lewes, Shoreham, Steyning, West Tarring, and the local band. The methods practised were Superlative, Double Norwich, Stedman, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tea was held at the Church, 35 sitting down, the chair being taken by the Rector (the Rev. J. P. Fallowes), who is an hon. member of the Association, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the Master.—The Chairman gave the visitors a hearty welcome, and expressed a desire to defray the cost of the teas, an offer which was much appreciated, and which was received with applause.

The usual business meeting followed. Two new members were elected to the Steyning branch, and one to the Pulborough branch.—Mr. Tompkins proposed a most hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kindness in defraying the cost of the teas and granting the use of the bells.—The Rector, in replying, mentioned that he was much interested in his ringers, and he hoped that they would soon win the county challenge bell again.—The bells were once more set going after the service, and ringing continued till nine o'clock. West Tarring tower was also visited after tea, and touches of Minor and Doubles were rung.—The meeting proved a very enjoyable one.

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We give above a picture of the screen which is to be placed in the west end of Drayton Church as part of the memorial, provided by the ringers of England, to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson. It will be remembered that the original intention was to provide a chancel screen for the church, and thus complete a work which the deceased gentleman had intended to carry out himself. He had executed some beautiful carving for the clergy and choir stalls, and he had designed a screen which he hoped to execute. This, however, his failing health prevented.

The committee responsible for the memorial had hoped to complete the work thus begun, but sufficient funds were not available for this larger scheme, and modified proposals had therefore to be adopted. The memorial is now to take the form of the screen illustrated above, which is to go at the west end of the church. It is to be eleven feet long and nine feet high, and will be executed in oak. The actual cost will be about £124, and, after meeting the other expenses incurred, the balance of the £204 subscribed will be devoted to a memorial tablet, or given towards a new service of communion plate at Drayton Church, or to some other purpose that commends itself to the committee. The screen has been designed by Mr. C. J. Hare, architect, of London, and the work is being carried out by Mr. Reed, the well-known carver, of Exeter.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. W. J. WALKER'S 100 PEALS.

In Minor Methods, 48; Grandsire Triples, 15; Stedman Triples, 16; Stedman Caters. 2; Bob Major, 4; Kent Treble Bob Major, 12; Oxford Bob Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 2. All the peals have been under the auspices of the Kent Association, and they have been rung in 38 different towers.

MR. C. TRIBE'S 100 PEALS.

In Minor Methods, 17; Bob Triples, 3; Bob Major, 8; Grandsire Triples, 55; Grandsire Caters, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Stedman Triples, 11; Double Norwich Major, 1; total, 100. Rung in 40 towers in three counties.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Cirencester branch was held at Titbury on Thursday week. Long Newnton was visited during the afternoon, and some good tapping was done in various methods of Doubles on the handy ring of six, which are in good going order. Tetbury was then visited. The bells here are a sweet-toned peal of eight in good going order. Some good touches of Grandsire Triples were rung, and a good practice was held in Stedman Triples and Bob Major. At the tea and business meeting only nine members were present. Cirencester was chosen for the annual meeting of the branch on Boxing Day. A social hour was afterwards spent with the local ringers. Although the attendance was small, those who attended spent a very pleasant afternoon.

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to the great pressure on our space by peal reports, etc., several items are unavoidably held over.

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In the October issue of St. Michael's, East Teignmouth, "Parish Magazine" appears a reference to the peal of Superlative rung at that church by the Cambridge University Guild. The Vicar adds that he has received the following letter from the Guild hon. secretary (Mr. W. D. James) :—

I write to thank you on behalf of the Cambridge University Guild of Ringers for the use of your bells for a peal on the 4th inst. The peal was a great success, and the bells were very much admired. As it was the first peal on the bells, and the first peal in a difficult method rung by the Guild, it is hoped that you will permit us to leave some permanent record in the belfry in the form of a small peal board. I enclose a rough sketch.

By the way, these bells were all cast at the foundry of Messrs. Llewellins and James, Bristol.

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The proposal that the male members of the Exercise should commemorate the ladies' peals at Cubitt Town by erecting a suitable tablet recording the performance, has met with general approval. Already contributions are coming in, and we would request those who intend to subscribe to send along their subscriptions as soon as possible to the Editor.

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The band that rang a peal of Minor at Yattendon on September 22nd wish to apologise for having claimed it as "the first peal on the bells." A peal was rung there in 1886 by the Caversham Band.

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Dr. A. B. Carpenter writes under date October 11th : I notice in to-day's issue of "The Ringing World," on page 239, that a peal rung at Mitcham is described as "composed" by me. I am sure Mr. Lambert will forgive me for pointing out that I am not the composer, and never claimed to be. The peal in question is Thurstans' four-part composition, varied by beginning the calling in another place.

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Another lady has joined the ranks of the peal ringers, the second of the family. Last Saturday Miss Hilda Willson, daughter of Mr. W. Willson, of Leicester, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire. She is only 13 years of age, and is probably the youngest girl ringer to ring a peal on tower bells. Congratulations to the young lady and to Pa. He must be a proud man.

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There are several variations of Mr. J. J. Parker's famous twelve-part peal of Grandsire Triples. The one rung at Bolney last Saturday has the 2nd as the fixed bell. The calling runs in the following order : O at 2, Hs, B, I, O at 1, B, I, O at 2, Hs, I, O at 1, Hs B, H, I, the part end (243756) coming up at the next plain lead. This variation, by Mr. G. Walder, of Bolney, is, in the opinion of Mr. Parker himself, "more interesting than the one with the 7th as observation."

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A fortnight ago we asked who could beat the record of the Wool ringers, who have rung four times every Sunday for the past five years. Mr. D. G. Taylor, of Ilminster, writes that the band at St. Mary's, Ilminster, have rung regularly for two services every Sunday since 1902, while Mr. Lawrence points out that at Little Munden the band have rung twice every Sunday for 15 years.

THE BEGINNERS' CORNER.

A few hints on calling Cambridge Surprise Minor is what W. A. (Gainsborough) has asked for. Well, there is no royal road to calling this method. The conductor should carefully study the method, and he will find that his investigation will help him a good deal when it comes to practical work in the belfry. As examples of the guides which may be found in this way, I would just call attention to the fact that the bell going to the places up takes up the work in 3-4 from its course bell, while its after bell is doing treble-work. From this, it follows, of course, that when the conductor's bell is doing treble-work his course-bell is doing places in 3-4 up, to be afterwards taken out of the work by the bell which this course-bell is following. An ability to transpose the work of the different bells from some such observation as this enables the conductor to set any hesitating ringer on his work again.

Among other points that help to keep things going is the fact that in Cambridge Minor the bells come up behind in proper coursing order. Then the last dodge of the bell doing treble-work is with the bell coming to do the same work for the next lead, and that bell is the bell in front of your course bell. Only four bells come behind between the departure and the return of the treble. The first is doing treble-work behind and going to 3-4 places down, the next is doing intermediate work *after* treble-work in front, the next is doing intermediate work *before* treble-work in front, and the last has come up to treble-work behind. These are just a few of the points which the conductor would do well to remember.

As to the actual calling, the transpositions are the same as in Bob Minor, the only difference being that the leads do not come in quite the same order. The "Home," of course, is at the course-end, but the "Wrong," instead of being at the first lead as in Plain Bob, is at the third lead. A 720 can be got as follows :—

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	56342			36524	
	42635			24653	
—	23564	W	—	45362	W
	64352			62534	
—	45236	H		34256	

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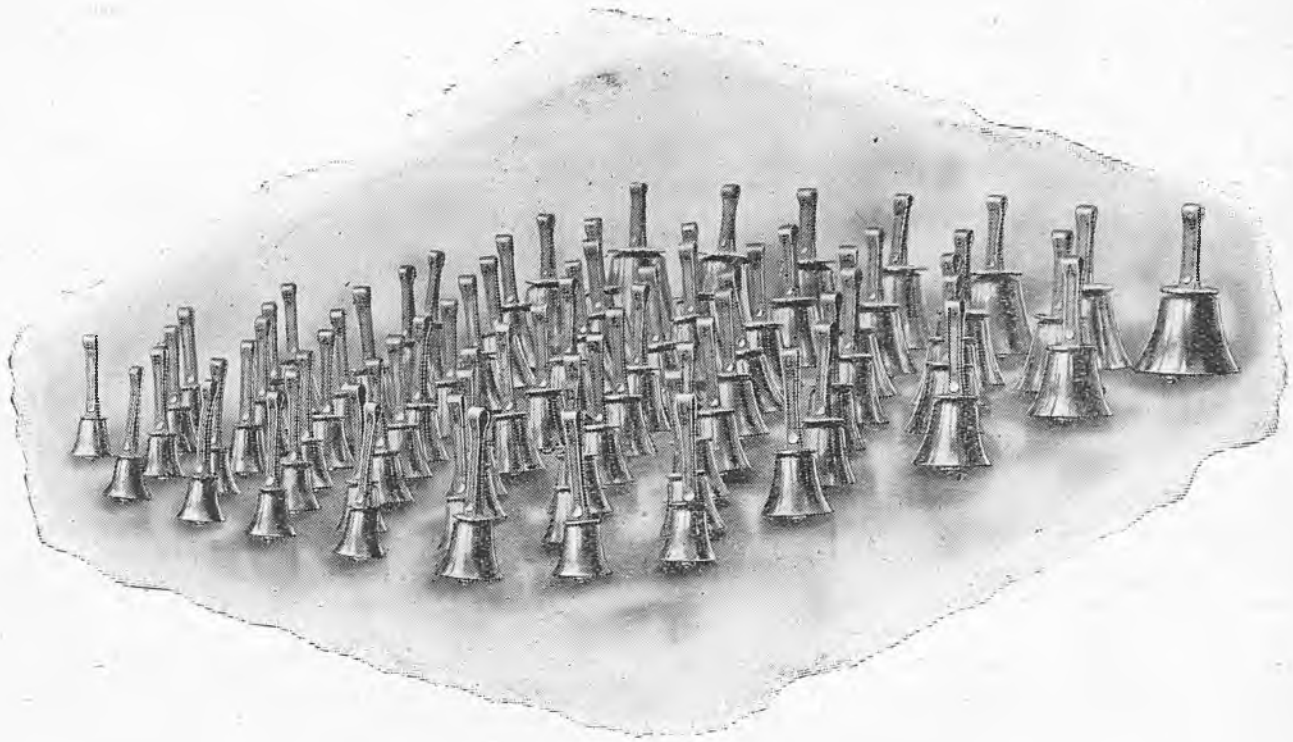
VETERAN RINGER'S DEATH.

A PIONEER IN BERKS AND BUCKS.

As briefly recorded in our last issue, Mr. Robert Smith, a veteran ringer, has passed away at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead. The deceased, who was in his 89th year, was one of the oldest ringers in the Oxford Guild, having been one of the first to start the Guild, and having remained a member ever since. He was born at Kingsclere, Hants, and served in the Metropolitan Police, spending the greater part of his time at Devonport Dockyard, and retiring on an inspector's pension 42 years ago. He kept no records of his peals, but a record exists of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung at the Dockyard Chapel, Devonport, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1867, in 2 hrs. 55 mins., conducted by W. Banister, in which Mr. Smith took part. This was the first peal in the Western Counties. The deceased has also taken part in seven peals for the Oxford Guild.

He was the first to introduce change ringing in the East Berks and South Bucks district, starting at Boyn Hill, where he met with a good deal of opposition from the old stoney band. But once started, he kept on until he had a band to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. He then visited all the towers in the district until he aroused sufficient interest to form the old East Berks and South Bucks Society, which eventually became the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Mr. Smith had not taken an active part in ringing for several years, but was always pleased to meet ringers and talk of the time when men would walk miles to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles. The funeral took place on Friday, October 4th, at St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead, Canon Drummond, Vicar of Boyn Hill, officiating. In the evening, at All Saints' Church, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was rung in 45 mins.: L. Copsey 1, A. Walker 2, A. W. Garaway 3, A. Walker 4, C. Smith 5, J. Eldridge 6, G. Martin (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

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NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NORWICH.

GREAT PROGRESS RECORDED.

A large and representative gathering of members attended the annual meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Norwich, on Thursday week. The bells of St. Peter Mancroft (12), St. Giles' (8), St. John-de-Sepulchre (8), St. Gregory (6), and St. Peter, Permentergate (5), were open for the use of the visitors throughout the day, and the opportunities for ringing were very largely taken advantage of. Divine service was held at St. Peter Mancroft, the Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (the Rev. C. L. Kennaway) reading the special prayers and collects, and the Vicar of Mancroft (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick), the special lesson. A large number were present, and the singing of hymns and special psalms was quite a feature of a hearty and inspiring service. A particularly appropriate address was delivered by the Bishop of Thetford, his lordship's remarks being based upon the text, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification."

At the close of service, luncheon was served in the Mancroft Mission Hall. The Rev. C. L. Kennaway presided, and was supported by the Revs. F. J. Meyrick, E. C. J. Bowen and E. C. Hopper, Messrs. W. J. Howson, D. Hayward and T. Fitzjohn (district secretaries), D. O. Holme, G. P. Burton, J. E. Burton, A. Coleman, and C. E. Borrett (secretary), etc.

After the health of the King had been loyally drunk, Mr. G. P. Burton returned thanks, in the form of a toast, to the Bishop of Thetford for his admirable address in church, and to the incumbents who had placed the towers of their churches at the disposal of the members. —The Rev. E. C. Hopper gave the toast of "Success to the Association," and this was responded to by the Chairman.

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Secretary then read the annual report as follows: "It is our good fortune to be able to announce in the opening words of this, the thirty-fourth, annual report, that during the last twelve months our progress has been more rapid and extensive than in any other year of our history. In our early days progress was mainly measured by the number of members on the books, but now that we have practically reached high water mark in this direction, we must measure progress by what our members do in the way of actual ringing. The amazing increase in our peal performances during the last twelve months (and especially during the last nine months) is, therefore, particularly gratifying. We record, with deep regret, the death of one of the founders of the association—Dr. Meadows, of Otley. He was one of the small circle of enthusiasts (the late Rev. G. H. Harris, Capt. Moore, and Mr. Gervase Holmes were of the number) who met at Ipswich in 1876, and discussed the possibility of starting a ringing society for the diocese of Norwich. The direct result of that discussion was the meeting at Norwich on February 10th, 1877, when this association was formally constituted. Dr. Meadows was the last survivor of those who attended the conference at Ipswich, and in 1906 he was unanimously elected one of our vice-presidents. The number of our original members has also been further reduced by the death of the Rev. Canon Ripley, and the North Elmham band has lost one of its oldest members by the death of Henry Betts.

A RECORD IN PEALS

Our financial position is thoroughly sound, the statement of accounts for 1911 showing a considerably increased balance over that of 1910. We regret to announce the resignations of three district secretaries—Miss Constance Meadows (of Woodbridge), Mr. Henry Hopson (of Beccles), and Mr. J. W. Sedgeley (of Lynn). All three have been at the head of their respective districts for a number of years, and have rendered invaluable services. An encouraging amount of restoration work to bells and belfries has been carried out in the diocese since our last annual meeting. Mention has been made of the great increase in the number of peals rung since the last annual meeting. In the analysis for 1911, compiled by the Central Council, we occupied third place according to point value, although we actually scored 23 peals more than any other association. Solely through the fault of those taking part in them, three of our peals were unfortunately not recorded in the ringing papers, nor in our own printed report. Had they been published in the usual way we should have been second in the analysis instead of third. Our printed report for 1911 contained particulars of 181 peals, to which must be added the three unpublished ones already referred to. This great number constituted a record for ourselves or for any other association—our own previous best being 159 rung in 1904. Since the beginning of 1912, up to the present date, we have rung no less than 180. It is to be hoped this great increase in peal ringing is not done at the expense of our chief duty—that of ringing the bells for Sunday services. All over the country increasing importance is given to this obligation of ours, and the clergy are rightly urging it upon us at every opportunity. The first rule of our society begs for the recognition of ringers as office-holders in the church. That has been accorded long ago, and it is for us to show, by our regular attendance in the belfry on Sundays, that such recognition was not undeserved. If we ringers are Church workers, as we claim to be, can there be any doubt as to what our duty is on Sundays? And there is a very practical side to the matter, too—as the custom of Sunday ringing increases, the number of uncared-for belfries will correspondingly decrease, for the authorities must then consider it a bounden duty to keep the tower and its contents in proper order. Whilst there is already a great amount of service ringing done in this diocese, there is room for more. Let us work for the extension of it for all we are worth."

The re-election of all the officers, the election of new members, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business part of the meeting. Members then once more adjourned to the various belfries of the city, and the bells were kept going until a late hour.

In all ways the festival was a great success, and the members present spent a most enjoyable day.

MEMORIAL BELLS AT LOWER PEOVER.

NEW RING OF SIX DEDICATED.

The parishioners of the ecclesiastical parish of Lower Peover paid a tribute to the memory of the late Rev. Arthur Guest on Sunday week, when a peal of six bells was dedicated to the honour and glory of God, and in memory of one who for the long space of thirty-four years had rendered faithful service within and without the venerable church. It may be remembered that on Thursday night, Sept. 28th last year, the reverend gentleman, who was one of the most popular harvest festival preachers in the Northwich and Knutsford districts, had a preaching engagement at the Marston Church harvest thanksgiving service, and was on his way to fulfil the engagement, when he met with injuries which proved fatal. The tragic suddenness of the call to the grave filled all with sorrow, and especially was this the case in his own parish, where he had lived and laboured for the greater portion of his life. It was only a natural sequence on the part of the parishioners to plan some scheme wherein the memory of so worthy a pastor should be permanently identified with the church which he loved so much; and when subscriptions were invited there was such a generous response that the Memorial Committee had no hesitation in embarking on the heavy cost of re-casting and re-tuning the bells, which had done service for so long a period. Accordingly the well-known London firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, was commissioned to execute the work, and this they have performed to everyone's utmost satisfaction, the splendid tone of the new bells being especially admired.

THE SERVICE.

The bells were dedicated at a commemorative service in the presence of a large congregation, including many old friends of the reverend gentleman from a distance, as well as a number of relatives, including Mrs. Guest, Mr. T. Guest (brother), and Mr. Spurrier (brother-in-law). It was also appropriate that such an old friend as the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge, Vicar of High Leigh, should take an important share in the impressive service, including the delivery of the pulpit address. The service was intoned by the Rev. H. H. M. Lefroy (the Vicar), and the lessons read by the Rev. E. G. Auden, Rector of Byley. After the singing of the hymn, "For all the saints who from their labours rest," the clergy went in procession to the belfry, where the Rev. H. A. D. Surridge read the introductory prayer. The Vicar then recited the dedicatory prayers, which included the following: "To the glory of God and as a last memorial of His servant. Arthur Guest, priest of this Church and Parish, these bells after being recast and restored, are now dedicated by his parishioners and friends in sure confidence that he has been called from earth to Refreshment, Light and Peace, in the Paradise of God."

Following this the bells were rung, and the clergy returned to the altar. The memorial office was then recited, and prayers were read by the Vicar of High Leigh. An impressive service closed with the singing of the hymn, "Abide with me."

THE BELLS.

The new bells are a ring of six, with a 12¼ cwt. tenor in the key of G, and are hung in a steel frame with all the most modern fittings. The inscriptions upon the bells are as follow:—

Treble—Dorothy Mary Guest, 1894.

2nd.—Mrs. and Miss Groves, Mrs. C. Bell, Mrs. C. Burgess.

3rd.—Guest Memorial Committee. C. Burgess, George Bell, W. Page.

4th.—Rev. H. H. M. Lefroy, M.A., Vicar, 1912. W. Lea, S. Carter. R. W. Platt, G. A. Vernon, Wardens.

5th.—These bells were hung in 1853. Rev. John Holme, Incumbent. J. C. Bancroft, Isaac Goodwin, T. Atherton, George Leech, Wardens.

Tenor.—These six bells were recast in 1912. In memory of Rev. Arthur Guest, M.A., Vicar (1877—1911).

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting for the North Eastern District of the Essex Association was held at Dunmow, on Saturday week. Tea was served at the Angel and Harp, and at the meeting which followed, the Rev. J. Evans (Vicar of Dunmow) presided. At the election of district officers, the Master, Mr. D. Elliott (Coggeshall), and the Secretary, Mr. A. Shufflebotham (Braintree) were prevailed upon to continue for the ensuing year. Four ringing members were elected, and the meeting closed with votes of thanks to the Vicar for his address at the service, which had been held previous to the meeting.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ARCHDEACON KILNER'S EXCELLENT ADVICE.

The lovely weather which prevailed brought forth a good attendance of members for the September meeting of the Yorkshire Association, at Gargrave. A peal of Treble Bob was rung in the morning on the bells of the Parish Church, and various methods were rung afterwards throughout the day. During the afternoon many members availed themselves of the privilege of looking over the vicarage gardens, also those of Gargrave House, Eshton Hall, and Flasby Hall. About 200 partook of tea in the Parochial Hall, and the business meeting followed under the chairmanship of the president, the Rev. C. C. Marshall.

A cordial invitation was received from the Selby branch to hold the annual meeting there, and emphasising the claims of the historic Minster so soon after its wonderful restoration and addition. The invitation was backed up by the sincere wish of the Vicar, Dr. Sollowway, that the Association would hold its annual service in the Minster. —It was unanimously resolved that the invitation be accepted.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Kilner, M.A., for the use of the bells, schools, and parochial room, and expressed, on behalf of the members, the great pleasure it was to visit such a beautiful spot on such a lovely day.

Replying in a most interesting speech, Archdeacon Kilner spoke first of all as Vicar, and intimated what a real pleasure it was, both to the churchwardens and himself, to welcome the Association to Gargrave. He had always liked ringing, and had always regretted that he had not learned the Art when he was younger. But he also wished to speak, he said, in his capacity of Archdeacon. As such it was one of his duties to visit churches, and he always made a point of inspecting the towers and ringing chambers, and he had often been able to point out the need of repairs and improvements. Sometimes difficulties as regards bells and ringers were brought before him, and he thought that the Association might do much in the way of giving advice upon points of difficulty. There was the question of rules for ringers, scale of fees for ringing when time at work had to be broken, insurance of ringers, and the advisability of having a yearly meeting with the Vicar present, also the election of a foreman or conductor. All such points he would like the Association to consider, as representing the best interests of change ringing, so that they might be appealed to in cases of difficulty. As regards people wanting the bells stopped owing to their noise, he had always made this rule: "If you want the bells stopped, please bring me a doctor's certificate." For himself, the ringers always had a warm place in his heart, and he trusted they always would have.

The Chairman thanked Archdeacon Kilner for his very interesting speech and suggestions.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local branch for their arrangements, and to the ladies for so kindly and efficiently looking after the tea.—To this motion, Mr. J. McKell suitably responded.—Votes of thanks were also passed to Mr. J. W. Coulthurst, Sir Matthew Wilson, and Mr. J. H. Preston, for kindly allowing members to walk through their gardens.

A notice of motion was handed in, to come up for decision at the next meeting, to the effect that canvassing, on behalf of any candidate for election, should disqualify such candidate for a seat on the committee.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded a very pleasant meeting.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Canterbury District met at Hernhill on Saturday week to hold the special meeting decided upon at the annual gathering in May last. Members began to gather soon after three o'clock, having walked, cycled or motored, and one and all agreed that place and weather were everything to be desired for such a gathering. —The Rev. A. Clark (Vicar) opened the meeting with prayer, and very heartily welcomed those present to his parish. Various touches in the standard methods were rung before tea, which took place in the school, and was provided by the local members—a phrase explaining much to those who know the district.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed a very hearty vote of thanks, firstly to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and expressed the delight of the ringers at his presence during the afternoon; and, secondly, for the tea which was so well catered for and enjoyed.—This was seconded by Mr. W. E. Pitman, and carried with acclamation.—Both votes were suitably responded to.

Mr. E. G. Buesden proposed that another special meeting be held at Selling during January, and this was carried nem. con.—A return to the tower was then made, and the bells were kept going till 9 p.m. in various methods, including Superlative Surprise.

ELECTRICITY APPLIED TO CHIMES.

A chime of eight bells, weighing 53 cwt., is to be erecetd at Dunecht House, near Aberdeen, the seat of Lord and Lady Cowdray, by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, at a total cost of £1,000. The bells are to be operated by Messrs. John Warner and Sons' patent electrical apparatus, which combines a mechanical device for tune playing, with a clavier or keyboard to be operated by hand. The Carillon will be worked from the electric lighting mains, by current, which is generated upon the premises. Some of the many ringers who visited Messrs. Warner's stand at the Festival of Empire Exhibition, Crystal Palace, will remember the electrically rung bell which was shown there.

These bells are a great boon for small churches, where it is impossible to erect a ringing bell, and also for schools and public buildings. Messrs. Warner have just erected a 4 cwt. bell at St. Matthia's Church, Tulse Hill, and they have a 6 cwt. bell in hand for the Church of the Holy Spirit, Clapham, and also others for Swansea Training College, and Schools at Kilburn (2), Tottenham (4), Enfield (2). Other bells have been erected at Southall (3 cwt.), Southsea (3 cwt.), Hornsey (3 cwt.), St. Helen's, Lancs; St. Augustine's Convent, Westgate-on-Sea; Wimbledon, Gravesend, Tonbridge, Ealing, and Westminster.

CORONATION BELLS.

DEDICATION OF TWO TREBLES AT WHITECHURCH CANONICORUM, DORSET.

So long ago as 1887 the work of restoration and augmentation of the bells in the tower of Whitechurch Canonicorum, Dorset, was commenced. Following the restoration of the fine perpendicular tower, which is 28ft. square and 75ft. high, came the rehanging of the peal of five bells. These are all of ancient date, and bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: Harke when I Call
Come To Corch All
Come To Sarve God
Or Come Not At All
An x No x Do x Mi x Ni 1669 W.L.H.C. C.W.T.P.
Second: ANNO . DOMI . NI . 1603 R.P.R.M.
Third: ANNO . DOMI . NI . 1603 R.P.
Fourth: Give Thankes to God 1641 . IL . IG.
Tenor: Plebs omnis plaudit ut me lam sepius audit.
(in old English lettering).
This is a bell about 21 cwt. in E flat.

The committee carrying out this work had the foresight to have a frame for eight erected and the five bells rehung. Then in 1904, as a memorial of the Coronation of the late King Edward they added a sixth bell, which carries the inscription: "Ring in the Christ that is to be. 1904."

Now, eight years later, the people of this picturesque Dorset village have seen the consummation of their efforts; for as a memorial of the Coronation of our present King they have completed their octave.

These two new bells bear the following inscriptions:—

Treble: "Hear my voice, O God."
Second: "May all in breath and harmony rejoice
To honour Church and King with heart and voice."
To commemorate the Coronation of King George V. 1912.

The work has been efficiently carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have made a truly excellent "splice." The work reflects the greatest credit upon the firm.

Thursday week was the day set apart for their dedication, and at the service there was a large congregation. The surpliced clergy present were: The Venerable Archdeacon of Dorset (the Rev. C. L. Dundas), the Revs. E. H. H. Lee (Vicar), W. M. M. Sellwood (curate), F. J. Lory (Wootton Fitzpaine), E. H. Greenhow (Chidcock), S. E. Simms (Charmouth), and the Rev. D. H. Stubbs. There were also present the Revs. C. F. Langford (Bradpole) and E. D. Maynard (Marshwood). The service opened with the singing of Psalm 31 as the surpliced choir and clergy passed down the nave to the tower, where the Archdeacon received the keys of the tower from the hands of the churchwardens. Following the prayers of dedication, the local ringers rang the bells in rounds while the choir and clergy returned to the chancel. Then followed evensong, with special lessons, psalms and hymns, in which the congregation heartily joined.

Taking as his text, "Endeavouring to keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. iv. 3), the Archdeacon preached a most practical and helpful sermon, emphasising the need of unity in these restless times amongst all classes of Christians, and showing what could be done when a parish was united—as the completion of the bells bore witness.

After the service and during the evening, the bells were rung in changes by a band drawn from Bradpole, Bridport, etc. These were the Rev. C. F. Langford, T. H. Beams (conductor), C. Barrett and A. Hile (Bradpole). W. and B. Northover and J. Zealley (Bridport), F. C. Webb (Cork), T. Taylor (Whitechurch), and J. Double (Marshwood). At 4.30 a tea was held in the schoolroom, while later in the evening the same building was utilised for a dance.

Thus ended a memorable day in the annals of this old-world parish.

PECKHAM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

On Wednesday evening, October 9th, the Vicar of St. Michael's, East Peckham (the Rev. G. C. E. Ryley) entertained the ringers at the Vicarage. After dinner, the Vicar presented Mr. G. Bell, one of the band, who has recently been married, with a brace of pipes in case, a wedding present from the Vicar and his fellow ringers. The gift was suitably acknowledged.—The Vicar then proposed the health of the band. He thanked them for their services in the past, and hoped they would get higher into change ringing.—Mr. T. Saunders responded on behalf of the band, and thanked the Vicar for his kind hospitality and the way in which he had entertained them. The remainder of the evening was spent with songs and other amusements.

THE BELLS OF AN ESSEX VILLAGE.

NEW TREBLE DEDICATED AT SIBLE HEDINGHAM.

What may not inaptly be termed a ringing week took place from Sept. 26th to October 3rd, in the little village of Sible Hedingham, Essex. On Thursday, Sept. 26th, a party of ringers from various towers in the district, together with some of the villagers, assembled at the church to ring and hear for the first time a peal of six bells sending forth their music from this tower. Through the generosity of the Misses Webster, the old five bells have been rehung in a new iron frame with all latest fittings, iron headstocks, etc., the old treble and fourth being recast, and a new treble added. The tenor is 18¾ cwt. in E, and the work has been admirably carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, Ipswich. The first touch on the bells was a 720 Oxford Treble Bob, by: L. Wiseman 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, F. Claydon 3, H. H. Cooper 4, A. Shufflebotham 5, A. Saunders 6.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, the bells were dedicated by the Rector (the Rev. W H. Warburton), a course of Oxford being rung on this occasion, while ringing was also continued during the afternoon and evening, and included 720 Cambridge Surprise, by: A. Saunders 1, E. Newman 2, A. Shufflebotham 3, F. Claydon 4, E. W. Beckwith 5, D. Elliott (conductor) 6; and 720 Double Court, by: E. Newman 1, L. Wiseman 2, H. Cooper 3, A. Shufflebotham (conductor) 4, H. E. Bowers 5, A. Saunders 6. On the following Tuesday, which was practice night, several touches of Bob Minor were rung, some of the local ringers taking part, and on Thursday an attempt for a peal proved successful, as recorded elsewhere.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT MEETING.

The October meeting of the Sheffield District Society was held at Dore, on Saturday, and proved very successful. The beautiful ring of eight bells (tenor 11¼ cwt.) at the Parish Church were raised about 4 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till eight o'clock. About 25 members were present from Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Norton, Ranmoor, Sheffield Parish Church, and St. Maries' (R.C.), Rotherham Parish Church, and Worksop. Some good striking was heard, the methods rung being Oxford Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening. In the absence of the President and Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. Biggen (Norton) was elected to the chair.—Five new members were elected, viz., Messrs. J. Thorp and J. Atkin (Sheffield Parish), and Messrs. A. Hague, J. Monks and C. Ryder (Rotherham Parish).—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local company for granting the use of the bells and making all arrangements was carried unanimously, Mr. G. Thorpe suitably replying.—This closed the proceedings.

CHURCH BROUGHTON BELLS.

The tower of Church Broughton formerly contained three bells, one of which was cracked. This has now been recast and two new bells added, the whole peal being hung in a new iron frame with new fittings and room left for another bell, which it is hoped will soon be forthcoming. By the kindness of the Vicar, permission was given to members of the Midland Counties Association to try the peal on Thursday, October 3rd. After the bells had been raised in peal, a number of 120's were rung by: J. H. Swinfield and W. J. Smith (Burton), L. Smith and J. Topley (Rollesten) and F. Weeks (Sudbury), each one having a turn at conducting. A large number of parishioners, including several ladies, soon came flocking to the church, and were very interested in the proceedings, it being the first time they had had the opportunity of seeing any change ringing. The Vicar and a number of promising young men are forming a band, and it is hoped change ringing will soon flourish in this beautiful Derbyshire village. The whole of the work has been executed by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co., of Loughboro', and the " go " of the bells is all that can be desired.

DEVON GUILD MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Archdeaconry of Totnes division of the Devon Guild was held on Saturday week at Lifton, where there is a nice peal of eight with a tenor about 24 cwt. Bands were represented from Three Towns, Kelly, Lifton, Walkampton and Holbeton, and the bells were kept going the whole of the afternoon, several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Doubles being nicely struck. Tea was provided at the Arundel Arms, and was presided over by the Rev. M. Kelly (President of the Devon Guild). There were also present: The Misses M. E. and W. U. Kelly, Mrs. and Miss Keagh, who kindly presided at the tea urns; the Rev. A. Keagh (Rector of Lifton), the Rev. G. D. Symonds, the Rev. E. S. Powell, and 34 ringers.—A hearty welcome was given to the Rev. M. Kelly and his daughters, and they were also thanked for their interest in the meeting and their presence. Thanks were also accorded to the Rector of Lifton for the use of the bells, and to the secretary for organising the meeting.—The votes were suitably responded to.

With an enthusiastic and unanimous vote, the Rev. E. S. Powell was chosen as representative for Totnes Archdeaconry on the committee of Devon Guild. Tavistock and Plympton were both proposed as the next place of meeting, and, on being put to the vote, Plympton was selected by a substantial majority. It was acknowledged on all hands that the meeting was a perfect success.

BELL RESTORATION AND AUGMENTATION.

BRISTOL FIRM'S EXCELLENT WORK.

Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol, have recently completed some important bell contracts, and their work has been executed to the utmost satisfaction of the authorities concerned.

At Slymbridge, Gloucestershire, they have rehung the peal of five, recast the treble and tenor, the latter a bell of 24 cwt., and added a new treble to make a peal of six, which have been placed in a new steel and iron frame, with all new fittings. The old bells were taken to the foundry and retuned, and the Rector (the Rev. J. O. H. Carter), in complimenting the firm upon the successful completion of the contract says, " Everyone is delighted with the bells, and the ringers are enthusiastic at the ease with which they can now be rung. The whole work of providing a new frame, a new treble, recasting the old treble and tenor and rehanging the bells, has been carried out to the complete satisfaction of the churchwardens and myself."

At Oxenhall, near Newent, Messrs. Llewellins and James have just finished the restoration of the three bells, the tenor having been recast, and the whole rehung in a new steel and iron frame. They have also provided a new floor, and a top frame for an extra bell. In this case also the church authorities have complimented the firm upon the prompt, efficient and satisfactory execution of the work.

The four bells of Upwey, Dorset, have also been to the foundry. The treble and tenor have been recast, and the others tuned. Two new trebles have also been added to make a peal of six, and the whole of the bells have been rehung in a new frame.

RINGING CONTEST.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S COMPETITION.

The general meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at the Halifax Parish Church, on Saturday last, when the bells and schools were kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Burn). Six companies entered for the contest, each set ringing 672 changes, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges were Mr. Broadley, of Bradford, and Mr. Smith and Mr. Whiteaker, of Halifax. During the afternoon tea was served to the visitors, who numbered about 110.

The general meeting was held in the school after the ringing, the President (Mr. Cotterill) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the society's officers.—Six new members were elected, and on the motion of Mr. Hardy, seconded by Mr. Sharman, the place of next contest was left in the hands of the secretary.

A hearty vote of thanks, passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawson. The judges' decision was announced as follows by Mr. Broadley: Earlsheaton, 210 faults; Pudsey, 357; Lightcliffe, 302; Liversedge, 355; Bradford, rung out; Brighouse, 348. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.

The Vicar, in presenting the cup to Mr. Hardy, the conductor of the winning team, said he was pleased to see so many ringers present, and he had enjoyed listening to the ringing that afternoon.—Mr. Hardy suitably thanked him on the team's behalf, and proposed a vote of thanks to the judges.—This was seconded by Mr. Drake, and carried.

A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Johnson to the local company for the way they had entertained the visitors.—Mr. Dransfield seconded, and Mr. Rylands, having replied, a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at St. Luke's, Heywood, on Saturday, when about thirty members were present from Heywood, Rochdale, St. Albans, Balderstone, Milnrow, Newhey, Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, Middleton, Oldham Parish, Glodwick, Hyde, and Helmshore.—Mr. John Harrison, of Heywood, presided over the meeting, at which three new members were elected.—Mr. R. Buckley, of Milnrow, and Mr. W. Crabtree, of Todmorden, were nominated for the office of Branch President, and the election will take place at the next meeting at Balderstone. The bells were kept going in Grandsire Doubles and Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major. The annual social of the branch will be held at Milnrow, on October 19th.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Marlborough branch held a meeting on Saturday, at Hilmarton, where there is a good ring of six bells, which, however, go none too well for half-pull ringing. After just over an hour's ringing, a service was held, at which an appropriate address was given by the Rev. E. W. W. Payne. Tea was afterwards partaken of in the schoolroom, where the business meeting was also held.—Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. E. W. W. Payne for conducting the service, presiding at the meeting, and for giving the tea, and to Mr. Atlay for officiating at the organ.—Touches of Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung on the handbells, and then a return was made to the tower, where touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Plain Bob were brought round.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

BOLSOVER.

The Bolsover ringers had their annual outing on Saturday, October 5th, when they made Irthlingboro' their headquarters. A good programme had been drawn up by Mr. J. Houghton, who met the party at Kettering, and conducted them to the tower, where Mr. Nicholls and some of the local ringers welcomed the visitors. Touches of Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, and London, were rung. A beautiful eight miles' drive was then enjoyed, and all around could be seen the spires of various churches for which Northamptonshire is noted. Arriving at Irthlingboro' the party sat down to an exellent dinner, after which they journeyed by brake to Higham Ferrers, where Mr. Martin and the local ringers welcomed them. Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk and London were rung, and on returning to Irthingboro', the party were met by the local ringers, and rang London, Bristol and Superlative. At each tower some of the local ringers took part in the ringing. Soon after tea, tracks had to be made for the train. The Bolsover men wish to thank the ringers of the respective towers, through the "Ringing World," for making this one of the most enjoyable outings they have ever had, the only regret being that they could not spend more time with the ringers in the district. Central Northants has something to be proud of. It possesses some excellent peals of bells, and some jolly good ringers, and if any ringers are at a loss as to where to have an outing they cannot do better than pay a visit to this district.

COSELEY.

The ringers of Coseley had their annual outing on Saturday, Sept. 14th, when they, together with a large number of friends, spent the afternoon and evening at Penkridge. The Vicar and the people's warden were among the party. As soon as the ringers saw the tower of Penkridge Church, they took to their heels—and toes—and raced away. We have not heard who was the winner, but we understand that Messrs. Gough and Jeavons were classed as "also ran." The more staid and sedate of the party quietly ambled through the streets, and on to the bridge of the Penk, and the whole of the visitors reunited round the tea tables.—The Vicar proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Law, without whom such an occasion would be almost impossible.—Mr. Marsden seconded, and the vote was carried with acclamation.—Mr. Law responded in a capital speech, and as the Vicar of Penkridge entered the room as he was speaking, Mr. Law took the opportunity of proposing a vote of thanks to him for the use of the bells.—The Rev. J. A. Price seconded.—Thanks were also accorded to the ladies for their kindness in presiding at the tea tables. After this, the whole party attended evensong in the beautiful old church. At about 6.30, most of the visitors wended their way to the station, but no inducements could get the ringers from the church tower, and the train steamed out of the station to the merry jingle of the bells. The ringing during the afternoon and evening consisted of touches of Grandsire and Oxford Bob Triples, and Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob Major, conducted by Mr. William Fisher.

GAINSBOROUGH.

On Saturday week, in response to an invitation from Miss Beckett, Somerby Hall, the Gainsborough Parish Church ringers paid their annual visit to Corringham. The afternoon's ringing commenced with four six-scores of Grandsire Doubles, and was followed by an attempt for a 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor, which was lost close upon the second part end. The visitors afterwards adjourned to the house of Mrs. Smithson, where they were met by the Vicar of Corringham (the Rev. C. C. Fowler) and Mr. G. W. Glasscodine, one of the local ringers. Here a most excellent spread, kindly provided by Miss Beckett, awaited them.—Votes of thanks were passed to the donor for her hospitality, to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mrs. Smithson and Mrs. Glasscodine for so kindly making the necessary arrangements, and to Mr. J. S. Bell for his presence.—These were duly responded to by the Rev. C. C. Fowler and Mr. G. W. Glasscodine, after which the handbells were brought in, and courses of Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Caters were rung by the visitors. A return was then made to the church, where a well-struck 720 of Plain Bob Minor was brought round by: G. Smithson (first 720) 1, J. C. Tricker 2, J. T. Bartram 3, C. H. Baker 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, P. Ballance 6. An attempt for a touch of Oxford Treble Bob Minor, which unfortunately came to grief, brought to a close a very successful outing.

ACTON.

The St. Mary's Guild, Acton, visited Feltham for their annual outing on Sept. 21st. They were met at St. Catherine's Church by Mr. Denford and another member of the local band, and the mixed company rang several touches of Grandsire and plain courses of Stedman, the bells, a musical peal of eight, being much admired. After partaking of a substantial tea, and according votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Denford for having everything in readiness, the party proceeded to St. Paul's, Brentford, and joined the local ringers in touches of Grandsire and Stedman. This concluded the Guild's first annual outing, and seeing that eleven members were able to attend, it proved to be a most successful and enjoyable one.

ST. SAVIOUR'S, WALTHAMSTOW.

The ringers of this church made Braintree their headquarters for their annual outing. They were met by Mr. C. H. Howard (the Master of the Essex Association), and after a look round the church, and lunch at the Wheatsheaf Hotel, started upon a twenty miles' drive, in the course of which calls were made at All Saints', Stisted; St. James', Greenstead Green; Earl's Colne, and Halstead. At each place the bells were at the visitors' disposal, and touches were rung.

Returning to Braintree further ringing was indulged in at St. Michael's, and, after late tea, the remainder of the evening was spent with handbell selections and songs. The next morning a quarter-peal was attempted for service at Bocking, but came to grief after 40 minutes' ringing, while in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman came to grief after half-an-hour. The morning and afternoon were spent in looking round the neighbourhood, and the visitors spent a most enjoyable time.—The ringers wish to thank those who contributed towards the expenses of the outing, and also the Vicars who placed their bells at the disposal of the party.

IDEN.

The Iden (East Sussex) ringers held their annual outing on Thursday, Sept. 26th, when they journeyed to Portsmouth, which was reached after about four hours' ride. Dinner was immediately served, and the company then crossed by ferry to Gosport, having a good view of Nelson's old ship, the "Victory." A tram was then boarded, and the company journeyed to Fareham via Brockhurst, the naval and military barracks being visible on the way, while the magnificent scenery at Fareham Quay was greatly admired. A move was made to the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, and after the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Bartar) had been interviewed, the party were able to try the bells, Mr. Harding, the verger, attending to their wants, and showing them over the church. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, after which the party returned to Portsmouth in time to visit the dockyard, which was inspected with interest.—Tea was subsequently partaken of, and although only six hours were available at Portsmouth, the outing was thoroughly enjoyed.

DITCHLING.

The annual outing of the Ditchling, Sussex, ringers, took place on Sept. 18th, when, with a few friends from Brighton, Steyning and Burgess Hill, they made a trip into Surrey. Reaching Redhill at 8.20, they found a brake in readiness for the day, and a start was made for Nutfield, which was reached about nine o'clock. On arriving at the tower, the ringers found everything ready, thanks to Mr. W. Cheeseman, and the bells, a peal of six, were soon going to Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles, several touches of each being brought round. A move was next made for Bletchingly, and several touches of Triples and Minor were successfully brought round. The next call was Godstone, where there is another peal of six, and the visitors were welcomed by Mr. W. Beeson. Touches of Plain Bob and Doubles were rung, and then the party proceeded to Oxted, through some very pretty country, but very hilly roads. At the Hoskins Arms Host Taylor provided a substantial dinner, which was fully enjoyed after the long drive. A visit was then paid to the interesting Parish Church, where there is a heavy peal of five, which required plenty of hauling. However, a few touches of Doubles were got through before a short service. After a walk round the village the return journey was begun through Redhill, and on to Reigate, Merstham being abandoned with regret, owing to lack of time. Reaching Reigate, after an enjoyable ride, a halt was called for tea.—Afterwards, the party wended their way to the tower, and found Mr. G. F. Hoad and several of the local band waiting to welcome them. The bells, a splendid peal of ten, were soon pulled up, and with the aid of the local ringers, several touches of Caters, Royal and Triples were brought round. The weather during the day was perfect, and the outing was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The ringers extended their thanks to the various Rectors for the use of the bells, and also to the local ringers for the hearty welcome received at every tower.

THANKS.

Mr. Ben Gough, of Coseley, Staffs, desires, through this journal, to thank all friends of Bournemouth, Poole, Christ Church, and district, for the kindness extended to him during his recent visit to Bournemouth, especially to Mr. Chas. W. Goodenough for making all arrangements; Mr. Geo. Williams for specially visiting Bournemouth to conduct the peal of Stedman Triples; to Mr. A. Macdonald for conducting the unsuccessful Stedman peal attempt at Poole, which came to grief after 2 hrs. 45 mins. ringing; and to Mr. M. Stewart and Mr. A. Osman for trying to get permission for Wimborne bells, and to all those who obliged by standing in the peals mentioned.

A CYCLING EXCURSION.

A pleasant cycling trip was recently indulged in by members of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association. They visited Hanley, where 720 Oxford Bob was rung, Welland, where touches of College Single and Canterbury were brought round, and Castlemorton, where Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob were rung for service. After tea, Hanley Castle Church was visited, and Bob Minor rung. Wherever possible the local men were given an opportunity to join in the ringing, and several of them took part in Grandsire Doubles. The various Vicars readily granted permission to ring, and it is hoped that the tour will result in the acquisition of new members to the Association. The cyclists included Messrs. W. Page (Master), J. R. Newman (hon. general secretary), J. H. Sheppard, W. Edgington, E. E. Barber, R. G. Knowles (branch secretary), and C. Young.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

RHYL, NORTH WALES. — On Sept. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Bell 1, G. Bell 2, *B. R. Collis 3, F. Wallis 4, *T. Evans 5, M. J. Morris 6, J. Ellis (conductor) 7, F. Homan 8. * First quarter.

ABBOTTS LEIGH, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 3rd, an attempt for a peal of Minor was lost, after 1400, through a miscall: F. Derrick 1, G. Bennet 2, C. H. Gale 3, J. Cable 4, L. H. Moore 5, H. Knight (conductor) 6. 360 Kent Treble Bob as a birthday compliment to G. H. Gale.

NORTHAMPTON.—The Central Northants Association.—At St. Edmund's Church, on Sunday, August 18th, for morning service, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 16 mins.: W. A. Gammage 1, T. Haynes 2, A. Deacon 3, B. O. Soden 4, J. Mackay 5, W. Rogers 6. J. W. Metherell 7, T. Tebbutt 8. Rung as a mark of congratulation to the Rev. W. E. Wright upon his recent wedding.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.—On Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Vintner 1, T. Green 2, T. Wells 3, G. W. Newton 4, W. J. Mayes 5, F. Wells (conductor) 6.—On Sept. 4th, 120 Single Oxford, 360 Reverse College Single, and 120 Bob Doubles. Arranged for Mr. F. Wells, who was on a visit to Warden, his native home.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, 518 Grandsire Triples: C. Slarke 1, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 2, G. Basford 3, G. Spice 4, G. Beesley 5, C. Faulkner 6, J. W. Sharp 7, T. Denney 8.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples: J. Howell 1, F. Sumner 2, W. Dowding 3, J. Withers 4, F. Withers 5, A. Chambers (conductor) 6, W. Palmer 7, W. Dowler (longest length) 8. Also 504 Stedman Triples: W. Palmer 1, F. Sumner 2, J. Withers 3, J. Dowler 4, F. Withers 5, J. S. Pritchett 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, W. Dowding 8.

HARPENDEN, HERTS.—On Sept. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: *W. Hill 1, H. Jarman 2, *W. Alver 3, R. Coburn 4, D. Dellar 5, C. Dellar (first on an inside bell) 6, B. Jarman (conductor) 7, *A. Day 8. * First quarter-peal.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 8th, for evening service, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: A. Whight 1, J. Tarbun 2, W. Newman 3, A. Speller (conductor) 4, W. Wellington 5, H. Richell 6, A. Tarbun, senr., 7, A. Tarbun, junr , 8

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 1912, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: O. W. Layng, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), E. Bishop, G. W. Townsend, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth. Also 560 Double Norwich: G. W. Townsend, A. Lawrence, R. W. Hyner, E. Bishop, T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, S. Palmer, C. J. Gardiner (conductor). For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence, G. W. Townsend, R. W. Hyner, W. Newell (Reading), T. Robinson, H. W. L. Wells, C. J. Gardiner (conductor), J. M. Brinkworth.

CROYDON.—At St. John the Baptist Church, on Sept. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: W. States 1, W. Wise (conductor) 2, A. Jones 3, J. Talbot 4, Cyril Johnstone 5, A. Clark 6, W. Groves 7, E. Pope 8. For evening service, 1280 Kent Treble Bob, in 51 mins. Also 72 Stedman Triples: D. Wright (conductor) 1, W. States 2, E. Miles 3, A. Clark 4, Cyril Johnstone 5, W. Groves 6, A. Jones 7, W. Wise 8. These two quarter-peals were rung to commemorate the return home of the wife of W. Groves, from hospital, after a serious operation.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.—On Sept. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: B. Jones 1, J. N. Vizor 2, L. Lewis (conductor) 3, J. P. Hyett 4, E. Pugh 5, W. James (first quarter-peal and first attempt) 6

NOTICES.

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GRAND CONCERT in aid of Shoreditch Bells Fund, Saturday, October 19th, in the Church Room, tickets 6d., 1s., 2s., from H. J. Bradley, Parish Church, Shoreditch. Doors open 7.30.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—A meeting will be held at St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, on Saturday, October 19th. Tower open at four o'clock. Tea at the King of Denmark at 6 o'clock. —F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Deanery Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bruton on Saturday, October 19th. Service 4.15 p.m. Tea and business meeting 5 p.m. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Honorary Secretary, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Crewkerne Deanery Branch.—Quarterly meeting at Curry Rivel, Saturday, October 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Prayers 4.45. Tea and business meeting to follow. All change ringers welcome. — D. G. Taylor, Honorary Local Secretary, Ilminster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Tuebrook on Saturday, October 19th. Bells ready at 3.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—A meeting for united practice and social intercourse will be held on Saturday, October 19th, 1912, at St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C. Business meeting at 6 p.m. in the tower. The tower will be open for ringing from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. All members and friends cordially invited. — Arthur D. Barker, Honorary Secretary pro. tem., 49, Noel Street, Islington, N.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Sec., 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, October 26th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Those intending to take tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, October 22nd. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea, at usual charge, will be arranged for those who let me know by October 20th. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, 1912. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The tenth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Ladies specially invited. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the association, or from F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who wish for tea please send me their names not later than Tuesday, the 22nd? Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting? —T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Billingborough and Falkingham on Saturday, October 26th. Service at Billingborough at 4 p.m. Tea at Fortescue Arms at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Members are requested to send notice of attendance by October 21st. All friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A South and West District meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. All are welcome. Members are reminded that outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walpole, St. Andrew's (6 bells), on Saturday, October 26th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Plough Inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2/6 each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — A quarterly meeting will be held at Bishop's Waltham on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from noon. Short service at 4.15. Tea by the kind invitation of the Rector (Rev. E. H. Rycroft), at the Parish Hall, at 5 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 21st inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

DURHAM, NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meets at Cathedral Vestry 12 noon. Service in Cathedral 1 p.m. Dinner at County Hotel 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the S.W. Division will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service in the church at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall, in Meeson Road, at 6 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W., on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church House at 5 p.m. Will all ladies who intend being present kindly let me know before October 23rd.—Edith K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on October 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. W. Mills, at 5.30 in the Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Will those who can notify me by Friday previous, so as to give some idea of number for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. —The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. — Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Huntspill on Saturday, October 26th. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater, Somerset.

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, October 26th, at the Parish Church, Saddleworth. Bells available at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 7. All ringers invited.—Chas. Bower, Honorary Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and and business meeting in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—G. B. Edser, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3; short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall, 5.45. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Preb. Sanders) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

SCOPE FOR ORGANISATION.

The question of organisation, which our article last week briefly touched upon, is a subject which provides a very wide field for advance among the associations of the country. Successful as a great number of them are in many respects, finality has not yet been reached by any in the scope of the work which is open to them. A large membership and many peals rung are signs of healthy life and growth, but they ought not to be the be-all and end-all of an association's existence. Ringing to call the public to worship is the main purpose of the bells, and this object should be first in importance where ringers are concerned. Associations put this, and rightly so, prominently before their members, but there is opportunity for this side of the ringer's work to be encouraged much more than it is, and this could probably easily be done by an expansion of organisation.

A full appreciation of the duties and responsibilities of the ringer's office ought to be, and in many cases is, sufficient to ensure the regular ringing of the bells for Sunday services, but there will always be room for our associations to step in with timely encouragement. Why should they not reward constant and conscientious attention to duty? There are doubtless many cases where, year in and year out, a company rings with the utmost regularity twice if not more on every Sunday, and where the work is done without fee or hope of reward, except the realisation of duty well and truly done. Such labours, surely, are worthy of recognition, and if the associations could extend their organisation so as still further to develop this side of ringers' work they would secure to a still greater degree, we believe, the sympathy and help of the clergy and church authorities, and gain, as a result, greater strength in all respects.

A correspondent emphasises the point we made last week that the existence and objects of our ringing associations are not known sufficiently outside the ranks of the members themselves. This is unquestionably true, and while not infrequently societies hold meetings at some unaffiliated tower in order to bring it into union, other means might be employed to spread the cause. There is splendid opportunity for a big progressive effort. Why not a more active campaign throughout the country to make known the uses and advantages of the associations to those still outside the fold? The associations have done much to educate ringers to the value and delights of change ringing; let them extend their organisation so that a larger public may be educated to a better understanding of the objects of our existence. The success of any society must depend on its organisation, and the more a society is organised to help others and the more educational its objects, the greater will be its sphere of usefulness and influence.

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*THOMAS HUGHES	2	ALFRED DAVIES...	7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
‡HERBERT SHEPPARD... ...	4	*HARRY GOODMAN	9
ALFRED ROWLEY	5	†JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

* First peal of Bob Royal. ‡ First peal of Royal with a bob bell. † First peal of Royal as conductor. This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Herbert Sheppard and Alfred Davies. It was also the quarterly peal, and the first peal of Bob Royal for the above Guild.

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

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

ERNEST NIDD	...*Treble*	ALBERT C. DARNELL ...	6
*REV. C. J. STURTON ...	2	DAVID B. OVERTON... ...	7
WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3	FRED TURNER	8
†J. FRANK PROCTOR	4	SIDNEY PROCTOR	9
HARRY THORPE...	5	THOMAS H. HALL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate the Patronal Festival of St. Wulfram's Church. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 5 and 6, their extent behind the 9th.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM G. ANKER ...	...*Treble*	JAMES HOPKIN	6
JAMES JONES	2	JOHN CORRIGAN	7
WILLIAM H. JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN JENNINGS	4	*WILLIAM DAVIES	9
THOMAS J. BRATTON	5	CHARLES ALLEN ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal of Caters with a bob bell. This composition, which is rung for the first time, has the 6th behind the 9th for six courses, 24 times at home in the tittums position, and 24 times behind the 8th in the hand-stroke home position.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 10 cwt.

RICHARD KEEN	...*Treble*	TOM BULL	5
JOHN MONK	2	NOBLE SPINDLOW	6
HERBERT HOLLIS	3	JESSE BROOKS	7
ALBERT BROOKS	4	GEORGE BROOKS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by NOBLE SPINDLOW.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

WILLIAM R. SMALL ...	...*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	5
ARTHUR BAKER	2	HARRY S. SMITH	6
SAMUEL PEARCE	3	THOMAS HUGHES	7
JOHN H. JONES	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

*CECIL J. BAKER... ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE N. PRICE	5
CHARLES DRAPER	2	ALBERT H. WARD	6
ALBERT COPPOCK	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY... ...	7
J. CHARLES DICKEN... ...	4	EDWARD WHITBREAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by A. H. WARD.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells and first muffled peal in the town. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Silas Spencer, who had been one of the ringers of the above church for many years and who died at the age of 84.

WELLINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART NO. 1. Tenor 22 cwt.

HENRY NORMAN ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM CHAPMAN	5
*ALFRED WYATT...	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS ...	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
FREDERICK NORMAN... ...	4	†THOMAS J. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples. † First peal on eight bells. The ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5 & 6 belong to Milverton, 2 to Milton, 8 Bishops Hull and 7 to Taunton. The band wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank Mr. J. Coram for having the bells ready.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

GEORGE HOWCHIN	...*Treble*	GEORGE H. CROSS	5
GEORGE S. SOAME	2	WILLIAM STEELE	6
GEORGE MOY	3	ALBERT G. WARNES	7
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

ST. LEONARD'S, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

FRANK BENNETT	...*Treble*	FRANCIS A. KENNETT	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	2	WALTER FRANKS	6
WALTER ALCOCK	3	GEORGE WATSON	7
GEORGE PENFOLD	4	HARRY DENMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Kennett, who received the hearty congratulations of the band.

NORTH WINGFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS	...*Treble*	SAM THOMAS	5
JOHN HOLMAN	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS	3	*WILLIAM BURGAR	7
THOMAS BETTISON	4	JOHN FLINT	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN FLINT.

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

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL	...*Treble*	SIDNEY F. PALMER	5
WILLIAM LAMBERT	2	*SAMUEL WESLEY	6
R. WILFRED COLLIER	3	JOHN THORPE	7
CLEMENT GLENN	4	WALTER ALLWOOD	*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

WOMBOURNE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BENEDICT,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

GEORGE SMITH	...*Treble*	WILLIAM ROGERS	5
JOSEPH CORNS	2	ROWLAND CARTWRIGHT	6
HERBERT KNIGHT	3	ALBERT LITTLE	7
HARRY G. SADLER	4	EDWARD MITCHEL	*Tenor*

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung to celebrate the wedding of Miss C. Fletcher and Mr. Horace Sadler, a prominent member of the local society, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Mitchel whose first peal it was.

BRIDGWATER, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.

TOM W. CREED	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. COLES	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	*WILLIAM HOYLE	6
ISAAC CREED	3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN	7
*JOHN W. JONES	4	CHARLES R. LILLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Oxford, and first peal of Oxford on the bells. C. R. Lilley and H. J. and I. Creed are from Taunton; Jones from Newport, Mon.; Chamberlain from Burnham; and Hoyle from Minehead. A. E. Coles belongs to the local band. Opportunity is now taken of according the Bridgwater ringers the very best thanks for providing such an excellent repast at the end of the peal, and for arranging the social and "smoker." Thanks are also given the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Langham) for the use of the bells and for his presence with the band during the evening.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WILLIAM ROSE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK DAY	5
*HUBERT DAY	2	GEORGE ARCHER	6
*ERNEST LINCOLN	3	ERNEST POPPY	7
WILLIAM CLOVER	4	DAVID WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the unveiling of a stained glass window to the memory of the late Mr. Charles Facon, for many years churchwarden and mayor of Eye.

PRESTON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

E. ROGER MARTIN	...*Treble*	*ROBERT SANDERSON	5
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG	2	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	6
JOHN POTTER	3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG	7
JAMES ARMSTRONG	4	†REGINALD L. INCE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. First peal in the method as conductor and first in the method on the bells.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RUPERT GOATE	...*Treble*	‡FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	5
CLAYTON PARNELL	2	DENISON HAYWARD	6
†THOMAS BECKETT	3	HARRY LANG	7
‡GEORGE BAXTER	4	†EDMUND ETTERIDGE	*Tenor*

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

* First peal. † First peal on eight bells. ‡ First peal in the method.

ERITH, KENT.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*GEORGE L. JOYCE	...*Treble*	REUBEN SANDERS	5
WILLIAM PYE	2	ALFRED W. GRIMES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Major.

WIDFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN, Senr.	*Treble*	HARRY MOORE	5
ARTHUR EDWARDS	2	*FRED CHALK	6
WALTER SADLER	3	WILLIAM LINCOLN	7
*HORACE J. MANSFIELD	4	ARTHUR HEAD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM LINCOLN.

* First peal of Double Norwich. This peal was arranged for H. J. Mansfield and F. Chalk, of Maldon, and W. Sadler, of Braintree; also as a farewell peal to H. Moore, who is leaving the neighbourhood.

SOUTH WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
(ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.)
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

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

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.

This was James George's 500th peal and at the conclusion he received the congratulations of the band and Mr. C. H. Fowler who had come over from Leicester to hear the peal.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD	*Treble*	FREDERICK CRIPPS	5
PERCY H. DOICK	2	WESLEY PETTIFER	6
JAMES BURDFIELD	3	GEORGE WOODMAN	7
JOHN COOK	4	ALFRED GREENFIELD	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN COOK.

WHITBY, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

T. STEEL	*Treble*	WILLIAM KNAGGS	5
H. GIBSON	2	J. T. WATERS	6
WILLIAM BRECKON	3	ALBERT COATES	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	F. HODGSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT COATES.

Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival. H. Gibson was elected a member of the above Association before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, October 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

WILLIAM C. HART	*Treble*	EDWARD C. MERRITT	5
*JOHN T. RICKMAN	2	OLIVER SIPPETTS	6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
JOHN CAPP	4	KEITH HART	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Superlative.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

EDWIN J. PANNETT	*Treble*	*RICHARD W. HOATHER	4
*FRANK S. STURT	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS	5
*GEORGE H. STURT	3	ROBERT J. DAWE	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT J. DAWE.

* First peal of Minor. This peal was rung as a welcome home to the Rector (the Rev. Prebendary R. I. Salmon), on his return from abroad.

BARSHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 24 six-scores of Grandsire and 18 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 6 cwt. 2 qr. 7 lbs.

*CHARLES SAUNDERS	*Treble*	GEORGE BAXTER	3
GEORGE NAUNTON	2	*THOMAS BECKETT	4
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON	*Tenor*		

Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells, and rung on the eve of St. Luke's Day. First peal as conductor, and first peal of Doubles by all the band.

LAUNTON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London College Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALFRED CLARKE	*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 on the bells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. M. Miller and Mrs. Miller for entertaining them to tea after the peal, and for the use of the bells. They also wish to thank Mr. Foster for having everything in readiness.

MUCH MARCLE, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS	*Treble*	CHARLES H. AUSTIN	4
CHARLES L. SADLER	2	JOHN CLARK	5
EDWARD SUMMERS	3	WILLIAM POSTON	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

First peal of Minor on the bells. C. H. Austin was elected a member of the Hereford Guild previous to starting.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM WOOD	*Treble*	GEORGE H. SPICE	
WILLIAM NYE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5
THOMAS JULL	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR. 5040 CHANGES;

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

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the festival of St. Luke. Rev. R. P. Farrow was elected a member of the above Guild in the tower.

THORNTON CURTIS, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE ATKINSON	...*Treble*	STEPHEN BROOMFIELD	... 4
ARTHUR HOODLESS	... 2	JOSEPH ATKINSON	... 5
WALTER GODDARD	... 3	WALTER AYRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER AYRE.

First peal by ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5, who belong to the local company. First peal as conductor, and first peal on the bells, which have ecently been augmented by the addition of a treble through the generosity of the Rector (the Rev. C. B. Goodacre). A. Hoodless hails from Barton-on-Humber, and the conductor from Gainsborough.

OLD RADNOR, RADNORSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARCHIE GEORGE	...*Treble*	WALTER S. EVANS	... 4
JABEZ PREECE	... 2	JOHN HAMMOND	... 5
WILLIAM SHORT	... 3	ANDREW POWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

First peal on the bells.

HAWKSHEAD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

ERIC L. BENNETT	...*Treble*	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	... 4
WOODBURN NEVINSON	... 2	CHARLES WEBB	... 5
*GORDON WHITTAM	... 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERIC L. BENNETT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

STAUNTON-ON-ARROW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN POWELL	...*Treble*	JABEZ PREECE	... 4
WILLIAM SHORT	... 2	WALTER S. EVANS	... 5
JOHN HAMMOND	... 3	ARTHUR HAMSHIRE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

The conductor has now called peals in 100 different towers from Doubles to Maximus. The ringers, after the peal, had tea at Staunton Court, and wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. Edwards for their kind hospitality.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Wednesday, October 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	... 5—6
JOHN SPARROW	... 3—4	*CHARLES WOODCOCK	... 7—8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: HARRY A. TURNER.

* First peal of Major double-handed.

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

On Thursday, October 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. JOHN SPARROW, NORTHGATE ST.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

*JOHN SPARROW	... 1—2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	... 3—4	ARTHUR E. MOORE	... 7—8

FRANK J. LEVITT ... ... 9—10

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: W. W. KEMP.

* First peal of Royal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BERTRAM PREWETT	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD	... 5—6
ERNEST PYE	... 3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	... 7—8

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.
Umpire: THOMAS KING.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. COOKE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM COOKE, R.N.	1—2	*WILLIAM EASTER	... 5—6
F. A. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I.	3—4	*WILLIAM HAIGH	... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.
Umpire: T. WRIGHT.

* First peal on handbells. This is the first handbell peal by the Association which has been rung by resident members.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	... 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	... 3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	... 7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. W. PARKER, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

This composition was taken from "The Ringing World," Augu s 30th, 1912.

OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

The following peals were rung by members of the Diocesan Guild in the neighbourhood of Oxford during a "ringing week"—October 12th to 19th, 1912 :—

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
GEORGE PRESTON	2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
ERNEST BISHOP	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES ;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

ERNEST BISHOP...	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
EDGAR HUMFREY	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	8
*JOSIAH D. HARRIS	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	9
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	5	†PERCY DYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal of Stedman Caters. † First attempt for a peal.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, October 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANGES ;
Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr.	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	5
*JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	ERNEST BISHOP...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method on an inside bell. First peal in the method on the bells.

BURFORD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 15, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;
Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	REV. C. C. COX	6
REV. E. V. COX...	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal in the method on the bells.

SHIPTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;
Tenor 14¾ cwt.

*GEORGE PRESTON	*Treble*	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	5
REV. E. V. COX	2	REV. C. C. COX	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	†ERNEST BISHOP...	7
RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method on an inside bell. First Surprise peal on the bells.

WOODSTOCK, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	REV. C. C. COX	6
REV. E. V. COX	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	7
ERNEST BISHOP	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND	*Tenor*

Conducted by the REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES ;
Tenor 23½ cwt.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	GEORGE PRESTON	5
GEORGE WILLIAMS	2	JOHN EVANS	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	3	JOHN C. TRUSS...	7
RICHARD BUCKLAND	4	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

CLANFIELD, OXON,
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 16 lbs.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS	*Treble*	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	5
GEORGE PRESTON	2	JOHN EVANS	6
ERNEST BISHOP	3	JOHN C. TRUSS...	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
First peal of Major on the bells.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	JOHN EVANS	5
JOSIAH D. HARRIS	2	JOHN C. TRUSS...	6
GEORGE PRESTON	3	ERNEST BISHOP	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	THOMAS ALDWORTH	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	*Treble*	JOSIAH D. HARRIS	5
THOMAS EAST	2	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	6
GEORGE WILLIAMS	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	7
JOHN EVANS...	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD T. HIBBERT.

A RINGER'S FUNERAL.

Mr. Wm. Hy. Ingham, of Sutton, near Macclesfield, whose sudden death we have briefly recorded, was in his 62nd year, and had been the leader of the St. James' branch of ringers since 1879, having been a ringer at the church since the bells were first placed there. He had taught many ringers in the art of change ringing, and always with the greatest of patience. He leaves a widow, two daughters and two sons to mourn their loss.

The interment took place at St. James' Church, the funeral service being conducted by the Rev. W. R. Gough (Vicar). At the conclusion of the last sad rites, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave, by: J. Manifould 1—2, A. B. Lomas 3—4, J. M. Davenport 5—6, T. Mottershead 7—8. Afterwards, with the bells deeply muffled, 360 Kent Treble Bob was rung on the tower bells. Among the beautiful floral tributes was one from St. James' Church ringers, and one from St. Michael's Church ringers, Macclesfield.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE MASTER OF THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

There is probably no better known member of the Exercise than Mr. James George, of Rugby, who, in the course of a ringing career as varied as any man's, has established his name as almost a household word among ringers, and has now attained a pinnacle of fame which few have yet reached, namely, a record which includes 500 peals. Ringing has had no more enthusiastic devotee, for Mr. George has travelled the four kingdoms of the British Isles in pursuit of his pastime, and difficulties of time and distance have been to him only obstacles to be surmounted. Though not among the "heavy weights," he can hold his own with most ringers of heavy bells; indeed, his genial good nature and even temper are only equalled by his big heart when it comes to tackling a big job, but of this anon.



Photo by] [*Thorneycroft, Wolverton.*

MR. JAMES GEORGE.

Born at Pinner on November 27th, 1853, Mr. George is the second son of Mr. James George, who was for many years the leader of the ringers in the Middlesex village, and the love of bells which he inherited from his father was exhibited at an early age, for when quite a small boy he found his way whenever possible into the belfry, while at the age of ten years he frequently rang the service bell. In 1869 he entered the service of the London and North-Western Railway Company, and since 1881 has been connected with the estate department at Rugby, which has its headquarters at Euston.

His actual association with change ringing did not begin very early, and it was not until February 16th, 1889, that he rang his first peal, this being Grandsire Triples at St. George's, Camberwell. Thereafter peals followed in goodly number, and by the year 1894 he had scored his first century. These first 100 peals were rung in no fewer than 63 towers, from Newcastle to Brighton, and had involved 11,000 miles of railway travel, without reckoning the distances travelled for unsuccessful attempts. Mr. George's 200th peal was a memorable one. It was rung and conducted by him at his native village of Pinner on August 13th, 1899, in celebration of his parents' golden wedding, and was taken part in by his brother, Mr. W. H. George, as well as several other ringers of note. Naturally the occasion was one for congratulations. Mr. George's father, it is interesting to note, was a ringer at Pinner for over 60 years, and rang at the death of William IV and the accession of Queen Victoria.

In 1896, when the peal of eight bells was erected at St. Andrew's, Rugby, and a ringing society formed there, Mr. James George was elected Master, and continued to act in that capacity for a good many years, the foundation of much of the progress made by that company being laid by his efforts. Mr. George reached his 300th peal on December 9th, 1905, at Winchester Cathedral, and, as an example of the way in which his perigrinations had been continued, it may be noted that by that time he had rung peals in no fewer than 161 towers. He brought his total up to 400 on September 19th, 1908, and at this period his number of towers had reached 197. In just over four years he has added another hundred, and his total towers has grown to 233, the peals having been rung in 39 counties in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales.

Mr. George, who is among the best of strikers, has taken part in a number of long lengths, including 6011 and 8009 Grandsire Caters, 6720 Double Norwich at North Wingfield, 6000 Bob Major at Erith and 6336 Treble Bob at Woolwich. Both the latter were rung the same day, and Mr. George rang the tenor to each. But his crowning achievement in this direction was the 12,240 Treble Bob Maximus—the twelve bell record—at Ashton-under-Lyne in 8 hours 39 minutes last year, in which he again rang the tenor. Indeed, he fairly revels in heavy metal, and some of his best performances are worthy of mention. There was, for instance, 2 hours 35 minutes on the tenor, followed by 3 hours 47 minutes, all told, on the 7th at Sherborne Abbey on May 20th, 1907. Then there has been Treble Bob on the 33 cwt. tenor at Chester Cathedral, and Treble Bob Royal and Maximus on the tenor (43 cwt.) at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, while he has also rung the 41 cwt. tenor at Cornhill to Stedman Cinques, and the 11th at Bow and the 11th and tenor at Cripplegate to the same method, to say nothing of such lighter jobs as the 11th and tenor at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich. Among other performances Mr. George can claim three peals of Stedman Cinques rung within 24 hours.

Although associated with a large number of societies, Mr. George has, of course, had the warmest spot in his heart for the organisation in whose area he resides, and last year, at the annual meeting in July, was elected to the office of Master of the Warwickshire Guild. Since then he has done less peal ringing, having devoted his energies principally to the work of the Guild. But not only is Mr. George known in the belfry, he has devoted some attention to composition, and he has several excellent peals.

He is a member of the following Associations and Guilds :—

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Sussex.
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Oxford.
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Durham and Newcastle.
St. Margaret's, Westminster.
Bedfordshire.
St. Peter's, Wolverhampton.
United Counties.
Ashton-under-Lyne.
Gloucester and Bristol.
St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.
St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.
Norwich Diocesan.
St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich.
Nuneaton.
St. Andrew's, Rugby.
Surrey.
Warwickshire.
Cheltenham and Districts.
Llandaff.
Irish.
Lincolnshire.
Yorkshire.
Salop.
St. Thomas', Dudley.

Appended is the list of his 500 peals, which have been rung in 39 different counties; in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Wales :—

TOWER BELLS.			
Grandsire Triples	51	Conducted	14
Grandsire Caters	28		
Grandsire Cinques	3		
Grandsire Major	2		
Grandsire Royal	1		
Grandsire Maximus	1		
Bob Triples	1		
Darlaston Bob Triples	2		
Stedman Triples	78	Conducted	2
Stedman Caters	93		
Stedman Cinques	39		
Bob Minor	1		
Bob Major	23	Conducted	1
Bob Royal	6		
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Kent Treble Bob Major	29		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	20		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	9		
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1		
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	23		
Forward Royal	1		
Forward Maximus	1		
New Cambridge Surprise Major (with treble)	1		
London Surprise Major (with treble)	5		
Bristol Surprise Major (with treble)	4		
Superlative Surprise Major	67		
Aston Royal	1		
HANDBELLS.			
Grandsire Triples	2		
Union Triples	1		
Stedman Triples	3		
Stedman Caters	2		
	500		17

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCHEME.

Sir,—The inscription on the picture of this screen in your issue of October 18th reads "Laudate Deo in ejus santis"—presumably the Latin version of Psalm cl, 1, "O praise God in his holiness." If not too late, may I suggest that those responsible should consult the "Vulgate" or Latin text of this passage before the screen is finished?—Yours faithfully.

T. L. PAPILLON.

St. Albans, October 18th.

"THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING."

Sir,—With regard to the last paragraph of Mr. Mackman's letter in this week's "Ringing World," it will no doubt be of interest to that gentleman to know that the Middlesex County Association are at present considering a scheme to encourage Sunday ringing, with an illuminated certificate to be competed for annually. The matter was mentioned at the last annual meeting, and will be further discussed at the next. Mr. Mackman has my best wishes in his endeavours to form a change ringing band at Acton, and nothing would give me greater pleasure than to know that he and his colleagues were the first winners of our certificate.—Yours truly,

C. T. COLES,
Joint Hon. Sec., Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild.

Walthamstow, October 19th.

Sir,—There is one remark in Mr. Trollope's letter of Friday week which leads me to think that Mr. Trollope and his friends would do well to practice before they preach. He says, "There is no objection to a peal at St. John's, Waterloo Road, once a fortnight," and also, "Local men should not act the part of the dog in the manger." Being anxious to attempt a peal in London for a special object in July, and thinking St. John's bells were easy to obtain for a peal, I applied for them. The answer I received was they had to be careful at that tower, as there were so many complaints. Now, if your readers will look through your paper from July till now they will see if St. John's company have been careful, and I will leave them to judge whether there is one company at least in London which acts the part of the dog in the manger. If all local companies acted in the same way as at St. John's, when applied to for bells, where would Mr. Trollope and his friends ring their peals?

Guildford. A. H. PULLING.

ENCOURAGING SERVICE RINGING.

Dear Sir,—Apropos Mr. Mackman's remarks on Sunday ringing attendances, it might be of interest to some, to know that the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society has for some years run a competition on the lines suggested. We present a silver cup, value £10 (to be held for one year), and a framed certificate to the company recording the highest percentage of attendance for the previous twelve months. Tabulated attendance sheets are provided each quarter, which are marked up and returned to myself when completed. The competition is open without fee to every company possessing six bells and upwards, providing that such company has an equal number of members of this society as they have bells. Unfortunately it must be admitted that of late years this competition has not been as largely entered for as it should have been, but we are making a big effort to bring it before the notice of members, and I hope and expect that another year will see practically all our companies in the competition. Good striking, which should be the aim of all Sunday ringing, will almost surely follow regular attendances, and to the non-ringer good striking is everything. Outsiders will appreciate a well-struck touch of Grandsire Triples far more than any number of the more intricate methods, indifferently rung, and the opinion of the outsider is not to be despised, inasmuch as it is the primary duty of the bells to remind him that a service is to be held, and it is the non-ringer, who, in the majority of cases, provides the money for new peals and the like.

One could wish, too that regular attendance in the ringing chamber might go more frequently than it does, with regular attendance of at least one of the church services. None has a right to dictate to anyone as to what services they should attend, but it does seem inconsistent to call others to worship, and then clear off oneself, as is done in too many cases, and much of the friction between incumbents and ringers is undoubtedly due in the first place to this cause. One doubts if it would be practicable to include service attendance in such a competition as above, but one thinks that rather more might be done by some societies, to encourage attendance at service than is at present the case. Speaking generally, if a choirman can afford the time to attend a service, why not a ringer?—Yours faithfully,

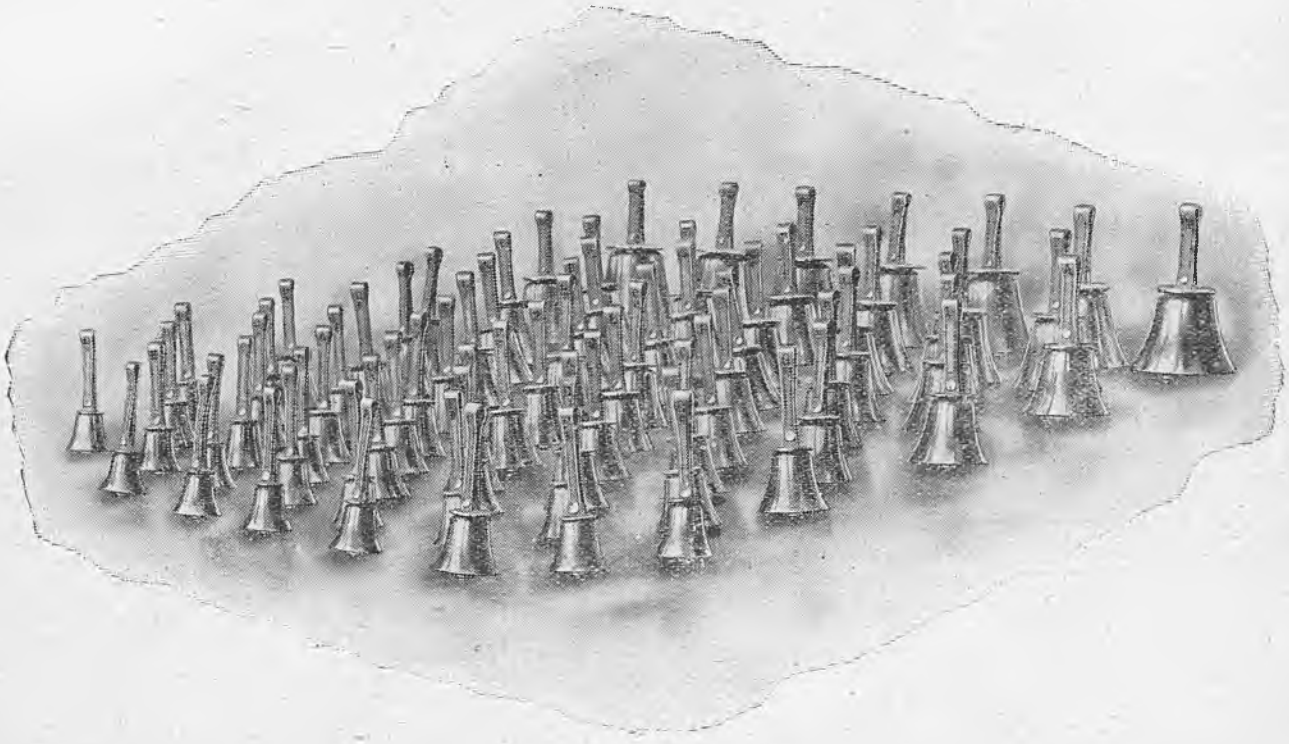
J. E. L. COCKEY.

Others letters on this subject are unavoidably held over.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Amalgamated Society was held at Headingley St. Chad's on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley St. Michael's, Leeds, Mirfield, Queensbury, Wakefield, and the local band. An attempt was made for a peal of Treble Bob Major in the afternoon, but did not prove successful. Touches in different methods were then rung until the business meeting, which was held in the Schoolroom.—The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) occupied the chair, and four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. F. Hutchinson, W. Hutchinson, H. Williams and M. Hedges.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck, on November 16th, the peal arrangements being left to the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and to the local company for making the arrangements, was proposed by Mr. J. W. Wright, seconded by Mr. W. Wood, and carried unanimously.—The Rev. C. C. Marshall responded.—The tower was then again visited, and further ringing done. The methods rung were Bob Major, Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, and Double Norwich.

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HERE AND THERE.

A memorial tablet erected by the bell ringers has been dedicated at St. Mary's Church, Hadlow, Kent, to the memory of Mr. H. Snowden Ward. The deceased gentleman, who died in New York, on December 7th, 1911, was a great friend of the local ringers, and an enthusiastic supporter of campanology. In 1908 he gave a handsome peal board to the tower, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, the first on the bells by a local band for over 50 years.

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The death has taken place of Mr. William Jones, for 21 years a verger at Gloucester Cathedral. The funeral service was attended by the full cathedral choir, and the Dean, Canon Trotter, Canon Ridsdall, Precentor Fleming, Minor Canon Hayden, and Minor Canon Rowlands took part. In addition to the family mourners, many of the Cathedral officials were present. The deceased, who was formerly a police officer, was the father of Mr. W. C. Jones, Master of the Worcester Cathedral Society, and late of the St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester.

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The new Science and Art Schools, Bournemouth, are to have an hour bell, weighing 1½ tons, and also Westminster chimes. The work is being carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London. The same firm has just cast a set of bells consisting of an hour bell weighing 16 cwt., and Westminster chimes for King Edward's College, Trinidad. These bells are to serve as a memorial to his late Majesty King Edward VII, and the bells, besides bearing the Royal Coat of Arms, have the following inscription: "John Warner and Sons, Bell Founders to His late Majesty King Edward VII, 1912."

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On Thursday evening, October 12th, the bells of St. Mary's Church, Enfield, Middlesex, were heard for the first time after having been rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London, who completed their work that very morning. The bells were cast by the same firm, and are a ring of eight, with a tenor weighing 19½ cwt., in the key of E.

THE OLD ORDER CHANGETH.

GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS FORMED FOR NEWCASTLE CATHEDRAL.

No doubt ringers in general (and of the North especially) will welcome the news from Newcastle Cathedral, which possesses a fine peal of ten, with a tenor 37 cwt. 3 qrs. 16lbs. On September 25th, the old professional band of stoney ringers retired from active service, and at the request of the Vicar and churchwardens, Mr. C. L. Routledge (President of the Durham and Newcastle Association) took the necessary steps to form a voluntary guild. The Vicar of Newcastle (the Rev. Canon Gough) presided at a meeting at which some 20 were present. As a result of the meeting, the Guild was established, with the Vicar as president, the three Resident Canons and four churchwardens as vice-presidents, Mr. C. L. Routledge, Ringing Master, Mr. E. E. Ferry, hon. secretary and treasurer and assistant Ringing Master, and Mr. B. C. Dixon, steeple keeper. Suitable rules were formed.

On Sunday, Sept. 29th, the Vicar held a service of induction in the belfry at 10 a.m., when the members of the newly-formed guild were formally instituted, immediately after which a course of Stedman Caters was rung; then came the signing of the rules, etc., followed by a touch of Stedman Caters for the morning service.

After the service, the verger was asked by several members of the congregation if the bells had been altered in any way, for they sounded so much sweeter than they had done. Perhaps by that we can take it, the ordinary man in the street does appreciate the difference between "stoney" and "change ringing."

During the days prior to the induction of the new band, the members of the new guild ascended the tower each evening, put off their coats, collars and ties, not to ring a peal, but to perform the most interesting and intellectual feat of clearing out an accumulation of rubbish and filth which has been so carefully nurtured for years amongst the bells. When the men came down, if only they had had black coats on, you could not have discerned where the coat left off and the face and hands began. The soap market is now on the upgrade. A horse and cart had to be employed to carry away the accumulated dirt of the belfry. The ringing chamber has had floor, walls, and ceiling, thoroughly scrubbed, the former is now covered with linoleum, the latter varnished, and the walls coloured, and a few inches of foul matter removed from the windows. It is now quite possible to see to ring, even when the sun is not shining, without the aid of gas. Towards the cost of the cleaning, etc., the ringers have to thank the churchwardens for a cheque.

On Sundays, at 10 a.m. and 6.20 p.m., the bells speak out to the tune of Stedman Caters, and are forgetting their way along the rough "stoney" path which they have hobbled so painfully along for the last few years. Any change ringer visiting Newcastle will always receive a welcome either at the practice on Thursdays, or on Sundays, morning or evening.

ORSETT.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Sept. 15th, four 120's of Grandsire Doubles: H. Chinnery 1, W. Harrod 2, A. Harrod 3, A. Weeling 4, H. Joslin 5, W. Bridge and T. Kimmings 6.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.

On Saturday, the Shipley branch of the Sussex Association had their annual outing. The company, which numbered 12, had two of the old brigade with them, in the persons of Mr. Jack Summersell and Mr. Dick Bowell, senr., who amused some of the youngsters by recounting their exploits in the belfry some 50 years ago. Getting well away in a motor before 9 a.m., the first stopping place was Walberton in the western part of the county. Here the visitors were met by the Vicar (the Rev. P. Blakeway), who accorded them a hearty welcome. A 720 of Cambridge Surprise was attempted, but a missed call in the last part brought it to a close. After a touch of Oxford Treble Bob had been brought round, an adjournment was made to the Royal Oak for dinner.

The next place of call was Lyminster, where touches of Carlisle, Cambridge and Oxford were brought round. The party then proceeded to West Tarring, where they were received by the Hon. Secretary of the Western Division of the Association (Mr. H. Evans). Ascending the tower, 240 each of Carlisle and Cambridge Surprise were tapped off, and then tea was partaken of at the Fig Gardens. Afterwards, Mr. Cripps proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of the various churches, and to Mr. W. C. Cheal, of Lyminster, and Mr. C. Street, of West Tarring, for their kindness in making the arrangements at the various churches, and last but not least, to Mr. Evans for his company.—In reply, Mr. Evans thanked Mr. Cripps for the kind remarks he had made, and recalled the pleasant times he had had with the Shipley band in their own parish. — Mr. C. Street responded on behalf of the West Tarring band, and the tower was then again visited, and 240 Cambridge was brought round, Mr. A. W. Groves standing in, this being his first attempt in the method. Touches of 360 Plain Bob and 240 Kent, with friends from Tarring and Heene taking part, brought the day's ringing to a close. A pleasant half-hour was afterwards spent at the George and Dragon, with the ringers from the various churches round, and Shipley was eventually reached about 9.30, everyone declaring it one of the best day's outings on record.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.

On Saturday afternoon, several members of the Beccles company, with one from Great Yarmouth company, and one from Wrentham, had a very enjoyable outing to Loddon, under the leadership of the veteran, Mr. H. Hopson. A start was made from the White Lion Hotel by brake soon after two o'clock, and Loddon was reached, after a pleasant seven miles' drive, a little before 3 p.m. The bells of Holy Trinity Church, a nice handy ring of eight (tenor 11 cwt.) had been, through the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. G. M. Davis, placed at the disposal of the visitors for an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was successfully accomplished.

After the peal, through the kindness of Mr. J. Nobbs (who is the son of an old Lodden bell ringer, of many years ago), and Mr. R. Goate (secretary of the Beccles District of the Norwich Association, who was fortunate enough to score his first peal), a very substantial knife and fork tea was provided at the cafe. After tea, Mr. H. Hopson, in a genial speech, thanked the Vicar for the use of the bells, Messrs. Nobbs and Goate for their very kind hospitality, and all those who had made the outing such a great success. He was very pleased that his own health permitted him to have another such enjoyable outing with the company.

The return to Beccles was then made, the outing having been much enjoyed.

PAINSWICK VETERAN'S DEATH.

An old and much respected member of the Ancient Society of Painswick Youths has passed away, in the person of Mr. John Powell. He reached the ripe age of 84, and had been associated with the Painswick tower for over 50 years, having been one of the band that rang the 8448 Stedman Cinques in 1858. Mr. Powell was on the tenor on that occasion. There are now only three members of Mr. William Estcourt's famous band living, viz., Mr. George Wright, who resides near Bisley, Gloucester; Mr. Henry Morris, of Worcester; and Mr. Fred Musty, of Cheltenham.

On the occasion of the late Mr. Powell's funeral, the usual "whole pull and stand" was rung with the bells muffled, by: Messrs. T. Wright, C. West, S. Cole, W. Ireland, W. Hale, F. Cole, F. Millard, A. Wright (conductor) and H. Hanks.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Liverpool Branch was held at Tuebrook on Saturday, members attending from Liverpool, Bootle, Garston, Grassendale, Walton, Woolton, and the local tower. Ringing took place from 4.30 until 7.30, when tea was kindly provided by the Vicar, in the Mission Hall.—Mr. Woodhall presided at the business meeting, which followed. Woolton was chosen for the next place of meeting, on Saturday, Nov. 9th.—It was resolved that the steeplekeeper see the Vicar with a view to coming to some arrangement with the ringers so that change ringing would be kept going in Liverpool.—A vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar for use of bells and for giving the tea, also to Mrs. Brockman for seeing after the wants of the ringers at the tables. The methods rung during the evening were: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob Major.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

EASTERN DIVISION MEETING AT SALEHURST.

THE PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, held at Salehurst, on Saturday week, was a great success. About 30 members attended, and the towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Christ Church, Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonards; Christ Church, Blacklands; Hastings, Seaford, Rye, Heathfield, Battle, Tenterden, and Rolvenden.

During the afternoon, Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, and at five o'clock the company attended Divine service.

The Curate (the Rev. Andrews) intoned the prayers, and the Rev. Ward, who has quite recently come to the parish, and is to be inducted as Vicar shortly, occupied the pulpit, preaching from Exodus xxviii, 34, "A Golden Bell." He referred to the fact that there were only two references to bells in the Bible, and went on to trace the history of bells through the ages. He proceeded to remark that the bell ringer's office was a very honourable one, but he realised that, in the past, the ringers had been very much neglected. Church work had been devoted to rebuilding and repairing churches, but now at last they had come to the towers, and throughout the country rings of bells had been rehung, augmented, and new peals erected. For all this they were very thankful, because it helped to bring the office of the bell ringer before the congregation, who looked upon them as quite equal to the choristers. They did not see bell ringers at their work, but if their office did not come before the congregation's eyes they were just as grateful to them as to other Church workers. Congregations were realising more and more the value of their services, and especially since the development of change ringing. People appreciated that science, and looked forward to it and valued it, thus giving encouragement to the change ringing community to persevere and endeavour to become proficient in the art. He referred to the enthusiasm and pride which ringers took in their work. They were proud to welcome them at Salehurst that afternoon, and he hoped they would go back to their respective destinations, more fully devoted to their labour of love. Bell ringing was instituted for summoning people to church, and if that were so, what manner of men ought ringers to be? His prayer for them was that they might live consistent lives, so that people might say of them, that they not only filled their office; not only rang the bells and summoned people to church, but that their lives were in harmony with their office; lives that would be witnesses of Jesus Christ.

THE MEETING WITH THE KENT ASSOCIATION.

Subsequently tea was partaken of at the Old Eight Bells Inn, the Rev. Ward presiding, supported by the Rev. Andrews.

At the business meeting, which followed, those two gentlemen were unanimously elected honorary members.

Mr. C. Tribe, hon. secretary, Ashford Division, Kent Association, referred to the proposed combined meeting of the Kent and Sussex Associations at Rye in the summer of next year. He was placing the matter before the general committee of the Kent Association, and he would like to have the opinion of the meeting, so that he could convey their decision to the committee of his Association.

Several members spoke in support of the idea, and there seemed to be a unanimous feeling that it would be an excellent course to adopt. The meeting would probably be the first one after the Sussex annual meeting next May.

The meeting concluded by passing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. Ward for the use of the bells; for his address, and for presiding at the tea and meeting. The reverend gentleman is a round ringer, and has already had a ring at Salehurst, so in the near future, we may hear of his advent as a change ringer.

The tower was subsequently visited again, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples being rung.

The proceedings terminated at eight o'clock, when the curfew was rung, a ceremony which is performed every Saturday evening at Salehurst.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association had a most successful meeting at Stroud, 33 ringers being present from Painswick, Stroud, Bisley, Avening, Minchinhampton, Horsley, Gloucester, and Swindon. The Association's special form of service was used, Canon Proctor giving a most earnest address on the responsibility and reverence of ringers in their part of the services of the church. Subsequently the visitors were entertained to tea, at which Canon Proctor presided. A short business meeting was held, one new member being elected, and Chalford selected as the place for the annual meeting in December.—A vote of thanks to Canon Proctor for his kindness and hearty welcome was carried, on the motion of Mr. John Austin, and after a course on the handbells, the ringers returned to the tower. During the day, touches of Bob Minor and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung. The visitors all appreciated the hearty welcome they received, and the excellent "go" of the bells.

ORGANISATION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your suggestions on this point are most valuable, and should be taken to heart by each Association. The difficulty is that no one knows about us but those who are already change ringers.

When I was secretary for Dorset, in the Salisbury Guild, I had printed a four-page leaflet containing the name of every church which had bells, names of all ringers, practice nights, and methods rung, and sent this to every clergyman in the country. My action was strongly reprimanded by the other officials of the Guild.

The result, however, was that I was consulted by those who were thinking of new bells or belfry repair: also in cases of difficulty and differences among ringers and parsons. In all cases everyone was glad of the advice and help we were able to give them. And one may gather from the frequent reports in your columns of meetings and subdivisions of the Guild in Dorset, that that is the part of the country where ringing is making the greatest advance at present.

Most of our Associations are too large, and have not sufficient subdivisions to undertake the work of increasing the number of bells and ringers where openings are ready for such development.

Braisworth Rectory. H. DRAKE.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a meeting of the Crewkerne Deanery branch was held at Curry Rivel, when 21 members were present from Curry Rivel, Langport, Fivehead, Taunton (St. James'), and Ilminster, and one member from Poole, Dorset. Service was taken by Preb. Hamlet, chairman of the branch, the Rev. James Rigbye, of Fivehead, presiding at the organ. The Vicar (the Rev. —. Saunders) gave an interesting account of the architectural points of the church, at the conclusion of which the party adjourned for tea.—The business meeting followed. The Vicar was heartily thanked for granting the use of the bells, and in his reply, he said he hoped he would have the chance of welcoming the branch there again at no distant date.—The next meeting is to be held at Barrington (Preb. Hamlet's church) early in January.

The bells were kept going all the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major being brought round. The Curry members are to be congratulated on the progress they are making in the latter method. Unfortunately the company was one short of a Stedman Triple band, a keen disappointment to those who were present.

CASTLE CARY DEANERY.

A very pleasant meeting of the Castle Cary Deanery branch was held at Bruton, on Saturday last. Towers were well represented from Batcombe, Ditcheat, Castle Cary, Queen Camel, Bruton, Taunton, and North Cheriton. A short service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. D. L. Hayward) giving a most eloquent address on bell ringers and bell ringing. Some fine music was also heard from the organ and choir, under the conductorship of the choirmaster, Mr. Hughes, who was subsequently most heartily thanked for his services.

A substantial tea was served in the Churchroom, when between 30 and 40 sat down, after which a business meeting followed. The Vicar, who presided, in a very amusing speech, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Bruton, and related that their bells had only a few years ago been restored. He hoped the ringers found them in a very satisfactory state.—Several new members were proposed, and one tower affiliated to the Association. Wincanton was chosen for the next place of meeting, to be held in January.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the eloquent address given at the service, and for the use of the bells, also to the choir and organist for their services.—The Vicar briefly replied, congratulating the members of the Association on the excellent work they were doing. The fine peal of six bells were afterwards kept going in various methods until a late hour.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR NORFOLK.

The dedication of the two trebles which have been added to the old peal of six bells in the Church of SS. Peter and Paul, Salle, Norfolk, took place on Thursday, Oct. 10th. The new bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have made a splendid "spice," and the peal has been hung in a new oak frame with new fittings by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, and go splendidly. The sixth bell is a very ancient one, as it was cast by an Edmond de Lynne, between 1353 and 1417. The tenor is by Richard Baxter, of Norwich, who was in business from 1416 to 1424. In the return of Edward VI Salle had two larger bells, recorded as weighing 32 and 41 cwts. These unfortunately have been lost.

The inscriptions on the new bells are as follow: "To the glory of God and to the memory of the Coronation of King George V, 1912." "The two treble bells were added to this peal, the six others tuned, and rehung, and new timbers, by Woolmer White, September, 1912." The dedication was performed by Archdeacon Westcott, who preached an appropriate sermon. After the service, ringers from Pulham and Tibenham rang a peal, and, with the Salle ringers, were entertained to supper by Mr. Woolmer White, at the White Horse Inn.

The restoration of the bells completes the scheme for the renovation of this beautiful church, which had been carried out by the generosity of Mr. Woolmer White.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

From many parts of the country have come letters of approval of the suggestion that the male members of the Exercise should provide a fitting commemorative tablet for the peal rung by the ladies at Cubitt Town. The performance excited general admiration among ringers, and there will doubtless be a large response to the invitation which is given to the men to show in tangible form their appreciation of the ladies' efforts. In order that the proposal may be carried to a successful issue without undue delay, we hope all bands who intend to contribute to the fund will do so at once. Contributions should be sent to the Editor of "The Ringing World," Woking.

"WILLIAM VERRY" COMMEMORATION DINNER.

The "William Verry Commemoration Dinner" took place at the Queen's Head, Handsworth, and again proved a very enjoyable gathering. In the afternoon eight members of St. Martin's Guild started for a peal of Stedman Triples, but the attempt came to grief after about two hours' ringing. At dinner, the party were joined by the Rector of Handsworth and Mr. J. S. Pritchett, and afterwards a musical evening was enjoyed, with Mr. J. S. Pritchett in the chair. The customary toasts were honoured, and among those who contributed songs were Messrs. E. Starkey, T. Verry, Tom Miller (who gave "Sweet Bob Major" in his inimitable style), Roland Roper, etc. The handbells were also brought into use, and many excellent selections were given by Messrs. F. Ward, Turner, Verry and Miller, while a course of Grandsire Caters was rung by: A. P. Smith 1—2, J. E. Groves 3—4, T. Miller 5—6, J. S. Pritchett 7—8, J. George 9—10.

SHOREDITCH BELLS FUND.

The concert, in aid of the Shoreditch Bells Restoration Fund, held on Saturday in the Parish room, was a great success, the large audience listening with delight to the splendid programme sustained principally by the clever Carlton's Operatic Co., whose vocal dramatic efforts were warmly applauded. Courses of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters were rung on the handbells by members of the Royal Cumberland Youths, and greatly interested the audience, who also showed marked appreciation of the tune-ringing of the Stoke Newington handbell ringers. A large measure of the success attained was due to the capable organisation and management of Mr. H. J. Bradley, hon. sec. to the fund.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Sept. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *W. Inwood 1, H. Sear 2, W. F. Smith (first quarter-peal inside) 3, F. C. Tompkins 4, *E. Lathall 5, J. George (composer and conductor) 6, W. Sear 7, *W. Ellis 8. * First quarter-peal.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On Sept. 30th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1280 London Surprise Major, in 52 mins.: E. J. Oliver 1, W. Malins (conductor) 2, H. O. White 3, J. W. Chandler 4, C. W. Wheeler 5, A. J. Hessian 6, J. B. Fenton 7, J. George 8.

DARLASTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Sunday, Sept. 8th, 1344 Grandsire Major, in 50 mins.: J. Simkin 1, G. Morgan 2, E. Unitt 3, T. Lowe 4, J. Foster 5, J. Adams 6, W. Smith 7, J. A. Brown (conductor) 8.

NEWCHURCH.—On Sept. 1st, 720 Plain Bob: T. Grimshaw 1, G. Pownall 2, Edwin Leatherbarrow 3, T. Cooper 4, J. Yates 5, J. Leatherbarrow (conductor) 6. Also on Sept. 6th, by the same band, 720 of Double Court. This is the first 720 of Double Court on the bells, and by all the band.

GRANTHAM.—The Lincoln Diocesan Guild. — At St. Wulfram's Church, on Sept. 8th, for morning service, 1278 Grandsire Caters, in 51 mins.: A. Taylor 1, J. Whetstone 2, E. Nedd 3, F. Proctor 4, H. Thorpe 5, W. Thorpe 6, D. Overton 7, F. Turner 8, S. Proctor (conductor) 9, T. Hall 10. Rung as a farewell to A. C. Darnell. For evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters: E. Nedd 1, J. Whetstone 2, D. Overton 3, Clement Glenn (conductor) 4, H. Thorpe 5, W. Thorpe 6, S. Proctor 7, F. Turner 8, A. C. Darnell 9, T. Hall 10. Arranged for Mr. C. Glenn.

READING, BERKS. — On Sunday, Sept. 8th, at St. Laurence's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: F. Longshawe 1, F. Alexander 2, F. Newman 3, W. Newell 4, E. Holloway 5, E. Denham 6, R. Runham 7, A. Nailor 8. Rung as a farewell touch for R. Runham, who left Reading the same evening for London. He will be much missed at St. Laurence, where he had been a very successful student, under the tuition of Mr. Newell. He had mastered all the Standard methods, and was a fair conductor.

[Owing to the pressure on our space other miscellaneous items are held over.]

NOTICES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Church Lench on Saturday, October 26th. Service, with an address, at 4.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting after service. Bells (6) at 3 p.m.—James Hemming, Honorary Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Rugby on Saturday, October 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m.—Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, October 26th, 1912. The bells will be available from 3 till 9 p.m. The usual travelling allowances will be made at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The tenth annual grand Bohemian concert will be held Saturday, October 26th, at the Talbot Restaurant, London Wall, E.C. Ladies specially invited. Doors open 7.15 p.m., commence 7.45 p.m. Admission by programme, price 6d., reserved seats 1s., which may be obtained from all officers of the association, or from F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The Lewisham District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service and address by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow in the Parish Room. Will those who have not paid their subscriptions please do so at this meeting?—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—A meeting will be held at Billingborough and Falkingham on Saturday, October 26th. Service at Billingborough at 4 p.m. Tea at Fortescue Arms at 5 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Members are requested to send notice of attendance by October 21st. All friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—A South and West District meeting will be held at St. John's, Hillingdon (10 bells) on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6. All are welcome. Members are reminded that outstanding subscriptions should be paid without delay. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The annual meeting of the above Branch will be held at Walpole, St. Andrew's (6 bells), on Saturday, October 26th. Divine service in the church at 3.30 p.m. Dinner at Plough Inn at 1 o'clock, tickets 2/6 each.—G. Ladd, Hon. Sec., Pinchbeck, Spalding.

DURHAM, NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION. — The annual festival will be held at Newcastle on Saturday, October 26th. Six peals available for ringing. Committee meets at Cathedral Vestry 12 noon. Service in Cathedral 1 p.m. Dinner at County Hotel 2 p.m. Will members intending to be present please notify Charles Todd, Honorary Secretary, 26, Greenbank Crescent, Darlington.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the S.W. Division will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Service in the church at 5.15 p.m., followed by tea in Church Hall, in Meeson Road, at 6 p.m. Business meeting immediately after tea. Members intending to be present at the tea will oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, October 23rd.—H. Rumens, District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The inaugural meeting of the above Guild will be held at St. Giles-in-the-Fields, London, W., on Saturday, October 26th. Ringing at 3.30 p.m. Tea and meeting in the Church House at 5 p.m. Will all ladies who intend being present kindly let me know before October 23rd.—Edith K. Parker, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Bennington on October 26th, when the bells will be available during the afternoon and evening. A free tea will be kindly provided by the Rector, Rev. W. Mills, at 5.30 in the Parish Room, followed by business meeting. Will those who can notify me by Friday previous, so as to give some idea of number for tea.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. James', Birch-in-Rusholme, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available at 5. Meeting at 7. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Turvey, on Saturday, October 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on October 29th; and St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 29th. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Boxley Church bells will be re-opened on Friday, November 1st. Service at 7.30. Ringers welcome. The tower will also be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 2nd, at three o'clock.—G. Moore, Honorary District Secretary, Maidstone.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Staveley on Saturday, November 2nd. Church of St. John Baptist, 8 bells (tenor 19 cwt.) available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 504, Ecclesall Road, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 2nd. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 5.30. Tea at the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Saint Maries', R.C., Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells ready 3 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Tower open at 3, service in church at 5. Arrangements have been made to provide tea for members at the Institute after the service at 6d. per head. All members who wish for tea must notify the District Secretary not later than Tuesday, October 29th. Business meeting after tea.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on November 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and and business meeting in the Church Hall at 5.30 p.m. All ringers invited.—G. B. Edser, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3; short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall, 5.45. Business meeting after.—Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Preb. Sanders) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

The formation of the Ladies' Guild is an accomplished fact, the launch of the new association taking place on Saturday in London. A good deal of enthusiasm for the Art animates the ranks of the ladies, and they enter upon their organised career with the best wishes of the whole Exercise. The Guild starts with 40 members, and doubtless soon it will number within its ranks the whole of those of the gentler sex who find delight in the fascinating pursuit—cherished, until a few short years ago, as the exclusive domain of man. The starting of the Ladies' Guild marks an epoch in the history of the Exercise, for by it the ladies take an established place in the Art, a place which the individual efforts of many of them had been gradually making possible, and which the combined performance at Cubitt Town eventually justified.

The ladies have great seriousness of purpose, and that it is their intention to make the Guild a success goes without saying. At present the distances that divide them will prevent much being done either in the way of ladies' meetings or ladies' peals, but the fact that they have now an organisation of their own will doubtless be an incentive to others to take up the cult and swell the ranks of those who have been the pioneers in this matter. Time was, of course, when the belfry, generally speaking, would have been no place for a member of the fair sex, but the complete reformation that has been effected, particularly in the last quarter of a century, has altered all this, and the advent of the ladies can only tend to raise still further the tone of the ringing chamber.

A high ideal is set before the new Guild in its rules, in which the object is declared to be "to encourage ringing among church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise, to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom." If the members who have founded the Guild act upon these principles, the "missionary" spirit which is implied ought soon to bring its reward in a steady inflow of recruits. Unquestionably the Guild has been very happy in its choice of officers. It was a fitting compliment that the first occupant of the Presidency should be the lady who was the first to ring a peal on tower bells, while in the selection of the committee representatives have been found whose interest and zeal will be a distinct gain to the organisation. Particularly is the Guild to be complimented upon securing such a talented ringer and so zealous and business-like a lady as Miss Edith Parker to undertake the secretarial duties. Her's has been the leading spirit in the formation of the society, and under her guidance in the chief executive office we have no doubt the Guild will continue to flourish.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT...	...*Treble*	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	*BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON ...	8
CHARLES T. COLES... ...	3	REUBEN SANDERS	9
ISAAC G. SHADE	4	JOHN H. B. HESSE	10
*JOHN HOWES	5	ALFRED W. GRIMES	11
*ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	6	WILLIAM PYE	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung on the 23rd anniversary of the conductor's first peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, October 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

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

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of 1, 2, 3, 6, 7 and 8 belong to the local band.

HIGH WYCOMBE.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

HARRY BUTLER	...*Treble*	JOHN GRANSBURY	5
BENJAMIN PAGE	2	RALPH COLES	6
WILLIAM PHIPPS	3	JAMES W. WILKINS... ...	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	4	FRANK W. BOXALL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Olive Sheldon to Mr. J. Clement Parker (Vicar's Warden of All Saints' Church) which was solemnised in London on the above date. First peal of Triples on the present back eight and rung by a local company.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT BARLOW ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH GREENWOOD... ...	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.

Rung as a welcome to the new Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Holthouse, M.A.), also as a birthday compliment to Frank Wild. The peal was published in the "Ringing World," July 12th, 1912, and is now believed to be rung for the first time.

RIPLEY, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM C. PILCHER	...*Treble*	JOHN FLOWER	5
FRED. W. HILL	2	HENRY LETTS	6
*JAMES L. WRIGHT	3	ALEX. HUTCHISON	7
*ALFRED C. WRIGHT	4	HENRY GEORGE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by F. W. HILL.

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

READING.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY, READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27¾ cwt.

CHARLES GILES	...*Treble*	FRANK HOPGOOD	5
HUBERT HATTO	2	AMBROSE OSBORNE	6
WALTER WEBB	3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ...	7
GEORGE ESSEX	4	*ALFRED WATMORE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

* 50th peal. Rung to welcome Rev. R. Wickham Legg, who has succeeded Rev. W. Neville as Vicar of St. Mary's, Reading; also in honour of the 34th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. W. Pole Routh, president of St. Mary's Society.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT ST. JOHN'S, WATERLOO ROAD, LAMBETH, S.E.,

A PEAL OF WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7
HAROLD BURTON...	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

This was rung to replace the false peal rung at Erith on Easter Monday, and is the first true peal in the method. The band regret that Mr. Ranzetta, who took part in the first, was prevented, first by illness and then by business, from being in the true peal.

HARPENDEN.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

G. H. HOWSE	...*Treble*	*R. E. HAMMOND	5
J. CHATLEY	2	*B. JARMAN	6
E. GOWER	3	E. WHITBREAD	7
E. E. RANDALL	4	C. DELLAR	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

G. H. HOWSE	...*Treble*	W. S. INWOOD	5
*J. CHATLEY	2	F. A. SMITH	6
*E. E. RANDALL...	3	E. GOWER	7
T. L. SIMMONS	4	E. WHITBREAD	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. H. L. BUCKINGHAM, and
Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM FLORY	...*Treble*	HOBART E. SMITH	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	2	FREDERICK C. LAMBERT...	6
GEORGE BERRY	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	7
JOHN O'NEIL	4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

The ringers, visitors especially, wish to thank the Rector for use of bells.

SAXLINGHAM, NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

WILLIAM STEELE	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. WHITHAM ...	5
REV. WM. C. PEARSON ...	2	FRANK COPEMAN	6
JOHN F. WILSON...	3	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	7
ALFRED FUNNELL	4	GEORGE POYNTZ	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*FREDERICK BASHFORD	...*Treble*	*OSCAR GILBEY	5
*WILLIAM BASHFORD	2	*WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ...	6
ARTHUR HOLMAN	3	OLIVER SIPPETTS	7
GEORGE F. HOAD	4	ALBERT HARMAN ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

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

TRING, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt., in D flat.	
ERNEST BONFIELD ...	...*Treble*	JOHN D. MATTHEWS ...	5
ALBERT E. BRIGHTMAN ...	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
FRANK BENNETT...	3	ALFRED KING	7
GEORGE W. T. SMITH ...	4	*JOHN WELLS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal. Messrs. Smith and Wells were elected members previous to starting.

THORNBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 22 cwt.

*CHARLES PERRY ...	...*Treble*	*FREDK. OAKHILL	5
FRED G. MAY	2	*GILBERT WILTSHIRE ...	6
ALFRED E. REEVES... ...	3	*ISAAC LONG	7
FREDK. W. WADE	4	HENRY HOWELL ...	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The above peal was rung after repairs to the bell frame by Mr. H. T. Howell, of St. George's, Bristol, and the work gives entire satisfaction.

BAKEWELL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 17¼ cwt.

*ALFRED WALLACE	...*Treble*	ALFRED C. WRIGHT... ...	5
*THOMAS WHITE	2	JAMES L. WRIGHT	6
ERNEST H. CLARKE... ...	3	JOHN FLOWER	7
CHARLES DRAPER	4	BART MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by BART MITCHELL.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Townsend, who was buried on that day.

FOXEARTH, ESSEX.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

ARTHUR MAXIM	...*Treble*	*PERCY GRIDLEY	5
*SIDNEY GRIDLEY	2	*GEORGE BERNARD WARD	6
*THOMAS CHINERY	3	*ARTHUR TAYLOR	7
FREDERICK INCH	4	SAMUEL EVANS	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method by a local company. The composition is taken from the "Clavis."

SKETTY, SWANSEA.
THE WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

HOWELL GWYN	...*Treble*	FRANK MORGAN	5
CHARLES HOARE	2	CHARLES MORSE	6
PHILIP KNEATH	3	JOHN DAVIES	7
WILLIAM RICE	4	HARRY WILLIAMS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES MORSE.

First peal in the method as conductor.

CROSS STONES, YORKS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM REDMAN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR TOMLINSON	5
LUKE SUTHERS	2	WILLIAM CRABTREE	6
J. P. FOULDS	3	WILLIAM MALLINSON ...	7
ALFRED BROOK	4	JOHN WATSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN LLOYD	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT	5
*CHARLES E. PERKINS ...	2	GEORGE PIGOTT	6
JOHN BASS	3	CHARLES F. WHITE	7
VICTOR WHITE	4	ROBERT MATTHEWS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. The above was rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. T. G. Morris, of the Old Mill Farm, Clent, to Miss Eleanor Shilvock, of Holy Cross, Clent. The band take this opportunity of thanking Mrs. and Mr. W. Shilvock for their splendid hospitality after the peal.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)
On Thursday, October 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 14½ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE	...*Treble*	JOHN LARTER	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	*HERBERT PRATT	5
ARTHUR H. TOOK	3	CHARLES MOSS... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung on the eve of St. Luke's day; also as a birthday compliment to the Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., Rural Dean, the esteemed president of the Halesworth and Chediston Societies. Mr. and Mrs. T. Crane kindly provided refreshments for the band at the conclusion of the peal.

ORLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 six-scores each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 21 lbs.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	MATTHIAS HOBBS	3
*SAMUEL BUTLER	2	THOMAS BUTLER	4
*FRANK FOX...	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

* First peal.

SALTWOOD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of three 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and one 720 of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

*SAMUEL A. GOWER ...	...*Treble*	†WILLIAM E. PITMAN ...	4
STANLEY G. WHITE	2	CHARLES TRIBE	5
*FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in three methods. This is the first peal on the bells, the old five having been recast and rehung in a wood frame by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank who have added a new treble, the gift of Mr. Laurence Hardy, M.P., in memory of his wife.

FORNHAM, ST. MARTIN, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	...*Treble*	ARTHUR ROLFE...	4
ALFRED ELY...	2	JOHN SPARROW	5
WILLIAM W. KEMP	3	HORACE W. FOULGER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

FIVEHEAD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

*GEORGE DINHAM ...	...*Treble*	*EDWIN MOANTER	4
*WILLIAM TOUT	2	THOMAS POPE	5
THOMAS LLOYD	3	*GILBERT LENTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by T. LLOYD.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

RIPPLE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire and Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT G. KNOWLES	...*Treble*	GORDON CHECKETTS... ...	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	ERNEST GIBBS	5
*GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ...	3	WILLIAM PAGE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal on the bells and first peal of Minor by G. Hinton, Junr. It was also the consummation of the long-cherished wish of W. Page to ring a peal on his native bells. These bells are a very musical ring, but sadly in need of a strong dose of the bell-hanger's "tonic."

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.

REGINALD J. LAST ...	...*Treble*	BERTIE TURNER	4
JAMES F. DUFFIELD	2	WILLIAM C. DUFFIELD ...	5
EDWARD P. DUFFIELD ...	3	LEONARD E. LAST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD E. LAST.

The ages of the ringers are respectively 17, 12, 13, 17, 16 & 15, which averages 15 years. The ringers of the treble and tenor belong to Wickham Skeith, the 4th to Tibenham and the 2nd, 3rd and 5th to Tasburgh.

WITHINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(THE CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD GRIFFITHS ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. HURCOMB ...	4
WILLIAM H. WILLIAMS ...	2	HENRY J. TAYLOR	5
HENRY SYMONDS	3	CHARLES H. SPARKES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by H. J. TAYLOR.

First peal on the bells and first as conductor.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

WALTER MARSHALL ...	...*Treble*	HARRY PRICE	4
GEORGE FULLER... ...	2	EDWIN LAMBERT	5
ANDREW MARSHALL	3	ALBERT RELFE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. RELFE.

First peal as conductor.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's in the following nine methods, viz.:—i Court and Double Court, ii St. Clement's, iii Double Oxford and Oxford, iv Woodbine Treble Bob, v Oxford Treble Bob, vi Kent Treble Bob, vii Plain Bob. Tenor 9¼ cwt.

ALBERT E. FOURT ...	...*Treble*	WALTER T. WILSON ...	4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS	2	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ...	5
FRANK H. TALBUTT	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

First peal of Minor in nine methods by the Association and by all the band, and first in more than seven by a local company.

WORTH, SUSSEX.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Sunday, October 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Kent, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, College Exercise and Oxford.

Frederick W. Rice ...	...*Treble*	Albert Harman	4
John Akehurst	2	Oliver Sippetts	5
Percy F. Weller	3	Albert Ellis	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert Ellis.

HANDBELL PEALS.

A WINCHESTER HANDBELL WEEK.

The following peals were rung by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild during a handbell ringing week, October 20th to 26th. Two peals were lost—Stedman Triples after two hours and Stedman Caters after one hour and forty-five minutes.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, October 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*James Hunt	1—2	†Willoughby E. Maulden	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	*Septimus Radford ...	7—8

Composed by G. Williams, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.

* First peal of Major in hand. † First peal on an inside pair. The above company lost this peal on two previous occasions, after one hour and fifty-five minutes and two hours and one minute.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
In the Belfry of Holy Trinity Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1—2	Septimus Radford ...	5—6
Maurice Smither... ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire: T. W. Radford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

James Hunt	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
Willoughby E. Maulden	3—4	*Thomas W. Radford	7—8

Composed by H. W. Wilde, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire: S. Radford.

* First peal of Major in hand. W. E. Maulden has now rung each pair to Bob Major. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss E. M. Radford, eldest daughter of T. W. Radford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
At Commercial House,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANGES;

Alfred H. Pulling ...	1—2	Maurice Smither... ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	James Hunt	7—8
Frank Blondell ...	9—10		

Composed by Edgar Bennett, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire: T. W. Radford. Witness: S. Radford.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At the Residence of T. W. Radford,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

James Hunt	1—2	Septimus Radford ...	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Thomas W. Radford ...	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Witnesses: Mrs. & Miss Radford.

RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Residence of Mr. J. Segar, Senr., Alma Villa,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob.
Tapped on Handbells by
John Segar, Junr.
Witnesses: H. Warburton, G. R. Winter and G. W. D. Metcalfe.
First peal by Mr. Segar, and rung at the second attempt.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At 75, Calais Road,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Joseph T. Dyke	1—2	William Shercliff ...	5—6
Albert P. Wakeley ...	3—4	Miss Winifred Sanders	7—8

Composed by H. W. Wilde, and
Conducted by A. P. Wakley.
Umpire: W. C. Wakley.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the White Horse,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Albert G. Warnes ...	1—2	George H. Cross... ...	5—6
William A. Hempel ...	3—4	Denison Hayward ...	7—8

Composed and Conducted by George H. Cross.
Umpire: Mr. B. S. Thompson.

This peal was arranged for D. Hayward, and is his first peal on handbells. It is also supposed to be the first handbell peal in Yarmouth.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

Bertram Prewett ...	1—2	George R. Pye	5—6
William Pye	3—4	Rev. H. S. T. Richardson	7—8
Alfred W. Grimes ...	9—10		

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by William Pye.
Umpire: C. T. Coles.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, October 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At 7, The Broadway,
A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

David J. Nichols	1—2	E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
J. Edward Chapman ...	3—4	Frederick W. Sawfoot	7—8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. Atkins.
First peal in the method by the Association and by all except the conductor.

LATE PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, October 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY FARLOW	*Treble*	ALBERT LITTLE...	5
DANIEL JONES	2	BENJAMIN CLARK	6
HERBERT JONES	3	ALFRED FALLON	7
GEORGE CLAYBROOK	4	WILLIAM LAWLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. FALLON.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect and sympathy upon the death of Mrs. G. Darby, the mother of one of the local band.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN POTTER	*Treble*	GEORGE PINCOTT	5
JOSEPH RIDYARD	2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ...	6
TITUS BARLOW	3	P.C. RICHARD NEWTON ...	7
P.C. FREDERICK PAGE ...	4	P.C. PETER CROOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

Rung to commemorate the completion of twenty-seven years' service in the police force by P.C. Richard Newton, of Manchester Town Hall.

THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Looking on as an outsider, I think there is something to be said in favour of Mr. Mackman doing his best to look after his own local band, and his desire to retain for them any privileges before outsiders, especially when opportunities for peals are limited, for after all it should be the aim of every ringer to keep his own band together as much as possible, and see that the bells are rung regularly for the Sunday services. On the other hand, however, I don't think we should be too selfish. If the incumbent gives permission to an outside band to attempt a peal, I think it is the duty of the local ringers to coincide with his arrangements and not seek a quarrel because a band obtains permission in a perfectly legitimate way. While I most heartily agree with Mr. Mackman that regularity and good ringing should constitute the highest duty of a ringer, I also think he will invariably find that the man who does his best to attain those good qualities is a peal ringer, and he will tell you that without an occasional peal he would lose ambition, and would find it extremely difficult to keep up his enthusiasm. I am inclined to the opinion that under those circumstances change ringing would soon be on the down grade, and fall very short of that standard of excellence to which it has attained to-day.

I have been a ringer more than thirty years, and my experience is that the best and most regular Sunday ringers are peal ringers.

E. BARNETT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Although I am not keen about it, since Mr. Pulling has mentioned my name, I suppose I must reply to him. But one thing I promise him, and that is that I am not going to quarrel with him, no, not even if he wants to. He was very kind to me when I visited Guildford, and he will be very kind when I go again. He says the Waterloo band is selfish. I don't quite know what they have to do in the present controversy. They did not upset Mr. Mackman's practice. The only St. John's men in the Acton peal attempt were myself and my right reverend friend Alf, and neither of us had anything to do with getting the tower or arranging the peal. But Mr. Pulling says the Waterloo band is selfish. I am sadly afraid it must be so. The experience of a long and weary life has convinced me that all men—and all women—are selfish. It is the law of self preservation But I did think that the St. John's band was the one exception, the one bright spot in an otherwise naughty world. And that not only were we most excellent ringers, but most excellent fellows, too. What virtues ringers can attain to, these, I said, we have; what vices ringers are prone to, these we eschew. And now it seems we are dogs in the manger. I am truly sorry; but it is so comfortable to have a good opinion of oneself that I am reluctant to give it up, and I fain would have more evidence of our shortcomings before I quite believe. I did not know Mr. Pulling had asked for the tower, and I don't know why he did not get it. I do know that the suggestion that we go about the country like Indians on the war-path riding rough shod over the rights of local bands, and ringing peals in defiance of local opinion is a poetic exaggeration.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

THE C.E.M.S. PEAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—The correspondence on the question, "Is peal ringing a nuisance?" leads, I think, quite naturally to another question, Do ringers as a body look upon ringing as a definite work for the Church, or merely as they would look upon football or golf, as a recreation and a hobby? I know this question has been raised many times before, but I think the C.E.M.S. peal at Dudley brings it up again. All members of this society are out to do something to help forward the work of the Church. I do not know any of the band in the above peal, but the fact of their C.E.M.S. membership leads me to believe that if their ringing careers were published, it would be found that Sunday ringing for service forms a very important, if not the principal part. Now, we have to indulge in our ringing almost entirely in church towers. We continually see thanks to incumbents for uses of bells as footnotes to peals. We are ringing peals for pleasure—well and good, but let us ask ourselves this question "Am I doing my share of ringing for the service of God, calling folk to worship, and mayhap reminding others of their obligations?" I believe there are many members of the C.E.M.S. among ringers, and it is to them I appeal to bring others along to join us, and I really think that we should be a real power in the Exercise and in the C.E.M.S. Let us hope the time will come when the little bronze cross will be prominent in our belfries, and C.E.M.S. peals will be the rule, and not the abnormal occurrence they are at present.

A RINGING MEMBER, C.E.M.S.

ADVICE WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Our tower is in a very exposed position, and we are greatly troubled with rain and snow drifting through the windows of the bell chamber and flooding the floor. There are four windows 10ft. high and 5ft. 9ins., with 6ft. louvres slanting downwards, and 4ft. tracery. The framework of the bells is eight inches above the window-sills, and the tenor bell, when set, it 4ft. above. We shall be pleased to receive a suggestion to obviate the entrance of the rain and snow without greatly interfering with sound of bells.—Yours truly,

St. Anne's-on-Sea. STEPHEN RUSHFIRTH.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the South Western division of the Essex Association was held at West Ham, on Saturday, by the kind permission of the Vicar of All Saints' (the Rev. Canon Petty). About 50 members put in an appearance, in spite of the weather. A short service was held, at which the Vicar delivered a splendid address, and extended a hearty welcome to the Association.

After tea, which was held in the Parish Institute, the business meeting was held.—Mr. G. A. Black, who has done duty as Master for the past two years, was unanimously elected to office. Although he tried to resign his position, his popularity among the members is so great that he was unable to resist the pressing request to act as Master again. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. H. Rumens, was also prevailed upon to stand again. Messrs. G. H. Parfect, of Canning Town; Alfred Prior, of Leytonstone; and Thomas Joyce, of West Ham, were elected members of the Association.

Mr. Black, in a brief speech, expressed the opinion that the Division was advancing in ringing strength. He pointed out that Sunday service ringing was well attended to, and that the members could congratulate themselves that in most of the towers in the Division the bells were always rung for the morning and evening services on Sundays. He mentioned several towers where the bells had been thus regularly rung for a good many years. He also urged upon young members, of whom there are a good many in the district, the importance of good striking.

Votes of thanks, which closed the meeting, were extended to the Vicar for his kindness to the Association, to the Master and Secretary for their services during the past year, and last, but not least, to Mr. W. Doran for having arranged for the service and tea, and for having the bells ready.

After further ringing, the members spent a convivial hour together, several contributing songs, while another officiated at the piano. Several touches and tunes were rung and played on handbells, and the meeting was altogether a most successful and enjoyable one.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Fosdike 1, W. J. Jeffries 2, J. Law 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, A. G. Bennington 5, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 6, W. J. Nevard 7, C. H. Macklin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Hurrell (Eltham, first in Triples) 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, T. G. Deal 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, A. G. Bennington 5, F. W. Richardson 6, J. Law 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

THE LADIES' GUILD FORMED.

INAUGURAL MEETING IN LONDON.

A SUCCESSFUL SEND-OFF.

The Ladies' Guild was successfully inaugurated on Saturday at a meeting held at St. Giles'-in-the-Fields, London. One of the great difficulties in the way of the organisation of the society is the distance which separates those who are eligible for membership, but the interest and enthusiasm of the ladies resulted in a really well-attended meeting to give the Guild a send-off. Many of the best-known lady ringers were present, so that the gathering was fully representative.

The following ladies were present: Miss E. N. Belcher (Fleet), Miss G. Adams (Clapton), Miss M. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Miss S. Johnson (Edmonton), Miss M. Nightingale (London), Miss E. K. Parker (Edmonton), Miss S. Pigott and Miss M. Pigott (Smethwick), Miss K. Smith (Maidenhead), Miss M. Sampson (Tamworth), Miss A. White (Basingstoke), Miss L. Willson (Leicester), Miss E. L. Bennett (New Cross), Mrs. Whittington (Cranleigh), and Miss Hazell (Edmonton). A number of gentlemen were also present.

It was a well-considered choice which selected St. Giles' for the venue of the meeting, for the tower contains one of the best-going rings of eight in the metropolis, and as a result, the ladies were able to ring touches unaided by mere man. There were rounds for those who at present have not advanced sufficiently far in the Art to attempt method ringing in the tower, and then a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung by the ladies. Afterwards seven of them took part in a touch of Stedman Triples, and three of them rang Double Norwich. In the evening three of the ladies were in a course of Superlative (Miss Parker and Miss Willson, with Miss Pigott on the treble), and Miss Sampson, Miss Bennett, Miss Parker and Miss White rang a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells, and a course of Caters, with the assistance of one of the gentlemen.

THE FIRST BUSINESS MEETING.

Tea took place in the Parish Room, the company numbering altogether over 30, and the inaugural business meeting followed.—Miss Parker first explained that the gathering was the result of a proposal made at the time the attempt was made for a peal at Cubitt Town. It was suggested that sufficient progress had been made in ringing by the ladies to warrant them in forming a Guild. She was asked to take up the secretaryship for the time being, and as a result of the advertisement which she had inserted in "The Ringing World," she had up to the present received 40 applications for membership, including one from Dr. Nicholls, of Boston, U.S.A., who wished his daughter, Mrs. Shercliffe, to become a member. Their Guild thus promised to become world-wide in a few years (applause). The Rector of St. Giles' had been asked to take the chair, but he regretted that he would be a good many miles away at the time of the meeting.

At the request of the meeting, Mr. J. S. Goldsmith (the Editor of "The Ringing World") took the chair temporarily. He said that occasion marked an epoch in the annals of ringing, and the Exercise would welcome the existence of a properly organised Guild to advance the interests of ladies in their Art. And while they welcomed them they also wished the ladies every success, and he hoped the Guild would have a long and prosperous career before it. He had to ask them first to elect a president.

Miss Parker proposed the election of Miss Alice White as the first president. Miss White, she pointed out, startled the Exercise some 14 or 15 years ago by being the first lady to ring a peal on tower bells, and she thought they could not make a more fitting choice. They only regretted that Miss White was not well enough to be present at the meeting, although she had been with them during the afternoon.—Miss White's election was unanimously agreed to, and, in her absence, Miss Parker was voted to the chair.

THE RULES.

The first matter was the consideration of the rules, and on the title of the society, Miss Chillingworth proposed that it should be the "Women's Guild." "Ladies," she thought, was merely an ornamental term.—The suggestion met with considerable support, but on being put to the vote, was defeated.—After discussion on minor points, the rules were eventually adopted in the following form:

1.—That the title of this society be "The Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers."

2.—That the society consist of members of the feminine sex, who are able to ring either upon church bells or handbells.

3.—That the object of the Guild be to encourage ringing among Church workers as a spiritual, mental and physical exercise; to assist when and where necessary their brethren in the art of ringing; and to bring into closer relationship all women and girl ringers in the kingdom.

4.—That the Guild be governed by a committee of seven, including the President, Secretary, and a representative from North, South, East, West and Midland Districts respectively, three to form a quorum; the officers to retire annually, and to be eligible for re-election.

5.—That a general meeting be held annually, and, when possible, reunions take place in various towns for friendly ringing, either alone or in conjunction with the local societies.

6.—That the subscription be: Honorary non-ringing members, 5s. for life-membership; ringing members, 1s. per year. A certificate of membership to be issued as soon as funds permit.

7.—That as the Guild shall in no wise consider itself antagonistic to existing societies, but at all times an ally, as set out in Rule 3, its members look to their brother ringers for the courtesy and opportunity necessary to attain to their legitimate aspirations.

OFFICERS AND MEETINGS.

The election of officers followed, and with enthusiasm and unanimity Miss Parker was elected hon. secretary and treasurer. The following committee was elected: Northern District: Miss L. Willson; Southern District, Miss Belcher; Eastern District, Miss Evelyn Steele; Western District, Miss Gillingham; Midland District, Miss S. Pigott.

Miss Parker said she had been in correspondence with Sir Arthur Heywood, who had pointed out that under the rules of the Central Council, only organisations with a membership of not less than 75 were entitled to representation. He was in entire agreement with the proposal to establish a Ladies' Guild, and if their membership was not sufficiently large to entitle them to representation on the Council, he would, if they wished it, do his best to get the rule altered in their favour at the next meeting of the Council (applause).

It was decided that the annual meetings of the Guild should be held at different centres, and that the annual meeting next year should be held on one of the Saturdays in June. The north of England, Leicester and Birmingham, were each proposed, and on being put to the vote, Birmingham was decided upon. It was also resolved to hold a meeting annually in each of the five districts, and the places and times of these were left to the district representatives to decide upon. It was decided to advertise the meetings in "The Ringing World."

It was resolved that there should be a membership badge, and this matter was left to Miss Chillingworth to look into.

Miss Hazell was elected the first hon. non-ringing member.

VOTES OF THANKS.

Miss Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Rector of St. Giles' for the use of the bells. The Rector was very pleased that they had come there for their first meeting, and he would have been present had he not had to be away from town. Miss Parker also proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Boxall, the steeplekeeper, who had not only had the bells ready, but had made the arrangements for the tea.

A vote of thanks was passed to the gentlemen who were providing the peal tablet to record the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, and also to those who had been present to assist them in the ringing that afternoon.—To the latter, Mr. W. A. Alps, of Waltham Abbey, replied in a felicitous speech, remarking that ringing was a healthy, mental and physical exercise which would help to produce stronger men and stronger women. If there were more ringers they would have a healthier race.

A vote of thanks was passed to Miss Parker for presiding, and to Mr. Goldsmith for having "started the Guild on its way."

This concluded the business, and after being photographed, the ladies returned to the tower, where further touches were rung.

RESTORATION OF WINFARTHING BELLS.

The chief architectural feature of the Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Winfarthing, is its tower, and this has during the last few months been undergoing reparation, and in addition the peal of bells has been augmented to six, and rehung. The service at which the bells were dedicated was attended by a large congregation. The work of restoration and the rehanging of the bells has cost £450, of which there remains only £20 to pay off. The tower has been thoroughly overhauled, strengthened and repaired. In addition, minor repairs have been carried out in other parts of the church.

The old tenor, weighing 11 cwt., was recast and made into two trebles. The old 2nd and 3rd were also recast. The peal has been rehung on modern principles, and the church may now be proud of its bells, which bear the following inscriptions: Treble. "The old tenor bell, 1773, gave substance and weight to 2nd and me." 2. "John Warner and Sons, founders, London. 1912." 3. "John Brind made me in 1640." 4. "When Shakespeare died, I first was seen in the year of grace, 1616." 5. "Recast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1912 (18th century bell recast), A. E. Church, Rector; J. H. Brewster and R. M. Phipson, Churchwardens." Tenor. "Thomas Newman, of Norwich, cast me new in 1732." The work of restoration was carried out under the direction of Mr. Lacey, of Messrs. Lacey and Upcher, Architects, Norwich, by Messrs. Neal Bros., of North Lopham. The bells were recast by Messrs. Warner, of London, and rehung by Messrs. George Day and Son, of Eye, under the superintendence of Mr. Hubert Day.

There was a large congregation at the dedicatory service, which was conducted by the Rector, and at which the sermon was preached and the bells dedicated by the Rev. F. J. Mayrick, Rector of St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich. A touch was rung on the bells immediately after the dedicatory prayers by: J. Souter (Diss), C. Moore (Palgrave), J. Smith (Diss), G. Murton (Eye), E. Poppy (Eye), and F. Day (Eye).

The Rector, in a statement, said the south aisle was restored six years ago at a cost of £420. There remained work to do, which would cost about £100. Beside the restoration of the tower they had strengthened the chancel arch.

THE BELLS OF UPWEY.

INTERESTING STORY OF TWO NEW TREBLES.
A LINK WITH 300 YEARS AGO.

The picturesque village of Upwey, in Dorset, is now in the proud possession of a peal of six bells, which were dedicated last Monday week. Originally there were four bells in the tower, and the augmentation was part of a comprehensive scheme, which included the rehanging of the old bells, recasting two of them, renovating the tower, and putting new faces to the clock. This involved an outlay of something like £300, which the parishioners were asked to subscribe. Canon Gildea, the revered Vicar, made it essentially a parochial matter, and the whole village took the scheme up with the utmost zest and enthusiasm, with the result that almost the entire £300 was subscribed by Upwey people. That assured the renovation of the tower and the urgent repairs to the old bells. Then came the question of the two new bells, and that difficulty has been solved in quite an unique way. One of them has been given by Canon and Mrs. Gildea's children, scattered throughout the world, to commemorate their parents' golden wedding. The history of the other bell is of quite uncommon interest, says the "Southern Times." It had its birth in the emigration to America nearly 300 years ago of three Upwey men (millers they were by trade)—Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who, like so many more British emigrants to the "New World," prospered amazingly, and founded a colony. The "genealogical tree" of the Sprague family has spread its branches over a good many generations since those days, but the present day descendants of Ralph, Richard, and William, scattered as they are all over the United States, have just been drawn together in one common bond of affection and regard for the old parish church where their forefathers worshipped three hundred years ago. In short, they have made Upwey a present of the sixth bell. Writing many months ago to Mr. Henry H. Spague, of Boston, who seems to have "whipped up" all the other present-day representatives of the family in America, the Vicar said that of the two bells proposed to be hung in the belfry "my own children scattered over the world, in Argentina, Australia, and Canada are, I believe, proposing to give one as a wedding gift to my wife and self . . . and it would be to me most interesting if your name as an old Upwey family and mine as present Rector were each cast on the bells given by our respective families perpetuating the two names as long as the two names remained in existence. It is also a curious fact that scarcely anything appeals more to our English villagers than their church bells. We have no really rich people in Upwey, and yet the nearly £300 required for making good the old bells and the tower has been got together with little difficulty, almost everyone, even quite poor people, giving their contribution."

A BELL FROM AMERICA.

The response from over the seas was a spontaneous and generous one, the necessary draft being sent for the amount required. With it was the following interesting letter addressed to Canon Gildea:—

My dear Canon,—Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who were born and lived in Upwey, came in the year 1628 with Governor Endicott to Salem, and themselves founded the town of Charlestown, the earliest permanent plantation in Massachusetts Bay, and now a part of the City of Boston. Descendants of these settlers of the New England, whose names are given below, have contributed a sum sufficient to add a bell to the chime in the tower of the old church in which their ancestors worshipped three hundred years ago. These three brothers took an honourable part in the settlement of the Massachusetts Bay Colony, and their descendants, now scattered in various parts of the United States, desire to offer this tribute of affectionate gratitude to the memory of their forefathers. May the bell—a token of brotherly love—ringing in unison with the others, old and new, help the Upwey chimes, in the years to come, to ring out a sweeter and more perfect peal of peace on earth and goodwill to men.

In all, some 40 members of the Sprague family subscribed, and in conveying the thanks of the Church Tower and Bells Fund Committee to Mr. Henry Sprague, the Rector wrote: "It is not merely the completion of our peal of bells that gives the pleasure, though even that alone would be deeply appreciated, but it is the union of the old with the new, the linking together in Upwey of the old race who evidently were men of power and character, with their worthy descendants who, though living now in another land, still cherish memories of the service of their forefathers."

The following inscription has been cast upon the Sprague bell:—"1912 A.D. Presented by descendants, resident in the United States, of Ralph, Richard, and William Sprague, who emigrated from Upwey in 1628 A.D., and founded Charlestown, now a part of Boston, Massachusetts."

The bell presented by the children of Canon and Mrs. Gildea is of even more tender and affectionate interest for Upwey people, and bears upon it the following Latin inscription:—1862—1912. A. M. D. G. et in Memoriam felicis Matrimonii Gulielmi Gildea, Presbyteri et Saræ Carolinæ uxoris ejus dedicaverunt sui liberi.

The entire work of casting and hanging the new bells and repairing the original four has been carried out by Messrs. Llewellyn and James, of Bristol, the well-known West of England firm of bell founders.

THE DEDICATION.

The dedication was performed in the presence of a large congregation, by the Bishop of Salisbury, who preached an eloquent sermon from the words, "My Father's House" (St. John ii, 16).

For this memorable day in local Church and parochial history Upwey was visited by an expert band of campanologists—Dorset members of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild, to the number of 46, who were drawn from Dorchester, Bournemouth, Puddletown, Wool, West Lulworth, Wyke Regis, Bridport, Bradpole, Milton Abbey, Hilton, and Upwey, some of them being accompanied by their branch secretaries, notably the Rev. W. P. Schuster from West Lulworth (hon. secretary of the Guild), the Rev. C. E. Phillips (hon. secretary to the East Dorset branch), Mr. C. H. Jennings (hon. secretary of the Dorchester branch), and Mr. T. Hervey Beams (assistant secretary of the Guild). The first short peal on the bells—the "opening round," which came immediately after the prayers of dedication—was rung by: Messrs. J. T. Godwin (Dorchester) treble, S. G. Hodges (Dorchester) 2nd, T. Page (Upwey) 3rd) C. H. Jennings (Wyke Regis) 4th, W. J. Benger (Dorchester) 5th; and J. T. Brake (Upwey) tenor. After the service and while the congregation were dispersing the mellow tones of the new peal were revealed in a merry touch of 500 Grandsire Doubles, performed by: Messrs. W. J. Benger, J. T. Godwin, S. G. Hodges, T. Page, C. H. Jennings, and W. A. Painter. They were relieved afterwards by other bands of ringers, Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Bob Minor being rung.

On the following day, Canon and Mrs. Gildea celebrated their golden wedding, when they received an illuminated address and silver rose bowl as a token of love and esteem from the parishioners, the autograph signatures of 520 of whom were contained in an album. The bells pealed out merrily in celebration of the auspicious event.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Eastern Counties Branch of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild was held at Walpole St. Andrew's, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Clenchwarton, Long Sutton, Moulton, Holbeach, Spalding, Pinchbeck, Surfleet, Donington, Bicker, and the local tower. An excellent dinner was provided at the Plough Inn by Mr. A. J. Donaldson.—The Rev. C. J. S. Ward presided, supported by the Rev. H. Law James (Master), and Mr. J. P. S. Harris.—After the toast of "The Church and King" had been honoured, the retiring officers were re-elected en bloc, with the addition of the Rev. T. Dixon Spain, and C. A. Payne, and Mr. G. W. Hensman as vice-presidents. Gedney was the place selected for the next meeting.

PROTEST AGAINST WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

Mr. R. Mackman moved the following resolution, which was carried unanimously: "That this meeting comprised of men who are Churchmen, who view with abhorence the misappropriation of funds which are held in trust for religious purposes, confirms and emphasises the resolution passed at the annual diocesan meeting in April last, and that copies of it be sent to Mr. Asquith, Mr. Bonar Law, and the Hon. F. S. MacLaren, M.P."

A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, when an excellent address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. Smith).—Tea was provided by the Vicar in St. Andrew's Hall, at the conclusion of which Mr. R. Mackman proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for his excellent address, and also for the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to his church.

The bells were kept going during the day in Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob.

SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Billingborough and Folkingham, on Saturday, members being present from Grantham, Bourne, Heckington, Ingoldsby, and Mr. A. Andrews, a member of the local band. A special service was held at the Parish Church, Billingborough, when the Vicar gave an appropriate address. An excellent tea was served at the Fortescue Arms, and at the business meeting, which followed, it was decided to hold the annual meeting at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th.

After the meeting the members adjourned to the tower, and several well-struck 120's of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were tapped off in fine style. The Vicar also ascended the tower, and was greatly interested. The bells are a musical ring of five, and an additional bell would be greatly appreciated not only in Billingborough, but also in the adjoining villages. The members of the Guild wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, and for the very hearty reception given to all the members present.

WEST WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at St. Mary's Church, Swansea, on Saturday week, when members from Swansea, Sketty, Aberavon and Baglan were present. Ringing commenced at 4.30, and at the meeting, which followed tea, the balance sheet was presented, and showed the Association to be in a sound financial position. Among other business it was decided to hold the next quarterly ringing meeting at Aberavon, in December. The Baglan lady ringers were congratulated on their ringing, have taken part in touches of Grandsire Triples.—After the meeting the bells were again set going, and ringing continued until late in the evening, when a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

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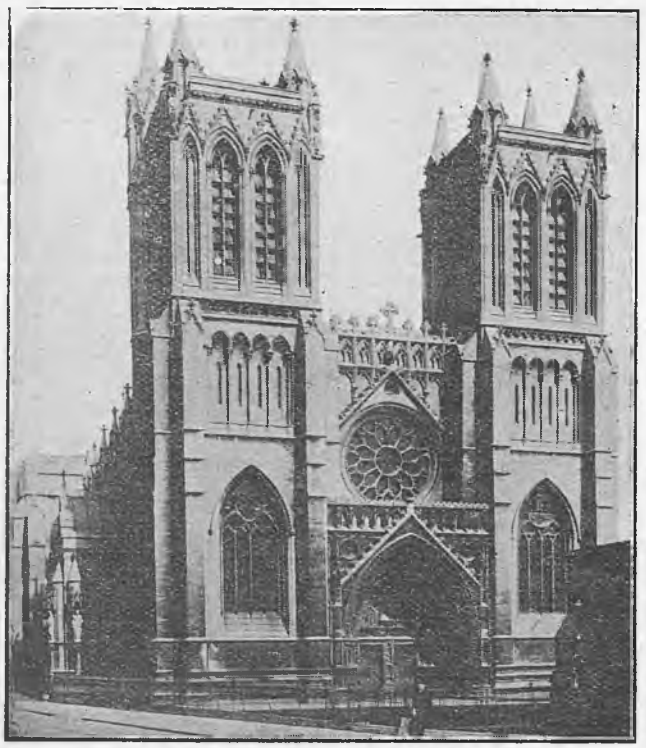
By J. R. Jerram.

It is somewhat remarkable, although Bristol possesses one peal of twelve, and several peals of ten and eight bells, that there are only four at the Cathedral Church; and those not quite consecutive, the diameters, as given by the late Rev. H. T. Ellacombe, being respectively 28½, 31½, 35½, and 48¼ inches; so that it will be seen that there is a considerable gap between the third and tenor. The inscriptions, however, are most interesting from an antiquarian point of view. They are as follows:—

Treble.

fancte ⊳ † Clement s ora pro ⸗ nobis O

[This is in black letter alphabet. The shield after "sancte" is placed sideways, and is charged with a bleeding heart pierced with nails, and the letters I.N. (in Lombardic capitals) on either side. This is a rebus on the name of Abbot Newland, alias "Nailheart," who died in 1486. The large medallion at the end of the legend also bears the letters I.N. in the form of a monogram. The stop between "Clement" and "ora" is an inverted S with floriated ends.]



Bristol Cathedral.

Second.

+ sta s Margareta s ora s pro s nobis.

[This inscription is also in black letter alphabet. The stops between the words are like an inverted S, as on the treble.]

Third.

+ CLARA : VOCOR : ET : CLARIOR : ERO

[This is in highly oramented Lombardic capitals.]

Tenor.

*ECCLEIA*CATHEDRALIS*BRISTOLL*
DOMVM*DOMINI. 1670*R 🔔 P* 🔔 *
CONGREGATE*CETVM*SOLENNEM*IN*
DOMVM*DOMINI*1670. R.P.

[This is in large Roman capitals.] The bell was cast by Roger Purdue. "eccleia" is meant for "ecclesia."

The meaning of these inscriptions is simply: treble, "St. Clement pray for us"; second, "St. Margaret pray for us"; third, "I am called Clara and will be clearer"; tenor, "The Cathedral Church of Bristol, the house of the Lord. Call a solemn assembly in the house of the Lord." Roger Purdue had his foundry in Bristol.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

As a result of the suggestion put forward that the male members of the Exercise should provide a commemorative tablet for the peal rung by the ladies at Cubitt Town, a memorial worthy of the performance is to be erected. In order that as many as possible may participate in the scheme, subscriptions of a penny each are invited from ringers throughout the country, and secretaries of bands are asked to collect the amounts from their respective companies and forward them to the honorary treasurer of the fund—the Editor of "The Ringing World," Woking. Contributions should be sent without delay, as it is not intended to keep the list open for an extended period.

THE TWELVE BELL TOWERS.

We have had inquiries as to the number and situation of the 12 bell towers in England. We believe the subjoined is a complete list:—

London:	cwts.
St. Paul's Cathedral	62
St. Mary-le-Bow	53
St. Saviour's, Southwark	50
St. Michael's, Cornhill	41
St. Giles, Cripplegate	36
St. Martin's-in-the-Fields	34
St. Leonard's, Shoreditch	31
St. Bride's, Fleet Street	28
Ashton-under-Lyne	27
Birmingham, St. Martin's	36
Bristol, St. Mary Redcliffe	50
Cambridge, Great St. Mary's	30
Cheltenham	22¾
Cirencester	28
Great Yarmouth	30½
Halifax, St. John's	25
High Wycombe	32
Ipswich, St. Mary-le-Tower	32
Leeds, St. Peter's	35
Liverpool, St. Nicholas	40
Norwich, St. Peter Mancroft	43½
Oldham, St. Mary	33
Oxford, Christ Church	31½
Painswick	26½
Quex Park, Waterloo Tower	15¾
Sheffield, St. Peter's	41
Shrewsbury, St. Chad's	43
Wakefield	32
West Bromwich	22½
Wolverhampton	33
Worcester Cathedral	50
York Minster	54

Outside England there is, of course, St. Patrick's, Dublin, 45 cwt.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

Our inquiry as to blind ringers, made as a result of the performance of Mr. Phillips, of Devizes, has elicited the fact that Mr. C. W. Harris, of Abergavenny, who is also blind, can ring any pair of handbells to Grandsire Triples, and Doubles, and has also rung plain courses of Grandsire Cates on 5-6.

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Mr. James George, whose photograph and biography was given in our last issue, is, we believe, the thirteenth ringer to reach 500 peals. The number is made up of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, and Messrs. W. Pye, I. G. Shade, E. Pye, B. Prewett, G. Williams, F. Bennett, K. Hart, J. Motts, J. W. Washbrook, W. Short, G. R. Pye and J. George. Are there any others?

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When will the limit of individual achievement be reached? In our peal columns this week will be found a peal of Minor tapped on handbells by Mr. John Segar, junr., at Retford, Notts. It is really a remarkable performance, and is vouched for by three competent ringers. It is the more wonderful in that Mr. Segar had never rung a peal before, and the seven 720's included three different methods. We may yet see the prodigious feats of Elijah Roberts rivalled.

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A little while ago we gave a number of interesting old belfry rules. The copy of another ancient set comes to us from St. Andrew's, Plymouth.

Let awful silence first proclaimed be,
And praise unto the Blessed Trinity;
Then honour give unto our noble King,
So with a blessing let us raise the ring.

Hark! how the chirping Treble sings most clear
And covering "Tom" comes rowling in the rear.
And now the Bells are up, come let us see
What laws are best to keep sobriety.

Then all agree to make this their decree:
Who swares or curses, or in choleric mood,
Quarrels or strikes, although he draw no blood;
Who wears his hat or spurs, or overthrows a Bell,
Or by unskillful handling mars a peal,
Let him pay sixpence for each single crime;
'Twill make him cautious 'gainst another time.

But if the Sexton's fault an hindrance be,
We call on him for double penalty.
If any should our Vicar disrespect,
Or Warden's orders any time neglect,
Let him be always held in full disgrace,
And evermore be banish't from the place.

Now round! Let go! with pleasure to the ear
And pierce with echo through the yielding air.
So when the bells are ceased then let us sing:
God bless the Church—God bless our noble King.

A.D. 1700.

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An appeal is now being made to raise the sum of about £50 necessary to complete the fund for the recasting of the bells at St. Peter's Church, Colchester. It is hoped to put the work in hand at once, as the bells have been silent for a long time, owing to extensive repairs to the clock and tower. All donations, large and small, from ringing friends will be most thankfully received, on behalf of the Vicar and committee, and acknowledged in these columns by H. T. Pye, Secretary, St. Peter's Company, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

The will of the late Mr. Matthew Wood, of Bethnal Green, has been proved at £1,020 gross value.

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Surely the peal rung on the newly dedicated bells at Winfarthing on Saturday constitutes an easy record for the average age of the band. These six youthful ringers could muster only 90 years between them, an average of 15. The youngest was 12, and the oldest 17, and the conductor, who rang the tenor, was but 15. The band was made up of R. J. Last (aged 17), J. F. Duffield (12), E. P. Duffield (13), B. Turner (17), W. E. Duffield (16), L. E. Last (15). Well done, boys! The Exercise, and especially the Norwich Association, is proud of you.

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Members of the Sheffield District Society should note that the meeting arranged for to-morrow (Saturday) at Staveley has been cancelled.

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.

Many ringers, when they tackle London Surprise find themselves in difficulties as to the best way of learning the method. The system which I have always advocated—it may be old fashioned—has been to learn it as you would Grandsire Triples, that is to say to learn each piece of work which has to be done after passing or dodging with the treble. It may be rather a lot to memorise at first, but I have found that learnt in this way the method "sticks" in one's mind.

But my object at the moment is not to put forward my own opinion on this subject, but to give "an easy way of learning the method," which has been handed on to me from a correspondent, Mr. A. Coppock. He says: "Mr. E. A. Ridgway, of Leek, Staffs, forwarded to me a system of learning this method (London Surprise Major) which I think ought to be more generally known. If you take the first lead of London and examine the work of each bell in that lead, you will find that

The 4th bell work is the reverse of the 2nd work.
The 6th bell work is the reverse of the 3rd work.
The 8th bell work is the reverse of the 5th work.
While the 7th bell reverses its work within the lead.

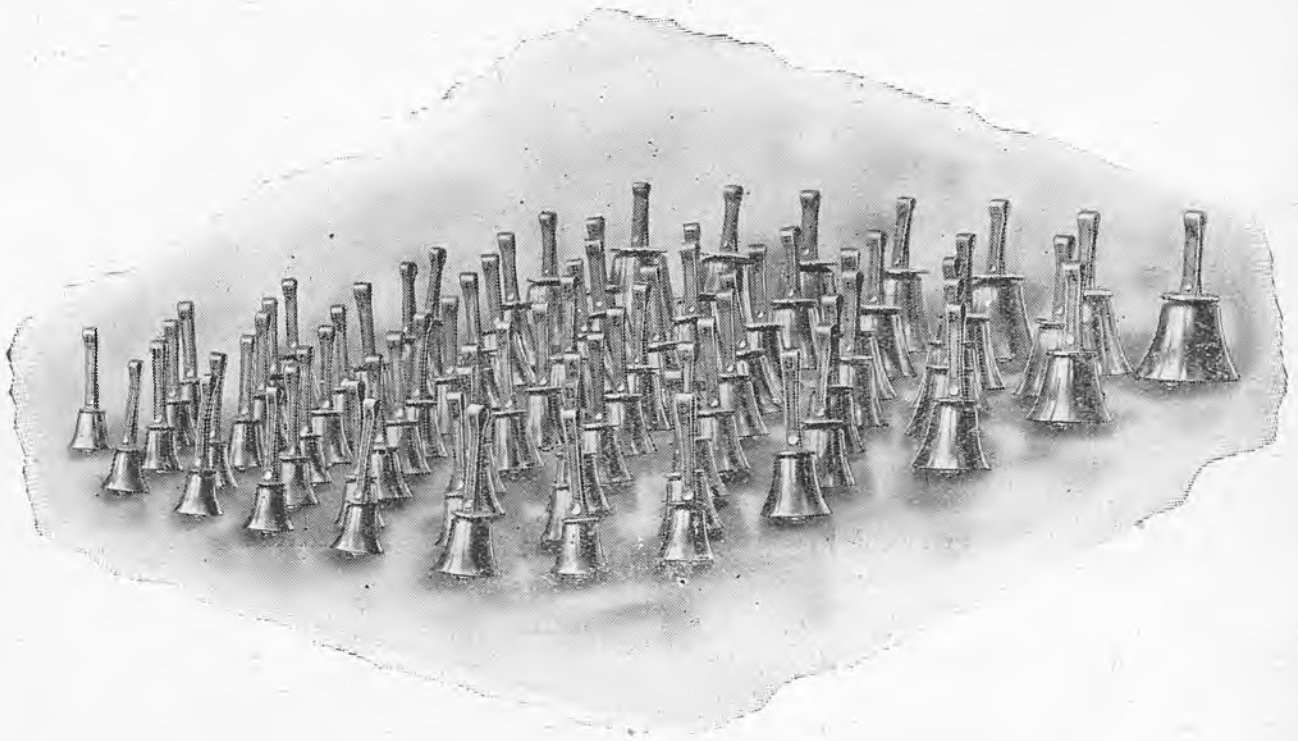
The rotation of the work in the plain course is the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 8th, 6th and 4th work in the first lead. Mr. Knights, of Chesterfield, divides the plain course into two unequal sections, the short part of which contains the 5th, 7th and 8th bell work of the former plan, and the long part the remainder of the course, the 6th, 4th, 2nd and 3rd bell work, in which the last lead is the reverse of the first, and the third lead the reverse of the second. Both systems contain similar qualities, and are highly commendable to the learner."

CONDUCTOR.

OXFORD GUILD.

A most successful combined practice of Oxford Guild ringers was held at St. James', Fulmer (six bells), on Thursday week, when the Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn) paid a visit to this belfry. Eighteen ringers were present, representing Farnham Royal, Stoke Poges, Chalfont St. Peter, and Fulmer, and the methods practised were: Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford Minor, and Stedman Doubles. The Fulmer ringers were very pleased to have the Master with them, and the Rector (the Rev. S. T. Bridges) sent a letter regretting his inability to attend, owing to an engagement in London that evening.

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THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

SOME INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

[By W. H. F.]

" Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away."

It is little more than a year ago since I had a busy time with Mr. George Williams, of Southampton, arranging a tour in Hants for the autumn of 1911, when nine peals were rung. I have reached an age in life when the years seem to spin round like the calendar months of our boyhood, and now I am asked to pen a few details of our tour of this October, when ten peals were scored, and which, thanks to the courtesy of our Editor, have been duly recorded in the proper pages of this journal. The idea of an Oxford trip arose through a desire on the part of the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, to introduce more Major ringing in the extreme N.W. end of the Diocese, and the wish on the part of our Winchester Guild friends to return the compliment paid them last year by our own members. At the outset it was not expected to get together a tip-top band of Surprise men, as a number of fellow " strings " were asked who have not as yet gone far beyond the Standard methods. Letters of regret were received from many participants of similar previous outings, all wishing us success, and who were prevented on account of illness, State insurance, and an exchequer impoverished by holidays already ended. Amongst these were the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, M.A., and Major Herbert Baker, V.D., who have vivid recollections of the Robinson country in the eighties—Mr. H. White, Mr. C. R. Lilly, Mr. Keith Hart, Mr. G. Martin, Mr. E. P. O'Meara, Mr. F. Bennett, Mr. G. N. Price, Mr. H. Hodgetts, Mr. W. W. Gifford, etc. One of my correspondent's letters came with the morning newspaper, and having heard he was no longer a director of the G.W. Railway, the following paragraph rather struck me:—" After 25 years of work in Lambeth the Rev. C. R. Lilly, Vicar of Emmanual Church, Kennington Road, has been appointed Rural Dean."

MAKING THE ARRANGEMENTS.

An excellent list of 14 towers was mapped out by the worthy Master of the Guild, who had kindly obtained the necessary permission from the several clergymen concerned, many of whom very courteously met us at the tower on arrival. I have no doubt his secretarial work was fairly heavy, whilst my own correspondence re bands, beds and boarding, amounted to 93 post cards letters and telegrams (3), dispatched, and 79 received in connection with this one affair.

Many ringers and secretaries will bear me out in the statement that ringers generally in their answers to conductors and hon. secretaries take too much for granted, and so add to secretarial work. I do not complain in this connection since I heard not long ago that no fewer than 30 odd post cards were sent out in respect of one peal attempt, and a simple arrangement last August for a week-end ringing, totalled up 43 missives out and 34 in. If one lives to be 90 years of age, life is still too short to linger upon such trifles as these. I just mention them so that we may all try to do better in the future for the good of the cause.

Saturday, October 12th. The eventful day arrived, and I found Mr. Evans, Hughendon, and Mr. Lambert, Binfield, at Reading; the three of us afterwards joining Mr. Williams, Southampton, and Mr. Preston, Christ Church, at Didcot Junction, duly reaching Abingdon-on-Thames at 3.17 p.m. We installed ourselves at the Crown and Thistle Hotel, under the care of Mr. Mardell, where we were joined by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn and Mr. R. T. Hibbert, of Caversham, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, Guild secretary, of Reading, who came by motor-car, and another member from Swindon, Mr. E. Bishop also by cycle. Thus our four o'clock tea party became completed, Mr. E. Humfrey, of Abingdon, making the tenth man. We adjourned to St. Helen's tower at 5 p.m., and Treble Bob Royal was attempted, the 5th rope breaking after 3 hrs. and 7 mins. good ringing. This was a sad blow to all our hopes of peal ringing, after the weeks of preparation and anticipation. No one was more disappointed than Mr. Humfrey, who had spent 1½ hours doing duty to ropes and bells earlier in the afternoon, even splicing two ropes. We began to wonder if ill-luck was to dog our footsteps similar to the tour of 1904, when only five peals were scored.

There is a useful cupboard in Abingdon belfry, and it contains two new bell ropes, both coiled up and hanging on separate pegs, ready for immediate use. When we stopped ringing, on the floor of the room and within three feet of the new ropes, lay the broken 5th rope, broken short at the fillet hole—oh the pity of it all, and, let me add, to the sorrow. In 1904 a similar attempt then lasted the same length, the Master ringing the tenor on each occasion. The first Royal at Abingdon has still to be achieved, and four of our band have yet to ring Treble Ten. At supper in our hotel we regained our composure, and together spent a fireside hour, being joined by Messrs. G. Holifield, senr. and junr., and Old Harry Woodward, of Appleton. The frayed ends of the fickle hemp had been cut out, and were laid on the supper table for inspection and comment. Well, the evening's close brought comfort and cheer with our Appleton friends, and friends from the cellar, closing time sending us off to our beds, to rest, to sleep—perchance to dream. Ah, there's the rub!

REMINISCENCES OF DRAYTON.

Sunday, October 13th. We were early astir, the river scenery and the town to look round, its beautiful five-aisled parish church, the numerous little courts leading out of the main streets, and the quaint old English houses. In company with the Abingdon ringers, we took part in touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters for Divine service, at 11 a.m. At dinner we were joined by Mr. Buckland, of Beaconsfield, by motor-cycle, and he helped us to do justice to a prime leg of mutton. The inn, I may just mention, is one of those old rambling half-timbered houses of the coaching days, and there is only one entrance from the main road—a high gateway leading to the courtyard at the rear. It was to the oak rafters of this gateway we first saw the dinner joint suspended by the knuckle end, and it rather reminded me of Exeter tenor, because though " well hung," it was a little too heavy for the nine below to " turn in " comfortably.

Drayton Church was visited in the afternoon, and here Mr. Harris, of Portsmouth, joined us, just in time to share in our first success, being elected a life member of the Guild before pulling off into changes, in the same manner that Mr. Preston was also elected the previous evening at Abingdon by the unanimous show of hands of all present. In a brief chat with the foreman of ringers, I learnt there was a local band of eight, but no half-pull ringing at St. Peter's. He had kindly gone to some trouble in seeing to the bells, and especially the ropes, a very old set.

Mr. Allum, of the Lion, had unexpectedly laid out a nice tea, which we sat down to at once. We enjoyed a fine evening ride home to Abingdon, and as I was on the box I found some interesting facts from our driver, better known as T. Enock, of Ten-Ock Street, Abingdon. He well remembered the ringing parson of Drayton, and frequently drove him in and out of Oxford City and most of the neighbouring railway stations at all hours of the day, but mostly night. Tom's description of his reverence was summed up in the words: " He always seemed a happy-go-lucky sort of a gentleman," but you must know Enock had never been in a belfry with him.

(To be continued.)

WORCESTER ASSOCIATION.

The meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, at Church Lench, on Saturday, could not have been held under more dismal conditions, there being a continual downpour of rain the whole afternoon. Although Church Lench is four miles from a railway station, and the iron " gee-gee " had to be brought into use, a dozen members put in appearance, one arriving in fisherman's oil-skins, while that enthusiastic ringer, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, of Wolverhampton, reached the church with the water bubbling through the lace holes of his boots. Mr. F. Johnson, and his son and daughter, who recently rang a peal of Doubles on handbells, was also present.

The tower bells were set going to Grandsire Doubles for service, the local ringers taking part, the plain course having previously been their best performance. At the service which was held the Rev. C. B. Woolley gave an excellent address, taking his text from Psalm xxii, 1. " I was glad when they said unto me, we will go into the house of the Lord."

Tea was partaken of at the Rectory, and although provision had been made for thirty-five, only about eighteen sat down. The business meeting followed, the Rev. C. B. Woolley presiding, the Rector, the Rev. F. Smith, also being present.

The officers were re-elected as follows: Ringing Master, Mr. H. Middleton; secretary, Mr. J. Hemming; on the Central Committee, Mr. F. Jordan. The Rev. C. B. Woolley was elected an hon. member, and several performing members were also elected, including Miss E. M. Johnson, as was also her sister Ruth, aged 10 years.—It was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Church Lench, with Mr. J. Hemming as conductor. Norton was selected for the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for presiding, to the Rector for providing such a splendid tea, and for the use of the bells, and to Miss Smith for presiding at the organ, and for looking after the ringers' wants at tea.—The Chairman and Rector briefly replied, and hoped at some future time the Association would pay them another visit, when they would all hope for better weather.—The handbells were then brought into use, Grandsire Doubles, Triples, and tunes being rung, those taking part being: Mr. F. Johnson, Master Joe Johnson, Miss E. M. Johnson, Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Mr. H. Middleton, and Mr. J. Hemming.—A move was then made to the tower, where more ringing and instruction of the locals took place. Fortunately the weather had now cleared, and the visitors had a dry journey home.

SWAINSWICK, BATH.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 8th, for evensong, 720 Bob Minor: Miss G. Grant 1, W. Starr 2, J. Crocker 3, S. White 4, T. Grant (conductor) 5, J. Burston 6. First 720 in the method by the ringers of the treble and tenor, and the first 720 on the bells by a local band.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene Church, on Sunday, Sept. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: G. Thurloe 1, A. Hart 2, A. Turner 3, H. Brookes 4, J. Cornford (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, W. Pateman 6, G. Charge 7, A. Cornford 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 7th, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Cornford 1, G. Thurloe 2, H. Franks 3, H. Ranzetta (conductor) 4, G. Charge 5, A. Turner 6, J. Cornford 7, W. Pateman 8.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The annual festival and meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association was held in Newcastle, on Saturday, and during the day ringing took place at All Saints' Church, St. John's Church, St. Stephen's Church, All Saints' Church, Gosforth; St. James' Church, Benwell; and St. George's Church, Jesmond; and at each of these places of worship full peals were rung. The committee of the association met in private in the Cathedral Vestry at noon, and at one o'clock a service was held in the Cathedral, at which the Rev. J. Hudson Barker, of Consett, delivered an address.

The annual dinner and meeting were subsequently held at the County Hotel. The president, Mr. Charles L. Routledge, of Newcastle, presided.

The toast of "The Bishops and Clergy of the Dioceses of Durham and Newcastle," proposed by the Chairman, was responded to by the Rev. J. Hudson Barker (Consett), and the Rev. R. E. Shewell (Benwell).—The Rev. J. H. Barker remarked that the work of the Change Ringers' Association was highly appreciated in the two counties, and he would like to see the clergy and churchwardens generally showing greater interest in the belfries.—The Vicar of Benwell, endorsing these remarks, said they who had belfries were deeply conscious of the debt of gratitude they owed to the bell ringers.

THE REPORT.

Mr. Charles Todd, Darlington, the hon. secretary, presented the 35th annual report of the Association. In some ways, he stated, they had progressed during the last twelve months, but from a ringing standard he was afraid there had been a falling off. However, the work of an association such as theirs should not be measured alone by the number of peals rung, and although a high place in the Central Council list would be very acceptable to most of them, when they remembered that several of their noted peal ringers had been doing what should be considered better work in the coaching of other bands, this was not the time to foreshadow the doom of the Durham and Newcastle Change Ringers' Association, either as peal ringers or church workers. The number of towers in the union was now 39, the four additional towers being West Hartlepool St. Aidan's, Hexham, Jarrow St. Peter's, and the Cathedral, Newcastle. There was also an entirely new band at Wylam. Sixty-three new members had been elected during the year, but from the belfry returns they appeared to have lost about 36, and four honorary members had resigned. Financially they were much better off than twelve months ago, due chiefly to the endeavours of the treasurer, Mr. R. Stephenson. They started the year with a balance in hand of 11s. 8d., and this had increased to £4 11s. 6d. The income had been £44 16s., as against £39 1s., and the expenditure £40 16s. 2d., as against £40 4s. 7d. last year. Nineteen belfries made returns under the Sunday service scheme, and the awards were: 1st, Sunderland St. Ignatius, 2,192 points; 2nd North Shields, 1,765 points; 3rd Darlington St John, 923 points. The certificates were presented to the successful towers by Mr. R. Plumpton, on behalf of the Association. The number of peals rung was 19, being the lowest recorded since 1899.

The report went on to refer to the recent formation of the Cathedral Guild, and added that the new ring of bells at Whitley Bay were expected to be ready very shortly, and the two extra bells at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, were to be dedicated on Sunday, February 23rd next. Regret was expressed at the loss the Association had sustained by the death of Dean Kitchen, of Durham, who had been a patron for many years.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES APPOINTED.

The report and balance sheet were adopted. Mr. Routledge was re-elected president; Mr. R. C. Hudson, Bishop Wearmouth, and Mr. J. B. Dobson, Winlaton, were appointed vice-presidents; Messrs. Charles Todd, Darlington, and R. Stephenson, Hartlepool, joint hon. secretaries; and Mr. Robson, West Hartlepool, hon. auditor.

The places of meeting for the next year were arranged as follows:—February 1, Tanfield; Whit-Monday, North Shields; and the Summer meeting (July 26), Staindrop. On Whit-Tuesday, it was announced, the Central Council of the Association would meet in Newcastle. To encourage the outer districts, district secretaries were appointed to arrange practices, etc., and encourage Sunday and peal ringing.

5088 WATERLOO REVERSE BOB MAJOR.

By J. A. TROLLOPE.

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Four times repeated. The braketted bobs are omitted in the first part. Rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, S.E., on Wednesday, Oct. 23rd, 1912, conducted by **Frank Bennett.**

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

MEETING AT RUGBY.

A quarterly meeting of the Warwickshire Guild was held at Rugby on Saturday last, and it was unfortunate that, after such a long spell of fine autumn weather, a dismal November-like rain should have picked out this day for its unwelcome visit. The number of members attending naturally suffered in consequence. However, some twenty or so braved the elements, and the Parish Church bells were set going about 4 p.m. Tea was partaken of at the Campbell Coffee Tavern, and the members sitting down represented Rugby, Allesley, Coventry, Berkswell, Nuneaton, Lutterworth and Stratford-on-Avon. The visitors included Mr. F. Wilford, of Northampton, and one of the Monk's Kirby ringers.—The business meeting was held after tea, the Rev. Claude M. Blagdon, the new Rector of Rugby, presiding, supported by Messrs. G. E. Over and W. Brooke, Churchwardens of St. Andrew's, the Ringing Master, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary.—Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham, was chosen as the place for the January meeting, and, providing no obstacles are in the way, this will be the first visit of the Guild to Birmingham City for a meeting.—The Ringing Master had the congratulations of the meeting on reaching his five hundredth peal.—The Rector of Rugby was welcomed by Mr. W. G. Dickens, on behalf of the Guild, and was elected an hon. life member and a vice-president of the Guild. Mr. W. Brooke also became an hon. life member, and three other ringing members were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and churchwardens for permission to use the bells, and for their presence at tea, and the Rector, in reply, said that it had been an unmixed pleasure to be present on that occasion. He had enjoyed being in such company, and although he was only an amateur in ringing matters, he was willing to be instructed as far as possible by his local ringers, and would do all he could to further their interests and those of the Guild.—The tower was again visited afterwards, and various methods from Triples to Surprise kept the bells in action for the remainder of the evening.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater Branch was held at Huntspill on Saturday last, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzog, Enmore, Wembdon, Burnham, and South Brent. Service was held in the church, at which the Rev. J. Le Brun, Vicar of Alderney, officiated, in the absence of the Rector, and gave a very interesting address from the words: "I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord." After service, tea was kindly provided by the Rector and Mrs. Pizey, in the church schoolroom.—The business meeting followed, presided over by the Rev. J. Le Brun. Two new members were elected, and votes of thanks were accorded the Rector and Mrs. Pizey for their hospitality, to the Rev. J. Le Brun for presiding, and to Mr. H. Bastard for arranging a full choral service. The members subsequently returned to the tower, and the bells were kept rolling in various methods during the evening.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District of the Midland Counties Association was held at Etwall, on Saturday week, when nearly thirty members and friends attended. Amongst those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Taylor, of Loughborough, and Mr. W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale. Other ringers were present from Derby, Etwall, Rollestone, Uttoxeter, Wolverhampton, Horninglow, St. Modwen's, Burton, and St. Paul's, Burton. — Touches in various Double and Minor methods were rung on the six bells in the tower of the Parish Church. By the kindness of the Vicar (the Rev. Dr. Harris) tea was provided in the parish room.—The Vicar, who presided at the business meeting subsequently held, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers present, and said how pleased he was to allow his bells to be rung by visitors who understood change ringing.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Repton, on Saturday, November 23rd.—Mr. W. W. Worthington proposed that the best thanks of the meeting be given to the Vicar for allowing the use of the bells that afternoon, for so kindly providing such an excellent tea, and for presiding at the meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. W. C. Wakley, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to Mr. J. C. Hunt for making the necessary arrangements brought the meeting to a close.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Southern Branch was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Charlwood, on Saturday week, members attending from Buckland, Burstow, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill, Reigate, and the local tower. Tea was provided at the Half Moon Inn, and Mr. Songhurst presided at the subsequent business meeting.—It was reported that two peals had been rung: Bob Major, at Bletchingley, as the quarterly peal, and Bob Royal, at Reigate.—Six new members were elected, Betchworth was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and it was decided that the quarterly peal be attempted at Burstow.—Different towers in the district were selected for monthly combined practices.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. Wickens for having all in readiness, was passed. The methods rung were: Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Woodbine, College Exercise, and Cambridge Surprise Minor.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Notwithstanding the very wet weather, a good number of ringers attended the quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district, at Bishop's Waltham, on Saturday. The bells were kept going to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor throughout the afternoon, and a short service was held in the church, the Rev. E. H. Rycroft, the Rector of Bishop's Waltham, officiating. The Guild's own service was used, and the Rector, in the course of an address, very clearly showed the connection between the Church and ringers, and paid a very high tribute to his own ringers. He said not only did they ring for service, but attended it also. He gave the Winchester Guild a very hearty welcome, and hoped that they would make Bishop's Waltham their place of meeting again.

The party then adjourned for tea, kindly provided by the Rector, upwards of 40 sitting down, the following towers being represented: Farcham, Titchfield, Swanmore, Curdridge, Portsea, Wickham, North Stoneham, etc. The subsequent business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master), supported by Messrs. J. Whiting (district secretary), E. J. Harding (representative), Mr. Geo. Williams (hon. general secretary), and Mr. A. T. King (Southsea).—Two probationers were elected, and other business of a routine character transacted.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, for taking the service, and also for so kindly lending the Church Hall for the meeting and giving the tea.—Further touches of Bob Minor and Oxford Treble Bob brought a successful meeting to a close.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting for the Archdeaconry of Ely district was held at Cottenham, when about a dozen members attended from Cambridge, Ickleton, Royston, Fulbourn, Wilburton, Stapleford, Fen Ditton, and the local tower. During the afternoon the bells were kept going to touches in the various Minor methods, and just before service a 720 of Cambridge Surprise was successfully brought round, after one failure, it being the first in the method for two of the band. Service was held at 5 p.m. in the church, which was prettily decorated for the harvest festival.—The Vicar (the Rev. R. P. Moline) officiated, giving an interesting and practical address.—An excellent tea was provided at Pond Villa, through the generosity of the Vicar, who presided.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded him for his kindness in entertaining the members to tea, and for the use of the bells.—Four new members were elected.—Some discussion took place as to the venue of the next meeting, and it was eventually decided to hold it at Fulbourn early in the new year.—The tower was then re visited, and a short touch of Kent, and courses of London Surprise being among the touches, brought round.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION,

The autumn meeting of the Canterbury District was held at St. Peter's, Thanet, on Saturday, when in spite of a very wet afternoon, 26 members attended. Amongst touches in the usual methods rung, it is pleasurable to record a well-struck touch of Stedman.—Tea was partaken of in the old schoolroom, at which Mr. A. H. Saxby presided, and also acted as chairman for the business meeting which followed.—Upon information supplied by Mr. Hiscock, it was decided to affiliate St. Peter's with the Association, and, upon the proposition of Mr. E. G. Buesden, to include also St. Dunstan's, Canterbury.—Mr. Trinder reported upon the condition of Northbourne.—After much discussion, it was decided nem con. to arrange for Divine service at all meetings held by the district.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and the schoolroom, and to the Chairman, concluded the business.—A return to the tower was then made, and the bells kept going till about 9 p.m.

MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.

The half-yearly meeting of the Maidstone District was held at Wrotham, 65 members from various parts accepting the kind invitation of the Rev. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkin. There was ringing in the afternoon, followed by a short service and address, Mr. Allen (Rochester district secretary) presiding at the organ. The ringers, in the absence of the Rector, were invited to tea in the hall by Mrs. Aston Gwatkin, who is an hon. member.

At the business meeting which followed, the Rev. G. R. Pascoe was voted to the chair.—Mr. S. Hazelden proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Aston Gwatkin for the splendid reception they had given the ringers at Wrotham, and asked the chairman to convey the resolution to the Rector.—The Hon. Secretary referred to the record attendance, saying that it beat all previous records for a half-yearly meeting in the district. He had no doubt it was due to the fact that the bells had recently been rehung, and he felt it was only right to say that Messrs. Gillett and Johnston had carried out the work of rehanging most satisfactorily, the " go " and tone of the bells being beautiful, and that the ringers present ought to have no hesitation in recommending them when their bells wanted rehanging.

It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. There was keen competition for the place to hold the annual meeting, Maidstone, Lenham and West Malling being proposed.—On being put to the vote, Maidstone was selected by six votes.—The Hon. Secretary then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and in reply, the Rev. G. R. Pascoe promised to become a member of the Association. This brought the proceedings to a close. The visitors again found their way to the tower, where some good ringing was indulged in.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

GLOSSOP.

On Saturday, October 12th, the ringers of St. James', Whitfield, Glossop, had a most enjoyable afternoon's outing to Manchester. Arriving about 2 p.m., they visited St. John's, Oldham Road, where there is a grand peal of eight. Short touches of Kent, Stedman and Bob Major were completed. Tracks were then made for the Town Hall, where, though the ringing was not so good, the party was delighted to meet that renowned campanologist, Mr. J. W. Washbrook, senr. After a short stay with the policemen ringers, tea was partaken of, and the visitors then went on to Pendleton, where touches in various methods were rung, and an hour or so spent in company with the ringers. The party tender their thanks to " brother strings " at the places visited for their kind reception, and to those in charge for the use of the bells. P.C. Richard Newton, of the City Police, fulfilled the duties of captain, and greatly assisted to make the outing so enjoyable.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

The members of this society, who had their outing on Saturday week, made a tour through the district by brake, visiting first Arkesden, after a drive of eight miles through lovely scenery. At St. Margaret's Church, where little ringing is done, and signs of neglect are visible in the steeple, the authorities would be well advised to act upon the old adage of a stitch in time. A few six-scores of Doubles and a touch of Oxford Bob were brought round. The peal of six has a tenor of about 7 cwt. The next place of call was Clavering, where at the Church of SS. Mary and Clement, is a nice peal of six, but three require bell hanger's attentions. It is satisfactory, however, to note that a fund has been started to renovate the bells. Several 120's were brought round, as well as a good 720 of Oxford, and then the visitors were kindly provided with refreshments by Mr. Rolfe, one of the churchwardens. Newport, the headquarters for the day, was next reached, and at the Star and Garter, kept by Mr. W. J. Pratley, himself a ringer, the visitors found an excellent dinner awaiting them. At the conclusion of the repast, a few toasts were honoured, and then the village constable made his appearance, and, as our correspondent puts it, showed that he could " turn a tenor in " as well as he could " run a man in." Various touches, including 360 Bob Minor, with the policeman on the tenor, were rung on the parish church bells, a peal of 18 cwt., and then Wenden was visited. Here, on a ring of six, with 8 cwt. tenor, all in good going order, touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round, and, the brake having been previously dismissed, tracks were made for the railway station, all agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable day. The ringers wish, through " The Ringing World," to thank the Vicars of the respective churches for the use of the bells, and all ringing friends for their kindness. Throughout the day the handbells were brought frequently into use, and touches rung upon them.

NEW ZEALAND RINGERS.

SUCCESSFUL SOCIAL TO CELEBRATE FIRST QUARTER-PEAL.

To celebrate the first quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in Auckland, the ringers of St. Matthew's Church held a social gathering on Sept. 19th, and about 150 guests accepted the invitation of the ringers. A splendid programme of songs, tunes on handbells, instrumental solos, humorous recitations, etc., was provided, among the most noteworthy items being the ringing of Mr. W. Gordon's arrangement of the Spanish Chant, with variations, for the handbells, performed by the members of St. Matthew's Guild, and also a flute solo by Mr. C. Throssell, who hails from North Leach, Gloucestershire. The Brothers E. J. and S. C. Hamblin, of Horsham, Surrey, were to the fore, and assisted very materially in the success of the evening. The party broke up at 10.30 p.m., after a hearty vote of thanks had been proposed by the Vicar, the Rev. W. E. Gilliam, and suitably responded to by the secretary, in the absence of the Master. It was the most successful social gathering ever held in connection with St. Matthew's Guild, and everyone expressed themselves delighted with the evening's entertainment.

WEDDING CELEBRATION.

Mr. George Wilkins, one of Brading, Isle of Wight, ringers, was recently married, and to celebrate the happy event he invited Canon Bluckin, his brother ringers, and one or two friends to a capital spread. The Canon spoke a few words, wishing Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins good health and a long life, and after the cloth had been removed there were songs by Mr. C. Price, Mr. George Wilkins and Mr. Simmonds; handbell ringing by H. Jennings, H. Kilby, M. Pink and J. W. Pain, and, with the gramophone, a very happy evening was spent.

As a welcome home to Mr. and Mrs. Wilkins, after their wedding trip, 1008 Grandsire Triples were rung by: M. Pink 1, F. Chaffey 2, E. Squibb 3, H. Kilby 4, J. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, H. Jennings (conductor) 7, A. Pain 8.

THE LATE MR. JAMES HINTON.

COMMEMORATION DINNER AND MEMORIAL.

In memory of the late Mr. James Hinton, a large number of ringers from Bristol, Bath, Thornbury, and the neighbouring towers, met at the Admiral Duncan Hotel, St. Nicholas Street, Bristol, to spend an evening together. A sumptuous repast was provided by the hostess, Mrs. Walker, and Mr. F. Howell, of Thornbury, one of Mr. Hinton's oldest friends was voted to the chair.—Mr. F. Howell spoke very feelingly of his departed friend, emphasising the good work he had done in the service of campanology.—Mr. G. Staddon, the father of the Bristol ringers, in a felicitous speech, spoke of his old friend's first visit to Bristol, describing how on coming to the Old Haymarket and hearing St. James' bells, he proceeded to the belfry to have a ring, and how, learning from one of the ringers of a suitable situation, he obtained it the next day, with the result that he settled down in the city, and from that time change ringing in Bristol had never looked back.—Mr. Knight, secretary of the committee for the memorial, also referred to Mr. Hinton's many good qualities, and expressed gratitude for his instruction in change ringing. He gave an account of the sums received for the memorial.

It was unanimously resolved that the commemoration dinner should be an annual event.

After the speeches, change ringing and tune ringing on handbells followed, and many good songs, etc., were very much appreciated.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman and to the committee, and others responsible for the memorial, and to those who had contributed to the enjoyment to the gathering.

THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The following is the list of subscriptions to the memorial: St. Stephen's Guild, £2; St. Stephen's vestry, £1; J. Cockerill, £2; St. Nicholas' Guild, £1; St. Michael Juniors, Gloucester, 10s.; H. Middleton, 10s.; Worcester Cathedral, 10s. 6d.; Rev. Tilney Bassett, 5s.; C. E. D. Boutflower, 5s.; W. A. Cave, 5s.; Rev. C. D. P. Davis, 2s. 6d.; W. W. Gifford, 5s.; J. Holman, 5s.; G. Iles, 1s. 6d.; T. King, 2s.; J. D. Matthews, 2s. 6d.; F. Price, 1s.; J. H. Sheppard, 5s.; A. Thomas, 1s.; Mrs. Walker, 5s. Birmingham: J. Bradley, J. Carter, W. H. Golden, J. E. Groves and J. Jones, 6s. 6d.; Bridgend Ringers, 2s.; Cardiff, St. John's, 5s.; Llandaff Cathedral, 5s. Minehead: J. R. Jones and J. Passmore, 4s.; Newport, All Saints', 3s. 6d.; Painswick Youths, 5s.; Bath Ringers, 12s.; G. Bloyce, 5s.; J. Flint, 2s. 6d.; J. Gould, 2s.; St. Emanual Ringers, Bristol, 2s. 6d.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT MISSON.

The Parish Church of Misson, in the diocese of Southwell, is situated on the boundary of the county of Nottingham, about three miles from Bantry. The church, which dates back to the twelfth century, was restored in 1886 at a cost of about £400. On Sunday, July 2nd, 1893, the Vicar, whilst at his Sunday School, was struck by lightning and seriously injured. On Saturday, Sept. 23rd, the day he was returning to resume duties after convalescence, the church was struck and fired by lightning, the tower being completely gutted, two pinnacles hurled down, the clock destroyed, and the four bells broken and partly melted. The lightning in its course fired the whole of the woodwork of the nave roof. The church was thoroughly restored in 1894, and a new ring of six sweet-toned bells (tenor, 12 cwts.) were added to replace the old four, and it was here the ringers of the above Association held their recent quarterly meeting. There was a fair attendance of ringers from Blyth, Everton, West Stockwith, Haxey, Bantry, Worksop and Misson, and some good ringing was done in Plain Bob, Grandsire, College Single, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Violet. The Blyth ringers turned up at 5.0 p.m., after having had a motor tour to Tickhill, Haxey, and Epworth, and succeeded in ringing a 720 of Treble Bob in three methods, conducted by Mr. J. H. Hind. About 25 sat down to tea at the White Horse Inn, presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar (the Rev. F. W. Keene), by Mr. E. W. Law (churchwarden), who was also supported by his colleague, Mr. Needham.

The business meeting followed, Mr. Law giving a very hearty welcome to those assembled.—The Hon. Secretary, in replying, made suitable allusion to the death of the late Mr. Robert Pinder, one of the Misson ringers, and paid the highest tribute of respect to his kind and genial disposition, and his willingness to do anybody a good turn. A resolution that the same be recorded on the minutes, and that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow, was carried, the members rising in silence.

The Rev. A. L. Phillips and the Rev. F. W. Keene were elected vice-presidents of the Association, and it was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at Ordsall, in January. It will be advertised in due course in "The Ringing World."

Votes of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and to his colleague Mr. Needham for his presence, brought the meeting to a close, and tracks were again made for the tower, where ringing was indulged in until late in the evening. Some of the ringers who had got lost in the fog did not arrive until 8.0 p.m., and when the writer of these notes was leaving the place the Everton ringers were well advanced towards the completion of a good 720 of Violet.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LIGHTCLIFFE, HALIFAX.—On the occasion of the marriage of Mr. G. Naylor to Miss M. Oates, a 720 Bob Minor was rung after the ceremony by the following members of the Halifax and District Association: T. Sharman 1, H. Wilmot 2, J. Cotterell (conductor) 3, F. Bradley 4, H. Hudson 5, G. Whittaker 6.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS — On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: G. Beesley 1, W. Robinson 2, G. Basford 3, R. Christian 4, C. F. Faulkner 5, W. Sharp 6, F. Hopper (conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Tuesday, Sept. 3rd, 448 Superlative Surprise Major: E. Bishop 1, W. G. Lancaster (first touch in the method) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

FULBOURNE.—On Sept. 2nd, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: W. Scotcher 1, H. Badcock 2, L. G. Mallion 3, E. G. Hibbins 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttress (conductor) 6. First 720 of Cambridge by all. Messrs. Mallion and Hibbins hail from Fen Ditton, the rest belong to the local company.

SUDBURY.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 3rd, on handbells, 1152 of Kent Treble Bob Major: Miss Bell Symonds 1, F. A. Poulson 2, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 3—4, R. J. Poulson 5, Rev. R. L. Gardner 6, A. Symonds 7—8. The ringer of the treble is the first lady to ring a touch of Treble Bob Major in the Ely Diocesan Association. This was also the longest touch by the Rev. R. L. Gardner.

FENTON, STAFFS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 8th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Hill 1, T. Salt 2, A. Jackson 3, B. Snow 4, J. Beech 5, A. Smith 6, A. E. Sherratt (conductor) 7, H. Tufnell 8.

LONGBOROUGH, GLOS.—On August 28th, 720 Bob Minor: *T. Pethrick 1, *J. H. Keyte 2, E. Pardon 3, F. Davis 4, *T. Williams 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6. * First 720, and believed to be the first 720 of Plain Bob on the bells.

CROYDON. — On Sunday, Sept. 1st, 504 Stedman Triples: W. States 1, W. S. Wise (conductor) 2, J. Talbot 3, A. Clark 4, A. Jones 5, W. Groves 6, S. Roper 7, T. Verral 8. Also 504 Grandsire Triples, on handbells, at the residence of A. Clark: A. Clark 1—2, W. S. Wise (conductor) 3—4, S. Roper 5—6, T. H. Colburn 7—8.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sunday, Sept. 8th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, H. Jones 3, F. Bennett (conductor) 4, J. Hopkin 5, W. G. Ellis 6, W. Davies 7, C. Allen 8. For evening service, 377 Grandsire Caters: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, J. Hopkin 4, H. Jones 5, C. Dalton-Potter 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, P. Laflin 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10. The ringer of the 6th hails from Barnsley, and this was his first touch of Caters.

BIRMINGHAM.—At Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. E. Wathen 1, J. T. Perry (conductor) 2, G. A. Taylor 3, J. B. Collett 4, A. T. Scrivens 5, W. H. Carrod 6, J. Porter 7, T. Pearce 8. Arranged for W. E. Wathen, who hails from Tewkesbury.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Brierley 1, S. Astbury 2, T. Horton 3, R. Hall 4, F. Bennett (conductor) 5, J. Bird 6, J. Bant 7, J. Ford 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, at St. Saviour's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service, and on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. H. Lucas to Miss B. Simms: A. Bullock 1, G. B. Lucas, senr. (conductor) 2, G. W. Cooper 3, C. J. Bartlett 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, H. Rumens 6, H. F. Hull 7, W. J. E. Jones 8.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for morning and evening services, 720 and 240 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by F. W. Naunton, and 216 of Plain Bob, conducted by J. Spencer, the following taking part: G. Bertram, J. Spencer, N. R. Bailey, A. J. Naunton, G. E. Naunton, L. Naunton, F. W. Naunton.

MANCHESTER.—On Sunday, August 25th, at St. John's, Deansgate, as a welcome home to Mr. W. Bellamy on his return from Ibadan, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Brown (conductor) 1, G. Smethurst 2, W. Bellamy 3, J. Hampson 4, J. Morgan 5, W. H. Cooper 6, A. Wolstenholme 7, A. Diamond 8.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 1st, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Middleton 1, J. Morgan 2, W. Bellamy 3, G. Smethurst 4, W. Brown 5, W. H. Cooper (conductor) 6, A. Wolstenholme 7, A. Diamond 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, E. Manton 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On Monday, Sept. 2nd, 720 Double Oxford: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE. — On Sept. 5th, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Harper 1, E. Hortin 2, J. Adams 3, T. Lowe 4, J. Foster 5, F. Colclough (first quarter-peal away from the treble) 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On Sept. 9th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Hendry 1, J. Pettit 2, W. B. Meadows 3, H. Meadows 4, G. Lines 5, H Chapman (Pendleton), conductor, 6.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, 720 College Exercise: J. Hendry 1, H. W. Gayton 2, C. W. Clarke 3, P. Inskip 4, A. Henman (first in the method away from the treble) 5, G. Lines (conductor) 6. First in the method on the bells.

STRANTON (WEST HARTLEPOOL).—On Sept. 10th, at All Saints' Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 30 mins.: F. Robson 1, W. Webster (age 15), first 720, 2, A. R. Webster, senr., 3, Rob Webster 4, F. P. Howcroft 5, W. T. Robson (conductor) 6. Preceded by 360 and two 120's.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.—The Yorkshire Association.—On Sept. 11th, on handbells, in the belfry of St. Matthew's Church, 352 Bob Major, 504 Grandsire Triples, 336 Stedman Triples: J. R. Kemp 1—2, P. J. Johnson (conductor) 3—4, F. R. Cundale 5—6, W. T. Powell 7—8. These touches were rung as a farewell to W. W. Powell, who left Leeds on 14th Sept. for London, carrying with him the best wishes of his fellow ringers. A peal would have been arranged, but owing to very short notice it had to be abandoned.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 14th, at the Parich Church, 480 changes Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Lynch 1, S. Smith 2, E. Footer (conductor) 3, B. Footer 4, R. Cuttin 5.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 15th, 360 and 720 Grandsire Doubles: C. T. Lynch 1, S. Smith 2, E. Footer (conductor) 3, G. Petch 4, R. Cutting 5.

BIRLING, KENT.—The Kent County Association. — On Saturday, Sept. 14th, 336 and 432 Double Norwich, 192 Stedman Triples (three times), 224 Kent, 112 Bob Major. On handbells, courses of Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Bob Major, the following taking part: W. Haigh, W. Easter, W. Cook, F. A. Holden, E. Sells, W. Walker, R. Paine, J. Kidd, T. Hills, J. Tullett, J. Rayner, and T. Mannering and H. Moore from Maidstone. This ringing was arranged as a combined practice.

CHATHAM.—On Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Original) was rung at St. Mary-the-Virgin's Church, in 47 mins.: H. Springate 1, J. Hunt 2, P. J. Spice 3, H. Hogarth 4, S. Shellock 5, E. Sills 6, F. Holden (conductor) 7, G. Lawrence 8. First quarter-peal from Holt's Original by a local band.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN. — At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Hardwick (first quarter-peal) 1, T. J. Evans 2, R. Davies (Cowbridge) 3, J. Evans 4, D. R. James (conductor) 5, R. Evans 6, W. Smith 7, R. Gregory 8. Rung for the occasion of the baptism of the infant daughter of D. R. James, which took place in the afternoon.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, Middlesbrough, 1232 Double Norwich: C. Laverick 1, C. Pollard 2, F. Laverick 3, W. Pollard 4, W. H. Thomas (Bristol) 5, J. Wedgewood 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, T. Lancaster 8.

SALTBURN.—On Sept. 18th, at the Parish Church, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. T. Graves 1, J. Appleton 2, F. Barker 3, G. A. Peck 4, E. Milburn 5, N. Kidd 6, J. H. Blakiston (conductor) 7, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 8. Also 352 Plain Bob Major: N. Kidd 1, J. Appleton 2, E. Milburn 3, F. Barker (conductor) 4, G. B. Kidd 5, J. T. Graves 6, J. H. Blakiston 7, Rev. R. L. B. Oliver 8.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.—On Sept. 14th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: G. Chamberlain (conductor) 1, H. Trim 2, J. B. Holmyard 3, L. H. Moore 4, G. H. Gale 5, T. E. Francis 6, W. Farley 7, H. Farley 8.

KING'S NORTON WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): L. Powel 1, J. Withers 2, P. C. Dowding 3, T. Pritchett 4, A. Chambers (conductor) 5, F. Withers 6, W. Palmer 7, J. Betterton 8.

BEVERLEY, YORKSHIRE.—Yorkshire Association.—At the Minster, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, 521 Grandsire Caters: T. Southwick 1, C. P. Bradley 2, G. Osgerby 3, C. G. Constable 4, A. Sellars 5, J. Constable 6, G. Ford 7, W. Gibson (conductor) 8, W. Middleton 9, G. Daggitt 10. 180 Grandsire Caters and 395 in the same method, conducted by W. Middleton.

STOKE-IN-COVENTRY.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 15th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 38 mins.: D. J. Hunt 1, A. Roberts 2, W. H. Brunsdon (conductor) 3, C. Freeman 4, E. H. Johnson 5, W. T. Cox 6, J. H. White 7, F. Pervin 8. This is the quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

PONTEFRACT (YORKS).—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the Parish Church, 1056 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Spurr 1, J. E. Pickard (longest length in the method) 2, J. Carter 3, W. Pearson 4, H. Walters 5, J. Jackson 6, T. Holder 7, A. Walker (conductor) 8.

PRESTBURY.—On Sept. 15th, at the close of the evening celebration of Harvest Festival, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Major 1, W. Compton 2, C. Tovey 3, J. James 4, W. Yeend (first quarter-peal as conductor and first attempt) 5, R. Court 6, T. Pendry 7, J. Harrison 8.

LUTON, BEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal (1312 changes) of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 50 mins.: H. Shepherd 1, R. Darlow 2, J. Rookwood 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, C. Wing 6, W. Payne 7, A. King (conductor) 8. Arranged for Mr. R. Darlow, of Bushey, Herts, who was on a visit to Luton.

DERBY.—On Sept. 15th, at St. Alkmund's Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Francis 1, A. Brams 2, J. Vickers (conductor) 3, S. Vickers 4, C. Draper 5, G. Robinson 6, S. Dawson 7, C. Bradley 8.

ILMINSTER.—Bath and Wells Diocesan Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sept. 19th, on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Crabb (a member of the band) and Miss Lily Marshallsea, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Hallitt (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Sibley 2, P. Barley (first on an inside bell) 3, W. Coombes 4, S. Coombes 5, D. G. Taylor (conductor) 6, F. Baker 7, H. Raison 8.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—Worcester and Districts Association.—On Tuesday, Sept. 17th, a quarter-peal of Erin Triples (1260 changes): A. E. Parsons 1, C. W. Bassano 2, G. Bird 3, W. Bird 4, O. Pearson 5, A. Greenfield 6, A. Davies (conductor) 7, L Johnson 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 240 of London Surprise, and a course of Cambridge Surprise: W. L. Darlow 1, W. Watts (Stansted) 2, E. Bonnett 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 of Treble Bob (240 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine and Oxford): H. G. Wilkerson 1, W. L. Darlow 2, R. Wilkerson 3, A. Gilbert 4, E. Bonnett (conductor) 5, R. G. King 6.—On a previous date, 720 Cambridge Surprise: E. Bonnett 1, W. L. Darlow 2, P.C. A. Lawrence (North Mymms) 3 R. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6. Also two courses of London Surprise, A. Lawrence's first 720 of Surprise.

WHITBOURNE, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Sept. 1st, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Lewis 1, J Woodyatt 2, T. Howell 3, W. Ranford 4, A. Greenfield (conductor) 5, J. Howell 6. Also 360 Grandsire Minor, conducted by J. Howell; and 120 Grandsire Doubles, conducted by G. Soley.

PULHAM ST. MARY.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 8th, for evening service, 960 Kent Treble Bob Major: Edwin Whiting 1, C. Brice 2, F. Borrett 3, H. Garnham 4, A. Smith 5, C. Baker 6, C. Tann 7, Ernest Whiting 8.

PLYMOUTH. — At Charles' Church, on Sept. 10th, 420 Stedman Triples: Miss Edith K. Parker (conductor) 1, Walter H. Marsh 2, Warren Hornbrook 3, G. Stroud 4, W. Rundle 5, W. Hiscott 6, F. Hockaday 7, F. Purse 8.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At a well-attended quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade branch, at Eaton Socon, about thirty ringers were present from Clifton, Potton, Sandy, Northill, St. Neots, Bedford, and the local tower.—The Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake (curate of Sandy) presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to leave to the committee the arrangements for the annual meeting of the branch at Biggleswade on December 26th, or near convenient date.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for use of the bells, etc., was unanimously passed, and the bells were kept going in various methods until 9 p.m., the touches including three 720's. The methods rung were: Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent, Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, Reverse College Single and Single Court.

DEATH OF AN OLD BELL HANGER.

It is with sincere regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Fluck, of Birmingham, who passed away at his home on Saturday week, after a short illness, at the age of 68 years. Mr. Fluck, who was a church bell hanger, had been in the employ of Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., Birmingham, for nearly 40 years.

He was sent to rehang a peal in Herefordshire on September 30th, but was taken ill a few days later on, and had to return home, when it was found he was suffering from pneumonia, to which he eventually succumbed.

He was laid to rest on Wednesday week in Aston Parish Churchyard, very close to the grave of the late Mr. Henry Johnson. Mr. Fluck was a member of St. Martin's Guild, and had rung about 20 peals of Triples and Caters on the tenor.

PEAL TABLET UNVEILED AT STONE.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled at St. Michael's Church, Stone, Staffs, recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on May 18th, in which five of the local ringers took part, namely: F. Chell, senr., T. Chell, J. Goodall, P. Preston and A. Abberley, and three ringers from Stoke-on-Trent, viz.: E. Page, E. Landon and S. Churton, the last-named, who has acted as instructor at Stone, being the conductor.

The tablet, which is of marblette, was unveiled after the morning service. It is the joint gift of the Rector (the Rev. C. P. Ford) and Mr. A. S. Marsh. Mrs. Marsh, wife of the churchwarden (Mr. J. S. Marsh) performed the ceremony, in the presence of the Rector, Canon Ivens, the Rev. F. W. Walker (curate), Churchwarden Marsh, and several ladies and gentlemen, as well as the ringers.—The usual thanks and acknowledgments were exchanged, speeches being made by Mrs. Marsh, the Rector, Mr. J. S. Marsh, Mr P. Preston and Mr. S. Churton.

A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples were rung for evening service by: F. Chell, junr., 1, T. Chell 2, E. Cope 3, J. Goodall 4, C. Page 5, S. Churton (conductor) 6, P. Preston 7, A. S. Marsh 8. First quarter-peal by T. Chell, junr., and A. S. Marsh. Messrs. S. Churton and C. Page desire to thank Messrs. C. Preston and E. Cope for their hospitality during the day.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Boxley Church bells will be re-opened on Friday, November 1st. Service at 7.30. Ringers welcome. The tower will also be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 2nd, at three o'clock.—G. Moore, Honorary District Secretary, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at St. Peter's Church, Burnley, on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—The annual meeting will be held at Romsey on Saturday, November 2nd. The Abbey bells will be available from 2.30 p.m. Service in the Abbey at 5.30. Tea at the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock, and business meeting immediately after.—James W. Elkins, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Penshurst on Saturday, November 2nd, 1912. Tower open at 3, service in church at 5. Business meeting after tea.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.— The quarterly meeting will be held at St. James', Leyland, on November 2nd. Bells ready at 3. Meeting at 5.30.— E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The annual meeting will be held at Hersham, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 4 p.m. Tea and and business meeting in the Church Hall at 5.30 p m. All ringers invited.—G. B. Edser, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION. — Quarterly meeting at Benhilton, Sutton, on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells open at 3; short service with address by the Vicar at 5. Tea at Shaftesbury Hall, 5.45. Business meeting after.— Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — North and East District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Edmonton, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. Preb. Sanders) on Saturday, November 2nd. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at the Rose and Crown at 5.30, at the small charge of 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid as early as possible.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Norfolk House, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on November 5th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 7th and 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.— William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to the secretary. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 9th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, 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, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.— Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.—The Staveley meeting is cancelled. Another meeting is being arranged, notice of which will follow.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. James E. Davis has removed to 167, Liverpool Street, Walworth, S.E.—Mr. G. Cleal has removed to Castle Mills House, Carlow, Ireland.—The Rev. E. V. Cox has removed to 24, Pershouse Street, Walsall.

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MESSRS, GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

Disputed claims to the authorship of peals are not infrequent, and this week we publish a letter signed by three well known composers, Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, C. H. Hattersley and H. Dains, setting forth the contention that they are entitled to the authorship of certain peals of New Cambridge Surprise Royal and the peal of so-called London Surprise Royal which have been rung and published as the compositions of Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Everyone who succeeds in obtaining an original peal which he has been the first to publish, or which has been rung, ought certainly to be able to claim the authorship, and in this case the claim, by the three gentlemen named, to the figures of the New Cambridge Royal is made on the strength of the fact that they were but curtailed lengths of Superlative Surprise Major published some years before the Royal was thought about.

The Central Council have laid it down that "the earliest ascertainable true composition on any definite plan in any method, which is not a reproduction or colourable imitation of the same composition in another method, is entitled to be termed the 'original' composition on that plan. Subsequent compositions on the same plan, which are not demonstrably reversals or transpositions or colourable imitations of a previous composition in the same method, may be considered as 'distinct' compositions on the plan, and allowed the claim of 'originality.'" There is thus a pretty broad law governing the question at issue.

But if the claim of our correspondents be a good one, it must not be assumed for a moment that the author whose name was appended to the peals of Royal was guilty of piracy. It is quite easily possible for the same composition to be got by two or even more individuals working quite independently, and one man may quite innocently obtain a peal, which he believes to be original, years after another has composed it. In fact, it is well known that although young composers are still figuring, it is practically impossible to get anything "original" in certain methods. One of the difficulties is that it is impossible for a man to know all that has been obtained in the way of peals in the past, and that, in all probability, may be explanation of the incident which is now brought to light.

The point, however, at which we are most surprised is the length of time that has been allowed to elapse before the originality of compositions has been disputed. Some of the peals of Royal whose authorship is questioned were rung and published as long ago as 1903, yet it is nearly the end of 1912 before the matter is taken up. Why is this, we wonder? There must be some explanation. It is very late in the day to set up the claims. We should have thought them almost, if not quite, debarred by a statute of limitations.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

THOMAS J. BRATTON ...	...*Treble*	*JOHN CORRIGAN...	6
ALFRED T. HYLAND	2	†WILLIAM SAUNDERS... ...	7
JAMES JONES	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
JOHN JENNINGS	4	JOHN CARTER	9
PERCY O. LAFLIN	5	WILLIAM DAVIES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Caters. This peal has the 6th behind the 8th or 9th throughout, and is the 500th peal on the Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TAUNTON,
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, October 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

H. J. FOOTE	...*Treble*	G. H. YENDALL	5
T. DOBLE	2	E. E. BURGESS...	6
*J. MATTHEWS	3	J. MADDOCK	7
F. MILLARD	4	H. BOSLEY...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. MADDOCK.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, October 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	...*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
*ARTHUR HART	2	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON...	6
JOHN H. B. HESSE	3	ALBERT TURNER	7
*JOHN W. CORNFORD ...	4	*WALTER W. PATEMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.

ALBERT LONGLEY	...*Treble*	FREDERICK WHIBLEY ...	5
†HARRY HARRINGTON... ...	2	GEORGE EDWARDS	6
ARTHUR WILES	3	ERNEST EVEREST	7
ARTHUR MAYNARD	4	*HARRY COOMBER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal on eight and first attempt. H. Harrington hails from Penshurst, H. Coomber from Hever, and A. Maynard from Speldhurst. Rung as a farewell to F. Whibley, who, to the regret of all, is leaving the neighbourhood. He has been a member of the present band almost since its formation.

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

*RICHARD H. STEVENS ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT C. SAYWELL ...	5
CHARLES R. MILLWAY ...	2	*GEORGE SAUNDERS	6
*ARTHUR H. ROBERTS ...	3	CHARLES TURNER	7
HERBERT J. SAUNDERS ...	4	*WALTER CORTEEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

* First peal. This is the first peal in the method ever rung by an entirely Dover band. R. Stevens was elected a member of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 10. Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 14 lbs.

JOHN POTTER	...*Treble*	*WILLIAM GRUNWELL ...	5
JAMES HENRY RIDYARD ...	2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE... ...	6
GEORGE PINCOTT	3	JOSEPH RIDYARD	7
JOHN WELSBY	4	†JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. † First peal in any method; aged 16 years. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough. The company think it reflects great credit on the bellringers when a youth of 16 years of age can ring a peal on a tenor of over a ton weight without being unduly exhausted.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

THOMAS WATTS	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WATTS	5
WALTER PRIOR	2	THOMAS JORDAN	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	7
FRANK M. BUTLER	4	GEORGE JORDAN... ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE JORDAN.

This peal was rung to celebrate the Festival of All Saints.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE ...	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
JOHN CAPP	2	ALBERT HARMAN	6
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

FRANK SMITH	...*Treble*	HARRY SHUKER...	5
GEORGE E. TURNER	2	JOHN T. BOTTRILL	6
JOSEPH LOWE	3	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	7
ARTHUR PETTITT	4	HARRY CHAPMAN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

Arranged for A. Pettitt, of Leicester, and it was his first peal of Superlative.

SUNDERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

MICHAEL F. HARRISON ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS METCALFE... ...	5
ROBERT W. LOVIE	2	CECIL O. SAYER	6
ROBERT STEPHENSON	3	WILLIAM T. ROBSON ...	7
JOSEPH W. PARKER	4	S. T. WRIGHT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM T. ROBSON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Robert Stephenson. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for kindly allowing them the use of the bells.

ROSS-ON-WYE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of the Ever Blessed Virgin,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24¾ cwt.

Rev. E. V. Cox	*Treble*	John Clark	5
John Austin	2	James H. Shepperd	6
R. W. Hyner	3	James E. Groves	7
H. J. Gardiner	4	Charles L. Sadler	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Austin.

This is the first peal of Treble Eight on the bells. It was specially arranged and rung as a compliment to the Rector of Ross (the Rev. T. R. Money-Kyrle), being the first 5000 on the bells during his incumbency. Messrs. Austin and Gardiner were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

WRITTLE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

Arthur Edwards	*Treble*	Alfred Tarbun, Senr.	5
Frederick W. Edwards	2	Henry Head	6
Thomas Lincoln	3	William Lincoln	7
Frederick G. Radley	4	Arthur Head	*Tenor*

Composed by J. B. Fenton, and
Conducted by William Lincoln.

Rung for the Dedication Festival of All Saints.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell,

A PEAL OF STEDMAH TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 22 cwt.

John H. B. Hesse	*Treble*	Reuben Sanders	5
Isaac G. Shade	2	William Theobald	6
Arthur J. Neale	3	William Pye	7
*Harry Fowler	4	Bertram Prewett	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Pye.

* First peal on eight bells.

WOOBURN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

James W. Wilkins	*Treble*	John Gransbury	5
John West	2	*William R. Melville	6
Robert H. Young	3	Richard Buckland	7
Harry Howard	4	Cecil C. Mayne	*Tenor*

Conducted by Richard Buckland.

* First peal. This peal was specially arranged for W. R. Melville, of Tring, Herts.

WRINGTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 37 cwt.

William S. Nipper	*Treble*	William J. Perry	5
Francis W. Nipper	2	Edward J. Andow	6
Fred G. May	3	George H. Collins	7
*Dubric Wood	4	Anthony Lane	*Tenor*

Conducted by Fred G. May.

* First peal. First peal of Triples and of Grandsire on the bells.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part.

John Ray	*Treble*	Harry Jeavons	5
William Mills, Junr.	2	Herbert Sheppard	6
Fred Evans	3	John Goodman, Junr.	7
Thos. Griffiths	4	Benjamin Fullwood	*Tenor*

Conducted by John Goodman, Junr.

Rung for the Festivals of All Saints and All Souls.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt., in G.

George Pincott	*Treble*	Harry Allred	5
*Benjamin Allred	2	John T. Allred	6
Robert Allred	3	Herbert Allred	7
Joseph Ridyard	4	William Pennington	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. Pritchard, and
Conducted by Herbert Allred.

* First peal in any method. First peal as conductor. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th, and also to the conductor.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAH TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

*Philip Inns	*Treble*	Charles W. Bird	5
Alfred Knight	2	Alfred King	6
Matthias Hobbs	3	David J. Nichols	7
J. Edward Chapman	4	Frederick W. Sawfoot	*Tenor*

Composed by James W. Washbrook, and
Conducted by David J. Nichols.

* First peal in the method. This peal is now rung for the first time by the Northants Association.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS, AND THE SPITALFIELDS BELL FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20¼ cwt., in E flat.

*Albert Boxall	*Treble*	*Richard N. Runham	5
Thomas King	2	Frederick A. Nunn	6
Alfred Howell	3	†James W. Trappitt	7
*William T. Powell	4	William J. Nudds	*Tenor*

Composed by H. J. Tucker, and
Conducted by W. J. Nudds.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the treble. A. Boxall was elected a member of the Royal Cumberland Society before starting.

NEW MILLS, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Stockport and Bowdon Branch.)

On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13¼ cwt.

Thomas Jackson	*Treble*	George D. Warburton	5
Rev. A. T. Beeston	2	Allen S. Gordon	6
William Jackson	3	Harold Jackson	7
Hiram Meakin	4	George Marshall	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harold Jackson.

Rung as a birthday compliment to George D. Warburton.

BEDWORTH.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*WILLIAM PRYCE	...*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COX	5
†OSWALD J. HUNT	2	DOUGLAS H. ARGYLE	6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	7
JOSEPH H. WHITE	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	...*Tenor*

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to celebrate the anniversary of the dedication of the Church. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells, and Mr. Randle for having everything in readiness.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW, BETHNAL GREEN,
A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

WILLIAM BERRY	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
HAROLD BURTON	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
EDWIN F. PIKE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;
Tenor 14¼ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN	...*Treble*	HARRY THORPE	5
JOHN EDMONDSON	2	ROBERT W. JENNISON	6
EDWARD GREEN	3	JOHN HALL	7
THOMAS BANCROFT	4	SMITH MURGATROYD	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. ESTCOURT, and
Conducted by THOMAS BANCROFT.

This peal was arranged for H. Thorpe, of Grantham, who was elected a member of the Association before starting.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHELTENHAM, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, October 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently. Tenor 17 cwt.

EDWIN DEAN	...*Treble*	ARTHUR S. BOAR	3
JAMES PUGH	2	JOHN PARSONS	4
JOHN F. BALLINGER	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by JOHN PARSONS.
Umpire: J. HARPER.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Sindrey, of Sidney House, St. Marks. The ringers wish to thank, through the "Ringing World," the Rev. C. Neill for kindly granting them the use of the bells. Quickest peal on the bells.

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, October 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

*FOSTER DEACON	...*Treble*	ALFRED TAILBY	4
†FREDERICK KILBORN	2	*BERT KILBORN	5
SAMUEL BURDITT	3	E. MAURICE ATKINS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by the local band.

ROCKLAND ALL SAINTS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 26 Six-scores of Grandsire and 16 Six-scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 7½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER	...*Treble*	JOHN MURRELL	3
EDGAR HUNT	2	WILLIAM ADCOCK	4
HERBERT MASON	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. MASON.

The Grandsire was rung with ten different callings and the Plain Bob with four.

ALDRINGTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being two 720's each of Oxford, Kent and Woodbine called differently and one of New London Pleasure. Tenor 10¼ cwt.

*WILLIAM K. SHARPE	...*Treble*	JAMES W. WHITE	4
†HENRY C. GILLAM	2	GEORGE A. STEELE	5
‡ARTHUR H. WHITE	3	FREDERICK W. STEELE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. W. STEELE.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. All the above are members of the local band.

BROUGHTON, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six-scores.

GEORGE HOLLAND	...*Treble*	ALBERT E. WYKES	3
PERCY J. LENTON	2	FREDERICK C. WOOLLEY	4
HORACE W. SHARMAN	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

Rung on the eve of All Saints' Day, and as a farewell to Fred Woolley. First peal on the bells. All the ringers belong to the Cransley Company.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of two 720's of Kent and two of Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt., in D.

*JOHN CHANCE	...*Treble*	EDMUND HOBBS	4
EDWARD WHITE	2	ERNEST HERBERT	5
CYRIL HERBERT	3	†HORACE SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

RANGEMORE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 5 Six-scores each of Stedman, New, St. Simons, St. Dunstan's, Canterbury, Old, and Plain Bob, and 7 Six-scores of Grandsire.
Tenor 8 cwt.

HARRY WAKLEY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHERCLIFF	3
CHARLES SANDERS	2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY	4
JOSEPH T. DYKE	...*Tenor*		

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

First peal on the bells.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB AND GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE DINHAM... ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR WHEADON	4
THOMAS LLOYD	2	GERALD LOCK	5
TOM W. CREED	3	W. TOM JEANES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LLOYD.
First peal on the bells by a local band.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 6½ cwt.

*HARRY LEWIS	...*Treble*	ALFRED SOUTH...	4
*CHARLES J. MANN	2	*GEORGE H. NEVILLE ...	5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. D. BUCKINGHAM.
* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and London Treble Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

REGINALD J. LAST ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ...	4
EDWARD W. YOUNGS... ...	2	WILLIAM ROSE	5
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	LEONARD E. LAST ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

TICKENHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Novewber 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
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 12½ 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.
This is the first peal on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB AND SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE	...*Treble*	WALTER J. HORTON ...	4
E. HARRY STONELEY... ...	2	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY...	5
THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	3	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.
Rung in honour of the Festival of All Saints.

EASTWELL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being three 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*CHARLES W. BRETT...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK G. BRETT ...	4
CHARLES TRIBE	2	*EDWIN G. BUESDEN... ...	5
*REV. F. J. O. HELMORE...	3	CHARLES W. PLAYER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES W. PLAYER.
* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
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 20 cwt.

*FRANK TURK	...*Treble*	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ...	4
JIM BEACH	2	RICHARD HOPE...	5
EDWIN LAMBERT	3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.
* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, November 3, 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, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and one of Grandsire. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*FRANK MOSS	...*Treble*	HERBERT JORDAN	4
RAYMOND YOUNG	2	JAMES HEMMING	5
THOMAS EDWIN...	3	FREDERICK JORDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.
* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Jordan.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 8 cwt.

ANDREW LAYTON ...	...*Treble*	DAVID HORNE	4
ERNEST GIBBS	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.
Rung on the occasion of the Harvest Festival.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, October 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

JAMES HUNT	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... ...	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8

THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9—10
Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. T. W. Radford.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. RALPH NARBOROUGH, "YORK VILLA,"

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

THOMAS BANHAM	...*Treble*	THOMAS HAINES	4
HORACE BANHAM	2	ARTHUR W. WENLOCK ...	5
STANLEY ANDREWS	3	RALPH NARBOROUGH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.
Witness: H. STIMPSON.

First peal and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Andrews and S. Collison, a late member of the above band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ...	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
JAMES HUNT	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	7—8
FRANK BLONDELL ...	9—10		

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: T. W. RADFORD.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, October 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5568 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ...	1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY	5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	3—4	*CHARLES SAMSON	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: E. H. BAILEY.

* First peal on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

ARTHUR HAGUE	1—2	JOHN THORPE	5—6
CLEMENT GLENN	3—4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ...	7—8

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

NORWICH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS, 39, WINTER ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK J. CROSS ...	1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS	5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	3—4	WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. HEMPEL.
Umpire: BERTIE FRY.

First peal as conductor. The conductor has now rung each pair to a peal in this method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY	1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	3—4	*CHARLES SAMSON	7—8

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

* First peal in the method on handbells.

LATE PEALS.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt., in F.

WILLIAM PIERCE	...*Treble*	JOHN O'NEILL	5
*JAMES SPALDING	2	JAMES HOWARD	6
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	3	ARTHUR H. TOOK	7
HARRY BARTON	4	JOHN LARTER	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by H. BARTON.

* First peal of Bob Major. The ringers desire to thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Packer) for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing tea previous to the ringing, and also the courteous tower-keeper (Mr. J. Adams) for having everything in readiness.

PONTEFRACT.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

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

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

FINCHLEY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and College Single and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*GEORGE WEBB	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WEBB	4
WILLIAM H. TUBB ...	2	BERTRAM TUBB	5
*FREDERICK S. TUBB ...	3	*FREDERICK A. BARKER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK A. BARKER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the ringer of the treble on his 21st birthday. Also as a birthday compliment to W. H. Tubb on his 68th.

ST. HILARY'S, WALLASEY.

The ring of six bells of St. Hilary Church, Wallasey, Cheshire, have just been rehung by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, who have received a letter which speaks for itself.

"36, Leasowe Road, Wallasey, October 16th, 1912. Being responsible for the restoration of St. Hilary's Church bells, I would like to acknowledge your splendid and effectual work. On Sunday, the 6th October, for harvest festival, I conducted four different 720's, so I think I have given them a fair test, and, in writing this letter, wish to convey the opinion of all concerned to the fact, that in the way the work has been carried out, both by you at the works and Mr. Frost in fixing them up, nothing further could be desired. Enclosed please find cheque.—Yours faithfully, GEO. R. ROGERS."

NEW BELLS AT TWINEHAM, SUSSEX.

On Sunday week, the Ditchling branch of the Sussex County Association journeyed to Twineham, at the invitation of the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee to try the bells, which have recently been rehung and two new ones added. The visitors were successful in ringing the first 720 Grandsire Doubles on them: J. Standing 1, W. H. Horney 2, E. E. Bish (conductor) 3, J. Parsons 4, J. Feist 5. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the result is very satisfactory, the celebrated Whitechapel firm having made a very pretty peal of five, the tone and "go" of which is splendid. The Rector is naturally very proud of the bells, and he heartily thanked the Ditchling ringers for their services at the close.

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Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the College Youths.
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Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
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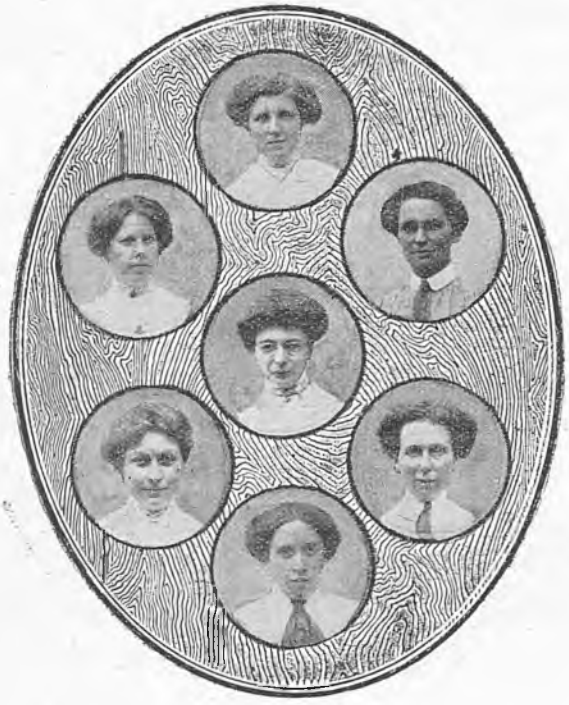
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THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

Contributions to the fund from members of the Exercise, for erecting a suitable tablet to record the peal rung by ladies at Cubitt Town, are coming in from all parts of the country, accompanied by expressions of admiration for the very fine performance. We give this week the first list of subscriptions, and would remind ringers that contributions should be sent at once, so that the fund can be closed at an early date. In order that as many as possible may participate, the contribution asked for is only one penny each, and secretaries of bands are requested to collect the sums and forward them to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who is acting as honorary treasurer.

The following contributions are acknowledged: Little Munden ringers, 9d.; Worksop, 1s.; Ludlow, 6d.; Duffield, 1s. St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, 11d.; Cranleigh and Dunsfold, 1s.; St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, 1s.; St. Mary's, Uttoxeter, 1s. 7d.; Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., £1; Hadleigh, Suffolk, 7d.; Litchfield, 1s.; Ewhurst, 4d.; St. Kea, Cornwall, 1s. 1d.; St. James', Poole, 1s.; Wisbeach, 4d.; Rotherwick, Hants, 9d.; St. Giles', Reading, 1s.; St. Leonard's, Walton-le-Dale, 6d.; Mr. C. H. Hattersley, 2s. 6d.; Calverley ringers, 8d.; Immanuel 9d.; Worksop, 1s.; Ludlow, 6d.; Duffield, 1s.; St. Matthew's, Upper Church, Oswaldthwistle, 1s.; Irthlingborough, 1s.; St. Andrew's, Grimsby, 6d.; Portishead, 10d.; Clapton-in-Gordano, 9d.; Chatham, 1s.; total, £2 2s. 7d.

ODD CHANGES.

The ring of eight bells of St. Mary's Church, Chilham, near Canterbury, Kent, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, with all the most modern fittings, and the fifth bell is to be recast. The work of restoration is to be carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

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Marston Magna, Somerset, has come into possession of a peal of six bells, which were dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells last week. The original four bells have been augmented by two trebles, one the gift of Mr. E. D. Marden and family, in memory of the late Mr. Montagu Marden, and the other by public subscription. The peal has been hung in a new frame. Next week we shall be able to give some further details of the dedication.

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Not long ago the staff of the Whitechapel Foundry rang a peal of Grandsire; this week we record a peal of Bob Major by employes at the Spitalfields Foundry, who have formed themselves into a Guild.

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We are informed that the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Oldham on October 22nd, was first rung by the Yorkshire Association on January 12th, 1889.

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We understand that the order for the restoration of Shoreditch bells has now been placed, and that Messrs. Warner and Sons, who secured the contract, will begin work about the middle of the month.

TO ENCOURAGE SERVICE RINGING.

A CUP OFFERED.

Sunday service ringing, the importance of which is being more and more recognised, has been encouraged in some districts by associations making awards for the best returns from their affiliated towers. This encouragement is now to be extended by a more general scheme, in which the whole of the churches throughout the country will be able to participate. Messrs. John Warner and Sons, who recently gave a very handsome silver cup for the encouragement of peal ringing, are taking a similar action in regard to Sunday service ringing, and are giving a trophy of similar design for the purpose of encouraging this important branch of ringers' work.

Details of the scheme are under consideration, and will be published at a later date. We understand, however, that it will be on the basis of points for touches of quarter-peals rung before morning and evening service on Sundays, and that the cup will be held by the association whose towers make the highest aggregate of points according to the number and method of the quarter-peals rung.

As we have pointed out on a former occasion, the importance and privilege of the ringer's duty should be ample stimulus to any band, but at the same time there can be no reason why voluntary and regularly-performed duties should not be recognised, for recognition of one's efforts does sometimes add just that extra bit of stimulus required to keep a man up to a standard. Probably some of our readers may have views to express on the subject, and our columns are open to them for the purpose.

THE OXFORD GUILD TOUR.

SOME INCIDENTS OF AN ENJOYABLE WEEK.

(Continued from page 302).

[By W. H. F.]

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN.

With reference to the amended proposals for the Robinson Memorial Screen, in Drayton Church, which we visited on Sunday, October 13th, I might just say that the new position across the tower arch, opening into the nave, appears to me to be far more appropriate, after all, than the chancel arch: it will enclose the ringing room. The screen is practically the gift of Church ringers, in loving memory of a departed ringer, and, standing as it will do, side by side with the numerous tablets on the tower walls, all bearing the well-known names, it must, as the years roll on, greatly enhance the value of the whole tower and its past history and associations.

Driving from Abingdon to Drayton, just after crossing the canal bridge, there is a small modern house with a bold gable end standing out to the road. The only relief to the surface of the bare wall is a carved stone figure head, rather more than life-size, clean shaven, and wearing an affable smile upon its plump round face as it continually gazes up the road towards Drayton, as much as to say, "I wish you success." I've never gone to Drayton without involuntarily looking at this face, it seems to impel one to look at it even after you have passed by. I rather think it must have been an old relic of the ancient Abbey ruins of St. Helen's near, and built into this gable by a modern local builder. Could it speak it would tell us of a certain lonely old gentleman wending his homeward way, at all hours of the night and day, and in all weathers, for well-nigh half a lifetime. Could it speak, it would tell us of the many fruitless, peal-less journeyings, and what a list that would be? One case in point I know of, the late Master made five journeys to Farnham Royal for peal attempts about the year 1903, and that three of the attempts lasted well into the third hour, yet still there was no true peal to record. The stone smiling face is now in my mind's eye, looking down on the passers-by as much to say, "Better luck next time."

Passing through the market square on the way to our hotel, the place was packed with people, and a miscellaneous collection of show and pleasure fair vans in readiness for the annual fairing on the morrow, but the morrow never came, for one of the proprietors, John Clayton, who was accidentally killed by the lorry drawing his own vans on entering the town that day. I mention this instance of the uncertainty of life, because we ringers, whatever our vocations may be, ought as good Churchmen to be prepared. A repetition of the Saturday's events almost occurred to our party on the last day of the tour, of which more anon. This poor fellow's life was crushed out by the wheels of rolling steam in providing a pleasure to hundreds of others. Therefore, it behoves us to remember well the lines with which this contribution was headed.

There was another family party at night, and a few ringing yarns were spun, brief stories of little bygones, but we sadly missed our Gifford—someone will be saying "Let bygones be bygones." Well, the tale of this happy holiday week will soon be one of them. An early bed was agreed on in deference to Mr. Harris, who had spent the previous night partly in a fog-bound belated train, and partly in Oxford Railway Station. On taking the first train in the morning for Abingdon the need of sleep overcame him, and he was well on the way for London on awakening, the return train landing him at Didcot only, whence he padded on to us.

WHAT HAPPENED AT APPLETON.

From Abingdon to Appleton is just five miles.
From Appleton to Abingdon is just ten miles
From Appleton to Abingdon and Abingdon to Appleton.
Then Abingdon to Appleton is thirty miles.
Old Song revised.

Abingdon, Monday, October 14th. Breakfast at 8, and away at 9 a.m., on the high road for Faringdon. Our Jehu with the ribbons drove a quartette of strings, while "petrolled" machines overtook our willing steed in succession: the Caversham Car first, then the Beaconsfield Bike, and, last, the Swindon "flying Dutchman," all reaching Appleton—five miles away—at 10 a.m., to find the tower and bells quite ready. We were soon tapping "tedman taters," like a band John Carters, at the conclusion of Peal No. 2, thanking Messrs White, the local firm of bell hangers, for their attentions. We had a peep at the iron headstone, to the memory of one of the famous White family of bell ringing—bell-hangers, of Abingdon, a neat design in the form of a cross with a circular wheel in the centre, to which are suspended a set of ten exact miniature church bells. We took a second look at the perky little tower which does not appear, externally, capable of holding ten men. You stand very close to the walls of the belfry here, and there's very little elbow room—not any for "bowing"—except in the case of the 4th bell, where a window seat, the only one possible, has been scooped out in a semi-circle, and here we placed Josiah, in order to earn his star.

We cast a glance at the several tablets recording long peals of Caters rung in this tower over 20 years ago, and gave a thought to the men who stood in them.

"Two peals a day, do not admit of delay."

So we sheered off to the Plough to a sound cold lunch, joined by Messrs. G. Holifield, senr. and junr., and Harry Woodward. Here we dismissed our coachman, having the kind offer of motor-cars for our journeys, and said good-bye to Messrs. Humfrey and Dyke, of Abingdon. The Plough was formerly kept by one named Harry Tubb, who dispensed ye fine old English beverage from a barrel. He was a local ringer, and though capable of ringing quarter-peals or touches of Caters, had never scored a peal. His son became a good peal ringer, but like Mr. Rip-Van-Winkle, F.E.D., he has now taken a spell on the roost, while his father has gone to rest, and the name now almost disappears from the parish. I've mentioned this, as a little story is to follow. Like most of the old school, Woodward was a bit of a glutton, so far as ringing was concerned, especially with the 9th bell in any peal attempts. He is quite unable to read or write, but can correct a trip, and is a good striker. On one occasion a whole afternoon was spent over sundry jugs of ale in the Plough parlour, for the express purpose of inducing old Harry to allow Mr. Tubb the chance of his lifetime, to attempt a peal on the 9th that night. Leaving Woodward well primed, and in order to prepare himself for the start, Tubb went to the tower an hour later. The first thing he saw on sliding away the well known little trap-door in the centre of the belfry floor was a heap of neatly folded clothes close by old Harry's feet, Woodward exclaiming, "I canna gie 'e up to thee to-night, Harry," just as "go" was called, and the peal rung to a good finish.

SOUTHLEIGH CHURCH.

Our next stage, nine miles to Southleigh, was travelled in fine style, the two handsome touring cars of ample horse-power bringing us well up to time for our peal No. 3. This stretch of road is one of the most tortuous I know of, excepting one from Colwall to Bosbury, in Herefordshire, which I believe has 14 corners to round. Either would be an excellent test of a chauffeur's ability, and an error of driving on the Oxford one would land you in a deep ditch. Yet the direct distance to Southleigh per monoplane would be only four miles. We bounded over the Radcot bridge, famous as one of the oldest over the River Thames, and a little gem for picturesque arches, but the whole structure, if placed on one of the bascules of the Tower Bridge, London, would resemble a mole hill.

The Vicar of Southleigh kindly met us in the tower, and wished us a good peal, and we were favoured with leaflets describing some early mural paintings on the church walls, with notes on the church. I have seen older paintings; one remarkable example recently discovered at Wenhaston executed on boards has been attributed to the 13th century. The five restored mural paintings at Southleigh represent "The Doom," "The Gates of heaven," "The Weighing of Souls," "St. Clement of Rome," and "The Blessed Virgin Mary." The church itself contains specimens of Norman architecture, although the nave and aisle are in the Perpendicular style.

The ringing floor is level with and open to the church, and the bells are rather noisy, otherwise everything was most satisfactory, including the apples. We here parted with some of our friends reluctantly; made a safe, though dark and misty, drive into Witney, arriving before the schedule time. In return for the fine sunny days we were enjoying, we did not complain of the raw, cold foggy nights, accentuated by our invasion of a low-lying country in the upper reaches of the Thames. Headquarters at Witney, recommended by members of the Cambridge University Guild, were established at the Fleece Hotel, where we found the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Cruley, truly hospitable people. A warm, firelit room, and a good hot and substantial tea were waiting for us. We soon thawed the hoar frost, and warmed our toes by holding a fireside chat till 11 p.m., and then off to bed to a well-earned rest amongst plenty of real Witney blankets, the chimes of Witney bells lulling us to sleep at the bewitching hour of midnight.

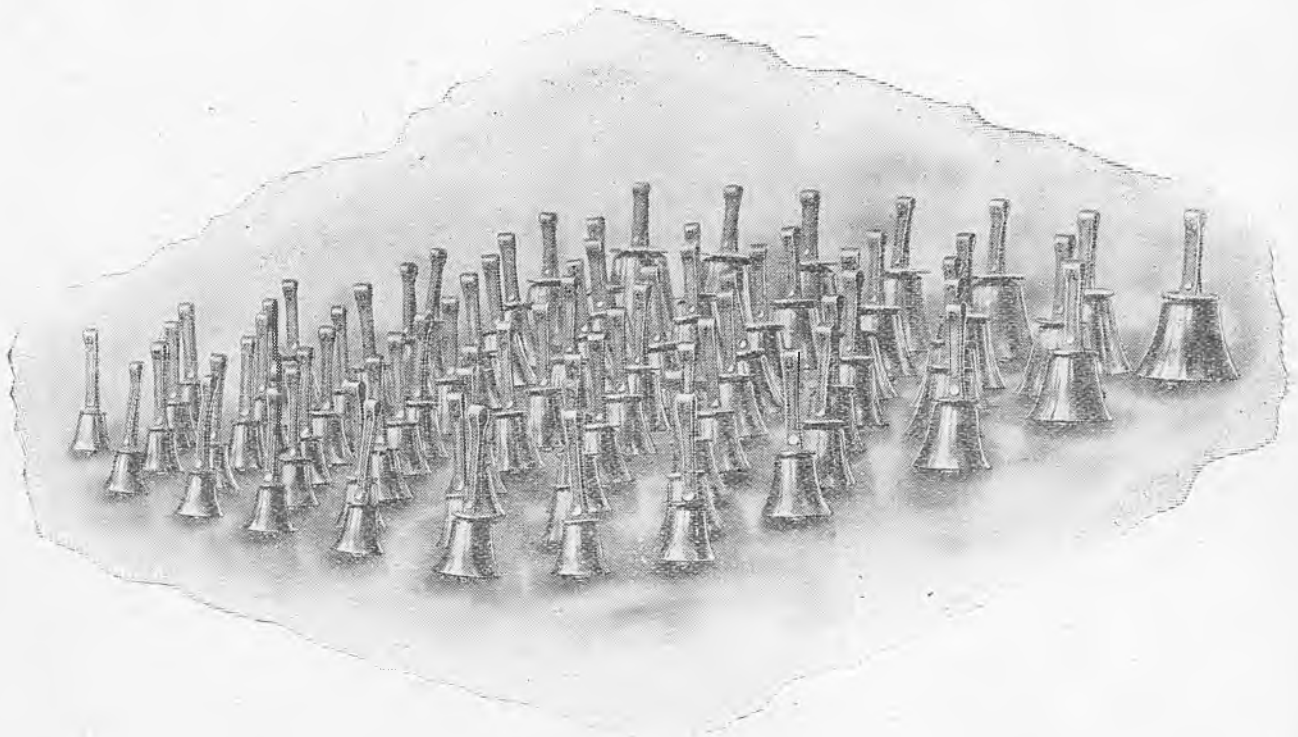
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ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

The eleventh meeting of the year was held at Iden, East Sussex, on Saturday, having been postponed from the previous week. The attendance was below the usual average, largely accounted for by the change of date. There were present members from Hawkhurst, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The ringing, taken on a whole, was very satisfactory, and ere the proceedings concluded two of the Iden men, Messrs. G. Wood and G. Kenward, had participated in a course of Kent Treble Bob Minor, and a 360 in that method was nearly scored. The Iden men are just about to take up Treble Bob, and no doubt it will not be long before their first 720 in that method is an accomplished fact. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, a 720 of Bob Minor and smaller touches of Plain Bob composed the remaining ringing.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Rolvenden, on Saturday, the 23rd inst.—The Chairman voiced the thanks of the meeting to the Rev. Bates for the use of the bells.—Mr. A. Daw supported the motion, which was adopted unanimously.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT EDMONTON.

On Saturday last, the North and East District of the above Association met at Edmonton. Favoured with fine weather, members began to assemble early, and the bells were set going to Grandsire Triples, various other methods following in turn to give all present an opportunity to ring, whether they aspired to the treble in a plain method, to a working bell in a Surprise method, or to the tenor as a covering bell. After tea, at the Rose and Crown, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of, touches of Grandsire Triples and Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on handbells by some of those present, including the versatile lady ringer, to whom nothing seems to come amiss.

After another turn on the bells, the business meeting was held, the Master, Mr. J. Armstrong, presiding.—Fourteen new members were admitted to the Association, and hearty votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the Edmonton band for their kind welcome.—The Hon. Secretary stated that everything possible had been done by the local ringers to make the meeting a success, and the pleasures of the afternoon were due only to them.—Mr. J. Parker replied, saying how pleased they all were to entertain the members, and to see so many present.—A discussion arose on the proposal to institute a scheme for the encouragement of Sunday ringing, and many suggestions were made to the hon. secretary, who promised that they would be considered. A message from Mr. A. T. King, the late hon. secretary, wishing success to the meeting, and regretting his inability to be present, was conveyed to the members, who were very pleased at the kindly thought of one who had served them faithfully for many years.—Some 36 to 40 ringers attended during the afternoon and evening, and ringing continued until nearly 10 o'clock in various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman, Kent, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge, Norfolk, Bristol, London, and Cumberland Delight.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.

The autumn meeting of the Tonbridge District was held at the pretty village of Penshurst, on Saturday last. The local band formerly were affiliated to the Association, and received instruction in change ringing, while Mr. W. Spice, who resided in the village, endeavoured to arouse some enthusiasm amongst them for change ringing, but all to no purpose. It was thought that a meeting on the spot would, perhaps, awaken interest among the men, who were given a cordial invitation to meet the members of the Association, but they neither replied to the invitation nor (with two exceptions) did any of them turn up.

About 30 members attended from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Edenbridge, Hever, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, and Tunbridge Wells. Ringing took place during the afternoon and evening, the Association's special form of service was held. The prayers were read by the Rector, and an excellent address was given by the Rev. R. E. E. Frampton, curate.—Tea was partaken of at the Institute, and the usual business meeting followed, at which the Rector presided.—At the conclusion, Mr. H. G. Pope (Staplehurst) proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector, curate and organist for their services at the service, and the motion having been carried, the Rector replied. He regretted that his own ringers were not affiliated to the Association, but hoped they would become so.—The Rev. R. E. E. Frampton also briefly responded.—The two churchwardens (Lord Hardinge and Mr. J. M. Sturgess) wrote expressing their regret at being unable to attend.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this district was held at Bromley (SS. Peter and Paul) on Saturday week. After ringing during the afternoon, the members attended shortened evensong, and heard a splendid address delivered by the Rev. Donald Tait (Vicar), from 1 Cor., 9-16, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel," this being the inscription on "Great Paul."—After the service, the members adjourned to the Parish Room, where a splendid meat tea was awaiting them, but owing to the wet day, only fifty were present out of the seventy who had signified their intention of attending.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. A. H. Stevenson (curate) presiding, and apologising for the Vicar's absence.—Four new members were elected, and three elections in towers ratified.—Greenwich was selected for the next quarterly meeting, the last Saturday in January, 1913.—The District Secretary then read his annual report, which was adopted.

Mr. T. Groombridge, senr., was re-elected district secretary, and Mr. W. J. Jeffries was re-elected district representative.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the excellent tea, to the Vicar for arranging the service and his splendid address, and to the Rev. A. H. Stevenson for presiding.—The latter thanked the members, and said he would convey their thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the Vicar of St. Luke's, who had opened his tower to the members, but owing to the wet, no one cared to go over to Bromley Common.—During the evening there was further ringing.

SHEFFIELD RINGER'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death, which took place on Monday week, of Mr. Edward Woodward, a well-known Sheffield ringer. The deceased was for 15 years a member of St. Marie's band, and for 22 years a member of the Parish Church company. He was ringing for evening service on the previous Sunday evening at the Parish Church, taking part in a touch of Stedman Cinques. On Monday afternoon he was seized with illness in the street, and died the same night at the Royal Hospital.

The late Mr. Woodward had taken part in 19 peals for the Yorkshire Association (of which he was a life member), the methods including Grandsire, Stedman, and Treble Bob on 8, 10 and 12 bells. The last peal he rang was a peal of Stedman Cinques, on February 20th, 1904.

The interment took place on Saturday last at Intake Cemetery, and after the funeral the members of the Parish Church company rang 519 Stedman Cinques with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect, the ringers being: J. Thorpe, H. Bower, W. Lomas (conductor), J. Mulligan, J. Atkin, J. Evinson, J. S. Rew, G. Holmes, S. Seed, W. Burgar, J. Holman, and another. By permission of the Rev. Dean Dolan, the bells of St. Marie's Church were rung half-muffled at the monthly meeting of the St. Peter's Amalgamated Society.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Chirton and Marden on Saturday last. There were present the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), the Rev. T. S. Cunningham (Vicar of Chirton and Marden), the Rev. P. H. Jackson (Rector of Patney), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstoke), Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary), and Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone, of Marden Manor, the Misses Niven, and the Misses Young, also of Marden, together with ringing members from Devizes, Poulshot, Market Lavington, Erchfont, Southbroom, Great Cheverell, Chirton, Patney, Marden, and Beechingstoke.

The bells of St. John's, Chirton, were raised at three o'clock, and ringing proceeded merrily until the evening, some of the party proceeding to All Saints', Marden, where ringing was also indulged in. At five o'clock the ringers assembled at the Reading Room at Marden, where a sumptuous tea was kindly given by the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone, of the Manor House, 27 members sitting down.

A short business meeting followed, six new members from Marden and one from Chirton being elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Chirton and Marden for the use of the bells, which he acknowledged in a kind and humorous speech.—Another vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. and Mrs. Kingstone for their great kindness in entertaining the Guild to tea.—Some handbell ringing was then indulged in, and after more ringing in the towers, the company dispersed, having enjoyed a most pleasant and delightful meeting.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Fylde District Branch was held at the South Shore Parish Church on Saturday week, the bells being kept going during the afternoon in various methods. Members and friends were present from St. Peter's and St. John's, Lytham; Parish Church, and Sacred Heart, Blackpool: St. Chad's, Poulton-le-Fylde, and all the local ringers, also Mr. J. R. Taylor, Penwortham. At six o'clock the party adjourned to the Parish Institute, at the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Rawcliffe, who had provided a splendid tea, a company of 32 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, and was presided over by the Vicar, who extended a hearty welcome to the Association, and trusted that bells at all times would be used to the glory of God, and that the best would be given for Sunday service.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lytham Parish Church.—Votes of thanks were given to Mr. and Mrs. Rawcliffe for providing tea, and to the Vicar for the use of the bells and presiding at the meeting.—All the parish clergy were present, including the Vicar, the Rev. F. H. Powell, the Rev. E. B. Hooper, the Rev. F. A. C. Youens, and the Rev. C. Nightingale, as well as the Rev. J. Young, Vicar of Poulton-le-Fylde, who rang his first 720 on an inside bell.—At the conclusion of the meeting, a collection was made on behalf of Mr. Z. Lord, of Bacup, an old and worthy ringer, who has been very ill for some time.

FOUR SHIRES GUILD.

The half-yearly meeting and competitions were held at Longborough on Wednesday week. The competitions resulted as follows:—

Rising and Sinking.—1, Shipston, 63 per cent.; 2, Campden, 59; 3, Moreton, 57; 4, Blockley, 15.

Round Ringing.—1, Campden, 97 per cent.; 2, Shipston, 95; 3, Moreton, 93; 4, Blockley 90.

Call Changes.—1, Campden, 94 per cent.; 2, Shipston, 92; 3, Blockley, 88; 4, Moreton, 83.

Method.—1 Shipston, 83; 2, Moreton, 81; 3, Campden, 79.

The judges were Messrs. W. T. Williams and E. Pardon, of Longborough. After the competitions had been decided, Divine service was held in the Parish Church, at which the Rev. Spencer Jones, of Moreton, preached. At a business meeting, the Rev. Spencer Jones presided. Tea was kindly provided by the Rev. J. W. Stoneman.

NEW BELLS AND CLOCK AT WEDNESBURY.

DEDICATION BY THE BISHOP OF LICHFIELD.

A beautifully impressive service was held at the Parish Church, Wednesbury, on October 15th, when the peal of bells, recast and rehung, as a memorial of the late Mr. Thomas Pritchard and the late Mrs. Jane McDougall, by their children, and also the new clock were dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Lichfield.

The sacred edifice, with its magnificent and inspiring interior, recently decorated in a manner equalled by few churches in the country, was the source of much admiration, and the beautifully impressive service was attended by an exceptionally large congregation, including the Mayor and members of the Corporation.

The office for the dedication was full of interest. The wardens (Dr. Crew and Mr. Turner) accepted the charge of the bells and the clock, and declared that it should be their endeavour to see that they were preserved for the purpose for which they had been given.

The Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) then requested the Bishop to perform the dedication, and the Bishop, accompanied by the Vicar, the wardens, the representatives of the donors, the Mayor (Ald. A. E. Pritchard) wearing his chain of office, and Mr. J. McDougall, proceeded from the chancel steps to the tower. Several impressive prayers were said, and then with hand raised, and looking in the direction of the belfry, the Bishop delivered the benediction: "We bless, hallow, and dedicate this peal of bells and this clock to be used in the worship of Almighty God, and for the service of His house. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen." During this time, the Bishop had been standing beneath the wonderful painting by Jean Jouvenet, which hangs over the vestry steps. After the benediction the bells were rung for a few minutes. The Bishop delivered a short sermon from the pulpit. His message was well chosen and well in keeping with the general impressive tone of the service.

THE OLD BELLS.

An interesting history was attached to the old bells which were recently taken down and sent to the Croydon Bell Foundry. They were paid for by public subscriptions, the first appeal being made in the time when the Rev. Isaac Clarkson was Vicar. The bells arrived at Bescot Station on the 13th of January, 1855, and were opened on March 5th, when, according to a writer in the "Wednesbury Borough News and Darlaston Chronicle," ringers to the number of about 150 were present from Burton-on-Trent, Birmingham, Dudley, Darlaston, Shifnal, Scourbridge, Shrewsbury, Stafford, Wolverhampton, West Bromwich, Walsall, Worcester, etc. It is worthy of note that Mr. Joseph Bates, who, despite his four-score years, is still a ringer at the Parish Church, was a ringer in 1855 when the new ten bells were rung for the first time. Among the old school of ringers of those bygone days there yet remain Mr. W. R. Small, who is still an ardent ringer at St. Martin's Church, Tipton; Mr. J. Lawton, and Mr. W. Best. The present conductor, is Mr. Geo. Hughes, who is Ringing Master of the Society of Change Ringers of the Archdeaconry of Staffordshire, for the year. Mr. W. E. Brittan, who has manifested a keen interest in the bells, is the tower keeper and secretary.

Some notable peals have been rung on the Parish Church bells, including one of 10,061 changes rung in 5 hrs. and 55 mins., in the year 1861. This peal was composed by Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, and conducted by Wm. Micklewright.

THE RESTORATION.

The bells had been "out of tune," and as a matter of fact had also been out of tune with one another, and the problem had sorely troubled those who take a deep interest in the beautiful old church, and especially those who had been keenly interested in the bells, which awakened memories of people, and deeds long since passed. Great satisfaction was, therefore, felt throughout the town at the last Easter Vestry meeting, when the Vicar (the Rev. L. A. Pritchard) announced that the Pritchard and McDougall families would defray the cost (something about £600) for the restoration of the bells in memory of the late Mr. Thos. Pritchard and the late Mrs. Jane McDougall.

After the service was over, the ringers assembled in the ringing room, and some capital touches were brought round in the following methods: Grandsire Caters and Triples, Stedman Caters and Triples, Treble Bob Royal and Major, Double Norwich, Oxford Bob Triples, Bob Major and Forward Major, Erin Caters, etc. The first 500 changes of Grandsire Caters was rung by the local band: T. Burket 1, T. Hughes 2, W. E. Brittan 3, M. Smith 4, H. Jones 5, A. Blundell 6, J. Bates 7, G. Hughes (conductor) 8, H. Belcher 9, T. Myatt 10. The following towers were represented: Wolverhampton, Walsall, Darlaston, Bilston, West Bromwich, Wombourn, Willenhall, Sedgeley, Blakenhall, Wood Green, Wednesbury, Smethwick and Croydon (Surrey). The general comment was that Wednesbury must be congratulated on the fine musical peal they have got.

It is worthy to note that the whole peal have been recast and tuned on the Simpson principle. In addition to the bells, the old clock and apparatus has been taken out and a new one fixed with all modern fittings, so that the people of Wednesbury will not only hear the sound of their bells, but will be able once more to know the correct time of day from the clock in their old church tower. The whole work has been carried out by a scheme laid out by the tower keeper and secretary, Mr. Walser E. Brittan, under the supervision of the Diocesan Surveyor (Mr. Beck, of Wolverhampton), by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

MEETING AT ROMSEY.

The annual meeting of the Winchester district was held at Romsey last Saturday. The Abbey tower was open to members from 2.30 p.m., and at 5.30 evensong was attended in the Abbey.—Tea was served in the Temperance Hall at 6 o'clock, the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. E. Mathews) presiding. There were also present the Vicar of Romsey (the Rev. H. M. Tapper), the Rev. W. E. Colchester (Winchester), Rev. E. W. Suart (Hursley), Mr. A. T. King (Southsea), Mr. J. S. Rumming (Salisbury), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band), Mr. G. Williams (general secretary of the Guild), and members from Winchester, Twyford, Southampton, North Stoneham, Portsea, Upham, Bishopstoke, Hursley, Bishop Sutton, and Romsey.

At the business meeting, which followed, the District Secretary apologised for the absence of Canon Braithwaite, and read a communication from the Rev. C. W. Scott, a former general secretary of the Guild, who is now a missioner at Peking, and a letter from the Rev. E. K. Browne, expressing his regret at being unable to entertain the members during the past year, as he had intended to do, owing to severe illness.—The Master undertook to convey the sincere sympathies of those present to the Rev. E. K. Browne.

The balance sheet was produced and passed, and showed receipts £19 14s. 7d., and expenditure £18 18s. 11d., which included £6 paid to general secretary, and £3 10s. for instruction to bands, leaving a balance in hand of 15s. 8d.

The Rev. Canon Braithwaite was re-elected chairman, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews and Mr. G. Tucker were chosen to represent the district on the general committee.—Mr. J. W. Elkins was re-elected district secretary, and on the proposition of Mr. Andrews, supported by Mr. Williams, Mr. C. Russell, junr., was elected assistant secretary.—Mr. G. Smith (Twyford) was re-appointed auditor.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Winchester on the second Saturday in November, 1913.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar of Romsey for the use of the bells, etc., was proposed by the Master, and the Vicar suitably replied.

The District Secretary announced that during a conversation he had with the Bishop of Southampton, his lordship had expressed the wish that members would arrange to pay him another visit during the coming year.—It was left to the District Secretary to make the necessary arrangements.

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Mr. G. Williams presided, it was decided to hold a quarterly meeting at Alresford and Bishop Sutton, in February; a second at Lockerby and Tytherley, in May; and the third at Eling and Dibden, in September. These meetings are to be held on the first Saturday in each month.—The Abbey tower was open again during the evening, and touches in several Standard methods were rung on the bells.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

On Saturday last, the annual meeting of the Yorktown District was held at Hersham. The fine weather brought many visiting ringers to the tower during the afternoon, where the light ring of eight was kept going to various methods. At 5.30 a move was made to the Church Hall, where in an interval before tea, handbells were brought into use, and a course of Caters, followed by one of Cinques, were the result.—The Vicar of Hersham (the Rev. E. P. Pelloe) presided at the tea, and was supported by the Rev. Morley, Mr. F. L. Vaux (churchwarden), Mr. W. A. Wigram, Mr. L. Felgate, (churchwarden), and Mr. G. B. Edser (district secretary). About 40 ringers were also present from Chertsey, Horsell, Woking, Sunbury, Bagshot, Croydon, Isleworth, Surbiton, Walton, Cobham, and the local band.

At the business meeting, which followed, the Vicar expressed his pleasure at finding such a good number present.—During the reading of the hon. secretary's report, the Rev. J. H. Townsend, Vicar of Oatlands, where a new peal of eight is to be erected, arrived, and was greeted with hearty applause.—The report and balance sheet having been read and passed, the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) reported on the year's work, stating that 14 combined practices had been held, three cycle runs had been carried out, one all-day ringing meeting had taken place, and eleven peals had been scored.—Several new members were elected, including the Rev. J. H. Townsend. After a discussion as to future combined practices, the meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.—A return to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, brought a pleasant gathering to a close.—The whole of the Bagshot ringers, whose tower is awkwardly situated at the further end of the district, attended the meeting, travelling by brake. It says much for their interest and enthusiasm that they undertook the journey in such numbers.

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NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—The annual dinner will be held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, E.C., on Saturday, November 9th, at 6.30 p.m. Tickets, 4s. each, may be obtained of Messrs. J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, W. T. Cockerill, E. A. Davies, T. Faulkner, G. R. Fardon, E. G. Fenn, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, A. Hughes, A. A. Hughes, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, W. Prime, J. W. Rowbotham, W. D. Smith, T. H. Taffender, C. F. Winney. Towers open for ringing will be Southwark Cathedral, 4 to 5 p.m.; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, 4 to 6 p.m.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Woolton on Saturday, November 9th. Bells ready at 4. Members intending being present please send word to the secretary. A good meeting is requested.—Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, on Saturday, November 9th, 1912. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. Election of branch president. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 12th and 26th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 12th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m. Members intending to be present at the tea will kindly oblige by notifying me not later than Wednesday, November 13th.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Holbeck on November 16th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30. — Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS.—Guildford District.—The annual festival will be held at Guildford, on Wednesday, November 20th, 1912. 4, S. Nicolas bells (10) available. 5.30, service at St. Mary's Church. Address by the Master (Rev. C. E. Matthews, Vicar of Titchfield. 6.15, tea at the Star Hotel. Business meeting and social to follow. The Diocesan Secretary (Mr. George Williams, Southampton) will give a short account of "Some early Peals by the Guild." Tea tickets, visitors 1s.; members free.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, at Basingstoke, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6.—Francis G. Hume, District Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Desborough on November 16th, Great Addington, November 23rd; Higham Ferrers, November 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea, kindly let district secretary know.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS. — These bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 24th, at the morning service. The tower will be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 30th, at 3 o'clock, no peals allowed. Tea will be provided, for all who send in their names, at 8d. per head.—Francis Robertshaw, Secretary, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. G. A. Black has removed to Mayfield, Grange Avenue, Woodford Green.—The address of Mr. L. W. Wiffen, late of Ipswich, is now The Myrtles, Sunnyside, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

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PRESENTATION AT RICHMOND, YORKS.

An interesting presentation was made by the ringers of St. Mary's Parish Church, Richmond, on Tuesday week to one of their members, Mr. J. J. Peake, who is leaving for the South of England. The ringers were very kindly entertained to supper by Mr. A. Morton, vice-president of the belfry. An excellent repast was provided by Mr. Kinchin, who is himself an old ringer, and after supper, Mr. Morton, in a few well-chosen remarks, presented Mr. Peake, on behalf of the ringers, with a silver tea set, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his work in the tower for 15 years.—Mr. Peake suitably replied, and in the course of his remarks, regretted that the necessity had arisen to leave the town, a regret which was shared by all present. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in a whist drive. The prize-winners were: 1 R. Underwood, 2 T. Thirkell, 3 J. J. Kinchin.—Before separating a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Morton for his kindness, on the proposal of Mr. J. G. Woddy, seconded by Mr. Underwood. The following farewell touches were rung on Friday, October 25th: 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: G. Holmes 1, S. Thorpe 2, J. J. Kinchin 3, J. T. Frenchum 4, J. G. Woddy 5, A. Morton 6, R. J. Todd 7, J. J. Peake (conductor) 8. Also 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor, with 7—8 covering, C. Wilkinson taking part.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

PEALS OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR AND NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On page 116 of the 1895 Appendix, issued by the Central Council, there are three peals given of Superlative Surprise Major, each containing 6048 changes in 27 courses, with the 4th, 5th and 6th, their extent home, without the 2nd or 3rd being there. The first is by Nathan J. Pitstow, and was published in "Bell News," 21st April, 1888. The second is by James W. Washbrook, and was published in "Bell News," 10th September, 1887. The third is by Henry Dains, and was published in "Bell News," 21st July, 1888, and in "Bell News," 31st July, 1909, a similar peal containing this quality is given as the composition of Charles H. Hattersley, and which, for our purpose, we will call No. 4. All these peals can be shortened to 14 courses by interpolating the bob at the Wrong in the course ends marked * in the figures given below, which eliminates thirteen courses from each of the peals of 6,048, and still retains the 6th its extent home, and in this form each will give a true peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal containing 5040 changes.

Needless to state, this operation of shortening such peals requires little (if any) skill on the part of the operator, and when performed, the "extracts" still belong to the original author, as the body does from which the limb was taken. Below we give four peals, all being extracts from the 6048's above-mentioned.

No. 1.

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
35426		—	—
43526			—
62534	—	—	—
45236	—		—
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52436			—
63425	—	*—	—
54326	—		—
32546		—	—
53246			—
25346			—
34256		—	—
23456			—

N. J. Pitstow.
Bob * added by G. Lindoff.

No. 2.

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
34256			—
25346		—	—
32546			—
53246			—
24536		—	—
52436			—
63425	—	*—	—
54326	—		—
35426			—
43526			—
62534	—	—	—
45236	—		—
23456		—	—

J. W. Washbrook.
Bob * added by H. Dains.

No. 3.

23456	M	W	H
45236		—	—
24536			—
52436			—
63425	—	*—	—
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62534	—	—	—
35426	—	—	
42356		—	—
34326		—	
32546		—	—
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25346			—
34256		—	—
23456			—

H. Dains.
Bob * added by G. Lindoff.

No. 4.

23456	M	W	H
42356			—
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25346		—	—
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53246		—	—
35426			—
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62534	—	—	—
52436	—		
63425	—	*—	—
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53246		—	—
45236		—	
23456		—	—

C. H. Hattersley
Bob * added by C. H. H. himself.

No. 1 is the first composition adapted as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and was rung by members of Middlesex County Association on the 9th of February, 1903. No. 3 was rung as a 5040 of New Cambridge Surprise Royal on March 4th, 1903, by the same association, and these performances are both reported, as composed by Mr. Lindoff. No. 1, we may also state, has been rung as the so-called peal of London Surprise Royal by the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and again Mr. Lindoff is given as the author of the composition; see "Bell News," November 16th and 23rd, 1907.

As we, the undersigned, are indisputably the authors of No. 1, 3 and 4, and consider that undoubtedly Mr. Lindoff, by an oversight, has allowed his name to appear as the author of the above "extracts," in fairness to ourselves, we hereby ask and invite him to withdraw his name as the author of such compositions, adapted by him to New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and also to the so-called London Surprise Royal, and hope the societies concerned will correct their records.

(Signed) HENRY DAINS,
N. J. PITSTOW,
C. H. HATTERSLEY.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 531 Grandsire Triples, conducted by W. G. Ellis. For evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, P. Laflin 4, H. Jones 5, J. Hopkin 6, F. Bennett (first quarter of Caters as conductor) 7, W. G Ellis 8, W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CHEPSTOW.—Llandaff Diocesan Association.—On Sept. 24th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *W. Andrews 1, *J. Howard Prickett 2, T. Williams 3, W. Freestone 4, R. Thompson (conductor) 5, *W. Arnold 6, John Prickett 7, *W. Priest 8. * First quarter-peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of the Rev. Horace Kennedy, third son of Lord Justice Kennedy, to Miss Audrey Leigh Elkington, of Chepstow.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE. — On Sept. 4th, at St. Thomas' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins., was rung with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of sympathy with the family of Mr. Francis John Wilkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Wilkes, and grandson of Mr. S. Spittle, Master of the Dudley Parish Church bell ringers, who met with a fatal accident whilst cycling at Dudley on August 31st. The ringers were: C. Faulks 1, G. Guest 2, J. Mills 3, W. Goodman 4, J. Goodman, junr., 5, H. Sheppard 6, H. Goodman (conductor) 7, W. Meek 8.

CURDRIDGE, HANTS.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Peter's Church, in 50 mins.: J. W. Whiting 1, *Jesse Rynes 2, F. J. Newland 3. G. Bull 4, W. J. Rynes 5, A. Mears 6, A. Mears (conductor) 7, C. Johnson 8. * First quarter-peal with a bob bell.

COGGESHALL, ESSEX.—On Sept. 18th, 1056 Bob Major, 740 Oxford Treble Bob, and 336 Double Norwich: R. Potter 1, W. Howell 2, W. Dyer 3, W. Keeble 4, J. Sadler 5, C. Norfolk 6, E. W. Beckwith 7, D. Elliott (conductor) 8. Rung to celebrate the wedding of Mr. Solomon Young and Miss Gertrude Mills.

DEPTFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Kiln (first quarter-peal) 1, W. Weatherstone 2, J. Law 3, T. G. Deal 4, A. Bennington 5, A. E. Ford 6, G. H. Daynes (conductor) 7, F. H. Gooch 8.

PUTNEY.—At St. Mary the Virgin's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins., on the occasion of the marriage between the son of the Rev. Canon Rivington, Vicar of Putney, and the daughter of the Rev. Sedgewick, Vicar of Sherborn, Warwickshire: T. Bolton 1, A. Hubbard 2, W. Honeybell 3, B. Morris 4, G. W. Honeybell 5, J. Kent 6, A. Jones (conductor) 7, H. Whanslaw 8.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 18 mins.: A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 1, *T. Bollon 2, *W. Honeybell 3, A. Jones 4, *C. Collis, junr., 5, *G. W. Honeybell 6, J. Kent 7, J. Herbert 8. * First quarter in the method.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—At the Abbey, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: W. Hampton 1, E. Devereux 2, C. Dyson 3, L. Nichols 4, J. Wathen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Wathen (conductor) 7, W. Haines 8.

ALDERTON, GLOS.—On Sunday, Sept. 15th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: P. J. Smith 1, W. Clements 2, E. Devereux 3, L. Nichols (conductor) 4, H. Brown 5, W. Gilson 6.

YORKTOWN, SURREY.—720 Bob Minor: J. Trussler 1, *G. Butler 2, F. Marchant 3, G. Miles 4, *G. Bunch 5, B. Hawkins (conductor) 6. * First 720.

OLD HILL.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 503 Grandsire Triples: S. Coley, Birmingham. 1, W. Bird 2, G. Bird 3, O. Pearson 4, A. E. Parsons (conductor) 5, W. Green 6, C. W. Bassans 7, J. Price 8.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for evening service, on Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Smith 1, A. J. Stanley 2, T. J. Evans 3, W. Davies 4, J. Evans 5, R. Evans 6, D. R. James 7, John Cox (conductor) 8.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.—At St. Mary's Church, 1080 of Doubles, for evening service, on Sept. 22nd, consisting of five six-scores of Grandsire and four of Bob Doubles, each called differently: A. Booty 1, G. Camp 2, P. Sitch 3, E. Sitch 4, W. Green (conductor) 5.

KENNINGTON.—At the Guild of St. John the Divine, on Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's original, in 48 mins.: H. Opher 1, T. W. Wyatt 2, G. W. Clarke (Beckenham) 3, E. S. Garnett (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 4, Alec. Miller 5, Arch. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, K. C. Wightman 8.

MITCHAM, SURREY.—At Christ Church, on Sunday, Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 45 mins.: E. T. Broadbridge 1, Geo. Pidwell 2, R. Rapson 3, W. Saker 4, E. Taylor 5, A. Miller (conductor) 6.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

There was even a more representative gathering than usual present at the annual banquet of the College Youths in London on Saturday. The Society has its ramifications throughout the country—indeed one may say throughout the world—and the interest which its members retain in the Society is always evidenced by the effort made to attend this festive event. The banquet is more than a formality. It is, as it were, a gathering of the clans; when ringers, divided by distance, have an opportunity of meeting friends and making new acquaintances that only presents itself upon rare occasions. The social side of the event is its greatest charm, and this year, thanks, we imagine, to the fact that the date coincided with that of the Lord Mayor's Show, for which excursions were run to the metropolis from all over England, the visitors were more numerous than for several years past.

The speeches were not numerous, but were of capital merit. The word of condemnation and warning from the former Archdeacon of London on the subject of Welsh Disestablishment touched a sympathetic chord; the Rev. Cyril Jenkyn aptly voiced the feeling of provincial ringers towards their London brethren, and to Mr. F. E. Dawe fell the task, which he admirably performed, of speaking to the memory of those three great ringers who have gone to their eternal rest since last the College Youths met—Pettit, Cooter and Wood. There was a typical speech from the Rev. G. F. Coleridge in proposing the toast of "The Ancient Society of College Youths." He dealt in his frank and vigorous style with the question of cup competitions for ringing, denouncing the introduction of the competitive spirit. On this question all we would say here is that the spirit of competition was introduced immediately a table of analysis of peals was compiled, and it was accentuated when the Central Council adopted the plan of allotting points according to the merits of the respective methods rung. Whether the holding of a cup as a reward of success is going to increase the competitive spirit remains to be seen.

No one expects Mr. Coleridge to make a speech unless the leven of anecdote is introduced, and on this occasion there was no disappointment, although the stories were against his own cloth. He used them to illustrate how the status of the parson as well as that of the ringer has improved, and expressed the view that the rise of the latter was not altogether unconnected with the advance of the former. Altogether the evening was a most pleasant one, and the officers of the Society are to be congratulated upon adding another to the long list of successful functions.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;
Tenor 37¾ cwt.

JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	*Treble*	BENJAMIN C. DIXON	6
GEORGE T. POTTER	2	ALFRED F. HILLIER	7
JOSEPH ROWELL	3	WILLIAM STORY	8
ERNEST E. FERRY	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER	9
*WILLIAM F. BASKIL	5	ROBERT RICHARDS	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

* First peal on ten and first attempt. Rung on the occasion of the election of Lord Mayor and Sheriff of the city.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt.

*LAWRENCE E. MEARS	*Treble*	WILLIAM G. THORPE	6
HARRY THORPE	2	ERNEST NIDD	7
ARTHUR MARKWELL	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	8
J. FRANK PROCTOR	4	ALBERT C. DARNELL	9
DAVID B. OVERTON	5	THOMAS H. HALL	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the election of Sir Charles Welby, Bart., C.B., as Mayor of the borough. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 5th and 6th, their extent behind the 9th.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM EDWARD WILSON	*Treble*	*FREDERICK HINDLE	6
ARTHUR TOMLINSON	2	WILLIAM MALLINSON	7
TOM REDMAN	3	JOHN WATSON	8
†JOHN P. FOULDS	4	*EDWARD ARMSTRONG	9
RENNIE HARTLEY	5	JOSEPH RIDYARD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

* First peal of Royal. † First peal of Royal away from the treble. E. Armstrong belongs to the Preston Branch, J. Ridyard to the Manchester Branch, and the rest to the Blackburn Branch. Rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Heaton, of Colne, the president of the Blackburn Branch, who on Sunday, Nov. 10th, celebrated his 80th birthday.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE BELL TOWER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

*FRANK JINKS	*Treble*	FREDERICK JOHNSON	6
HERBERT JORDAN	2	FREDERICK JORDAN	7
JAMES HEMMING	3	HENRY J. PHIPPS	8
FRANK COOK	4	HARRY MIDDLETON	9
THOMAS EDWIN	5	WILLIAM WORKMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by F. G. MAY, and
Conducted by HARRY MIDDLETON.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to his Worship the Mayor, Councillor Henry Masters, who was on that day re-elected for the second time.

LONDON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN AND ALL SAINTS, STEPNEY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;
Tenor 31 cwt.

JOSEPH HANDS	*Treble*	EDWIN J. MENDAY	6
REV. G. F. COLERIDGE	2	GEORGE ESSEX	7
HUBERT HATTO	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN	8
ERNEST W. MENDAY	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	9
ALBERT D. CULLUM	5	HENRY SIMMONDS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

All the above are members of the Ancient Society of College Youths.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 2. Tenor 15 cwt.

ERNEST MARSH	*Treble*	THOMAS BURTENSHAW, Senr.	5
HENRY STALHAM	2	BERT CHALLEN	6
ELLMAN BROWN	3	LIONEL SEARS	7
WILLIAM HENSON	4	HENRY SAMSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSETSHIRE.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 2, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

HERBERT A. ALEXANDER	*Treble*	ALBERT E. SEERS	5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT	2	HENRY W. BROWN	6
*THEODORE GRANT	3	CHARLES DENSLEY	7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH	4	THOMAS F. KING	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by A. E. SEERS.

* First peal on eight. This was the quarterly Association peal for the Bath district.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
LINDOFF'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH	*Treble*	REV. W. C. PEARSON	5
ERNEST LESLIE	2	*WILLIAM TRIGG	6
JOHN W. TAYLOR	3	EDWARD READER	7
JOHN OLDHAM	4	JOSEPH POWELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. READER.

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 100th peal for the above Association.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(And the Newcastle Cathedral Guild.)
On Monday, November 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

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

*William W. Sinclair	*Treble*	Robert Richards	5
William H. Barber	2	*William E. Baskil	6
*Benjamin C. Dixon	3	Alfred F. Hillier	7
William Story	4	Joseph E. R. Keen	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. Hattersley, and
Conducted by William H. Barber.

* First peal in the method. Also first peal by the newly formed Cathedral Guild. All the above are service ringers at St. John's Church. Rung on the conductor's 36th birthday.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Edward,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 17 cwt.

Arthur C. Chaplin	*Treble*	*William A. Pye	5
*Leonard A. Pye	2	George H. Jaye	6
George R. Pye	3	Ernest Pye	7
Alfred Pye	4	Wesley Watson	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. Pye.

* First peal. L. A. Pye and W. A. Pye are aged 13 and 17 years respectively.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

John Smith	*Treble*	George Archer	5
*Arthur R. Sowden	2	Ellis Hayward	6
Thomas Ford, Junr.	3	William C. Chenery	7
*William Clover	4	John Souter	*Tenor*

Composed by D. Prentice, and
Conducted by J. Souter.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Ford, Junr. It was also G. Archer's 100th peal.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Alkmund,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 18 cwt.

*F. W. Stone	*Treble*	Albert H. Ward	5
Charles Draper	2	Bart Mitchell	6
†Saywell Vickers	3	James Pagett	7
John W. Glew	4	George H. Robinson, Sen.	*Tenor*

Conducted by Albert H. Ward.

* First peal. † First peal on tower bells. The calling of this variation, with 2nd as observation, was published in the columns of "The Ringing World," on October 18th, 1912.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

Joseph J. Pratt	*Treble*	Leonard Stilwell	5
Bertram Prewett	2	John H. Preston	6
William E. Butler	3	George Spencer	7
William Welling	4	John H. B. Hesse	*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Bertram Prewett.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Groves' Variation of Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 19 cwt.

Charles R. Lilley	*Treble*	Thomas Pope	5
Herbert Perry	2	William Prolas	6
*Edmund Mounter	3	Frederick G. Stuckey	7
*Robert G. Winzar	4	*Ernest A. Knight	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles R. Lilley.

* First peal. Messrs. Lilley and Knight hail from Taunton, the rest belong to the local band. Mr. Case, of Poole, Dorset, a change ringer, congratulated the band upon the striking.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At Christ Church, Cubitt Town,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 12¼ cwt.

Isaac G. Shade	*Treble*	Harry Fowler	5
Frank C. Newman	2	Reuben Sanders	6
Harold W. Clark	3	Arthur J. Neale	7
William Pye	4	Dalby Hodgson	*Tenor*

Conducted by William Pye.

H. Fowler hails from Castle Ashby, Northants.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 23½ cwt.

*Walter Judge	*Treble*	Cuthbert G. White	5
George Holifield, Junr.	2	George Holifield, Senr.	6
George E. Stone	3	William Judge	7
Fred Webb	4	G. Fathers	*Tenor*

Conducted by G. Holifield, Junr.

* First peal.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Waterloo Road, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

Frederick G. Perrin	*Treble*	J. Armiger Trollope	5
*Harold Burton	2	Bertram Prewett	6
Alfred W. Grimes	3	Frank Hairs	7
Frank Bennett	4	James E. Davis	*Tenor*

Composed by Frank Bennett, and
Conducted by James E. Davis.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

ASHSTEAD, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs., in F.

Thomas H. Taffender	*Treble*	John Wyatt	5
John Hoyle	2	*John W. Russell	6
William H. Corbett	3	Francis E. Dawe	7
Charles E. Read	4	George Cook	*Tenor*

Conducted by Francis Edward Dawe.

* First peal of Stedman.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES WHEELER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE DENT	5
WILLIAM DELLAR	2	HARRY BOTTRILL	6
HARRY SMALE	3	JOHN CORDELL	7
WILLIAM WHEELER... ...	4	ISAAC CAVILL	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal. Rung on the seventh anniversary of the opening peal.

CARDIFF.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt., in D.

HENRY DAY	...*Treble*	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ...	5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	2	JOHN W. JONES	6
EVAN COLES...	3	WILLIAM G. MILLER ...	7
SIDNEY DAWE	4	SEYMOUR BARKER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by J. W. JONES.

Rung in honour of the wedding of the eldest son of the ringer of the fourth (Expl. Staff Sergeant E. C. Dawe, R.A.) who was married at St. Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, to Miss Edith Perry, the ringers wishing them every happiness.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...*Treble*		ERNEST WHITING	5
*FREDERICK MANSER	2	GEORGE SNELLING	6
EDWIN WHITING	3	JOHN SNELLING	7
*CHARLES BAKER	4	FREDERICK SEAGER...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE,
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ...*Treble*		W. F. HARTSHORNE... ...	5
JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr....	2	ERNEST STONE	6
HARRY ARGYLE	3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	7
WALTER J. HORTON	4	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal of Oxford by the Guild, also by all except the ringers of the 3rd, 5th and 7th. H. Argyle's 100th peal.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 21¾ cwt.

FREDERICK W. RICE ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM C. HART	5
EDWARD C. MERRITT ...	2	JOHN CAPP	6
OLIVER SIPPETTS	3	ALBERT D. STONE	7
RICHARD STREDWICK	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BECCLES, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., in D flat.

FREDERICK R. BORRETT ...*Treble*		FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...	5
†CLAYTON PARNELL	2	ERNEST F. POPPY	6
JAMES M. BAILEY	3	*HARRY LING	7
GEORGE BAXTER	4	WILLIAM STEELE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. PLATT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

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

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

ALBERT E. PARSONS ... ...*Treble*		SAMUEL GROVE	5
CHARLES E. PERKINS... ...	2	WILLIAM BIRD	6
JOHN BASS	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS... ...	7
VICTOR WHITE	4	ALFRED HACKETT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by the late REV. H. EARLE-BULWER, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ROBERT SPERRING ... ...*Treble*		ARTHUR WATKIN	5
ERNEST SMITH	2	WILLIAM SCONCE	6
CHARLES PRICE	3	ERNEST E. CHANELL ...	7
RICHARD JONES	4	JAMES V. WRIGHT ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES PRICE, and
Conducted by ROBERT SPERRING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Chas. Price and Mr. R. Sperring. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and Mr. George Williams for having everything ready.

BARWELL, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. W. WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR R. OLDHAM... ...*Treble*		†ERNEST MORRIS	5
SAMUEL COTTON...	2	FRED H. DEXTER	6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	3	ALFRED MARTIN	7
ARTHUR PETTITT	4	*GEORGE P. GARNER, Junr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples in the method, and 50th peal. First peal of method on the bells. This composition contains no "extras" or "omits."

SHIPLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. B. KENDALL ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM JOYCE	5
REV. C. C. MARSHALL ...	2	JOB A. ROSS	6
EMMANUEL WICKHAM... ...	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD ...	4	JOHN JOYCE	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by JOSEPH BROADLEY.

Arranged for the Rev. C. C. Marshall, President of the Association.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

†JOHN SIDDALL, Junr.	*Treble*	ALFRED WALLACE	5
HUGH GREGORY	2	EDWIN BLACKWALL	6
*WILLIAM BARKER	3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE	7
THOMAS WHITE	4	WILLIAM TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. TAYLOR.
* First peal with a bob bell. † First peal of Major.

GUISELEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND THE LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 10¼ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON	*Treble*	JOHN B. JACKSON	5
ALFRED HARDWICK	2	*JAMES R. KEMP	6
FRANK R. CUNDALE	3	CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON	7
CHARLES E. WAITE	4	†WILLIAM B. SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM WALKER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.
* First peal in the method with a bob bell. † First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was rung to commemorate the wedding of one of the Guiseley band, Mr. Arthur Stanley Walker to Miss Edith Stead, of Normanton, which took place at Normanton the same day.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS	*Treble*	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	5
WILLIAM DENT	2	THOMAS W. GARRARD	6
*HARRY CRICK	3	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON	7
*GEORGE LAMBERT	4	THOMAS PRYKE	*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.
* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthday of the Rector (the Rev. W. B. L. Hopkins), and T. W. Garrard.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, WALTHAMSTOW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	2	ERNEST PYE	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
W. W. Worthington hails from Neatherseale.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE WILLIAMS	*Treble*	ALAN R. MACDONALD	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	2	CHARLES H. RUSSELL	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	4	OWEN H. GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.
This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the president of the Guild, Mr. J. P. Stillwell.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM WHITE	*Treble*	ALBERT STOWELL	5
ALFRED E. REEVES	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE	6
FRED G. MAY	3	WILLIAM STOWELL	7
FREDERICK W. WADE	4	ISAAC LONG	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.
* First peal of Treble Bob. Rung after meeting short for Stedman Caters.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, BATTERSEA,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 15¾ cwt.

*GEORGE WATKIN	*Treble*	*ERNEST A. REEVE	5
GEORGE SPENCER	2	*ALFRED J. H. NEWMAN	6
LOUIS ATTWATER	3	*SEDLEY COLLINS	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	HARRY MANCE	*Tenor*

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by HARRY MANCE.
* First peal of Major in the method.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY	*Treble*	FREDERICK W. BAILEY	5
GEORGE WILSON	2	CHARLES SAMSON	6
*ALLEN F. BAILEY	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
ERNEST S. BAILEY	4	EDGAR H. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
* First peal in the method, age 16.

HARRIETSHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S SIX-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*HORACE WHITEHEAD	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. WALKER	5
†PERCY J. SPICE	2	GEORGE HADAWAY	6
CHARLES H. LANE	3	WILLIAM SPICE	7
ERNEST J. DOBBIE	4	FREDERICK S. MACEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SPICE.
* First peal away from the tenor. † First peal away from the treble.

WALDRON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 12¼ cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE	*Treble*	GEORGE ADES	5
HERBERT RANN	2	RICHARD STREDWICK	6
JOHN CAPP	3	KEITH HART	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	JAMES A. HART	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

UFFORD.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	5
HARRY BARTON	2	ALFRED E. ACFIELD ...	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	3	NORMAN R. BAILEY ...	7
JAMES MOTTS	4	HARRY SMITH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

ECCLES, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART REVERSED. Tenor 13 cwt.

JAMES BARRATT	...*Treble*	WILFRED MOSS	5
HARRY CHAPMAN	2	FRED PAGE	6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	7
JOSEPH RIDYARD	4	JOHN T. BOTTRILL ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Barratt and Chapman.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
On Wednesday, October 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, College Pleasure, College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 8¼ cwt.

GEORGE ELLIS	...*Treble*	OLIVER SIPPETTS	4
JOHN AKEHURST	2	ALBERT ELLIS	5
PERCY F. WELLER	3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr.	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT, Junr.

WHITBOURNE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 3, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11¾ cwt.

HENRY WARMAN ...	...*Treble*	WALTER POSTON	4
GEORGE SOLEY	2	WILLIAM SHORT	5
SIDNEY LEWIS	3	RICHARD J. CASWELL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHORT.
Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. C. H. Binstead, who is leaving the parish.

BINFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

SYDNEY GEARING ...	...*Treble*	ALBERT PIERCE	4
EDWARD BUNGAY, Senr. ...	2	JOHN RANCE	5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT ...	3	HARRY BUNGAY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY BUNGAY.
First peal of Treble Bob Minor by all except the ringer of the 3rd, and the first on the bells. It was rung within the octave of All Saints' Day.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt.
Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

HENRY CARTER	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PHILLIPS	4
ARTHUR WOOLSTON	2	BARNARD PATMORE	5
ALFRED TALBOT	3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.
Arranged for A. Talbot, of Bennington.

HOYLANDSWAINE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, Novewber 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Arnold's Victory, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

TOM SHAW	...*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	4
DAVID BREARLEY	2	LEWIS WILKINSON	5
ARCHIE BREARLEY	3	GEORGE HILL	...*Teno*

Conducted by GEORGE HILL.
First peal on the bells by the Association.

EDGWARE, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Merchant's Return, Oxford, Woodbine, and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 8¾ cwt.

RICHARD KILBY	...*Treble*	HARRY KILBY	4
FREDERICK WELLS	2	LAWRENCE B. PORTER ...	5
GEORGE M. KILBY	3	THOMAS LANGDON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.
Rung as a birthday compliment to G. M. Kilby.

ST. WEONARDS, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE	...*Treble*	FRANK VOYCE	4
JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT	2	JOHN CLARK	5
EDWARD SUMMERS	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.
First peal of Minor on the bells. Previous to starting for the peal, the Vicar (the Rev. V. A. Cresswell) welcomed the band and rang the treble in 120 Grandsire Doubles, and after the peal kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments. The best thanks of the band are accorded him for his kindness.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven 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, Violet, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE KEMP	...*Treble*	ALPHAEUS BERRY	4
EDWARD W. YOUNGS	2	LEONARD E. LAST	5
THOMAS DAVY	3	WILLIAM ROSE... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

SANDY.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHUN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

H. FIELDS ... ...*Treble*	S. J. COLEMAN 4
G. D. COLEMAN 2	REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 5
S. PECK 3	E. C. CHASTY... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung in honour of the 90th birthday of the Rector, the Rev. J. Richardson.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of one 720 College Single and two 720's each of Oxford Single, Canterbury and Plain Bob.

WILLIAM FISHER ... ...*Treble*	GEORGE FISHER 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	ALFRED CROUCHER 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	JOHN HALL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HALL.

HORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Exercise, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

*JAMES WALLEY ... ...*Treble*	DANIEL PRESTON 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	HENRY WHITEHURST ... 5
CLEMENT POINTON 3	ERNEST TIGWELL ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. TIGWELL.

* First peal. The above ringers belong to Norton, Bucknall and Biddulph.

TOWCESTER.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qrs.

J. W. UNWIN ... ...*Treble*	W. ROBINSON 4
C. S. FAULKNER 2	F. HOPPER 5
J. W. SHARP 3	W. HAMMOND ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. W. SHARP.

W. Robinson was elected a member before the peal. This is the first peal rung on these bells, the tenor of which is dated 1626. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar for the use of the bells.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 15 six-scores of Stedman, 12 of Plain Bob, and 15 of Grandsire, each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE M. TROUGHTON...*Treble*	*FREDERICK STANTON ... 4
*WILLIAM NIBLETT 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 5
ERNEST E. BARBER... ... 3	CHARLES CAMM... ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ROBERT G. KNOWLES.

* First peal. Rung to celebrate the 45th anniversary of the consecration of the Church.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 25 six-scores of Grandsire and 17 six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ERNEST FISHER ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM ADCOCK 3
JOHN MURRELL 2	EDGAR HUNT 4
HERBERT MASON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by H. MASON.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford and Single Oxford and Plain Bob and two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, each 720 being called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 2 qr. 27 lbs.

*ARTHUR HERRINGTON ...*Treble*	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 4
ALBERT PIERCE 2	ALFRED GOUGH... 5
HARRY BUNGAY... 3	JOHN RANCE ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. RANCE.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in five methods by all except the ringer of the 4th. Quickest peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR HAGUE ... ... 1—2	CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 5—6
SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 3—4	JOHN THORPE ... ... 7—8
R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9—10	

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

* First peal on ten bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*FRANK BLONDELL ... ... 7—8

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpires: W. and S. SMITH, of Loughborough.

* First peal of Major in hand.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,

IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY ... ... 1—2	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5—6
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... ... 7—8

Composed by ALBERT E. DURRANT, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: CHARLES SAMSON.

LONDON.
THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT 130, CLONMORE STREET, SOUTHFIELDS, S.W.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 11 size, in G.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT ... 1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS ... ... 5—6
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... ... 3—4	FRANK BENNETT ... ... 7—8

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
Umpire: Mr. W. LLOYDD.

This was F. I. Hairs 100th peal.

THE KING'S BELL.

PORTSMOUTH'S NEW PEAL DEDICATED.

The bells at the Parish Church of St. Thomas-a-Beckett, Portsmouth, which have been recast and rehung in a steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, were dedicated on Sunday last, the event receiving added interest by the presence of the Mayor and Corporation, who attended service in accordance with the usual custom on Mayor's Sunday. There is a special interest in the bells themselves, one of which has been recast by his Majesty the King, while the expense of recasting the others, as will be seen by the inscriptions, has been born by various sections of the community. The bells are inscribed as follows:—

The Treble.—" Ring out the false, ring in the true." Recast by the children.

No. 2.—" Ring in the common love of good." Recast by the Clergy of the Rural Deanery.

No. 3.—Health and prosperity to all our benefactors. Recast by the Doctors.

No. 4.—Peace and good neighbourhood. Recast by the Lawyers.

No. 5.—God save King George. Recast by Soldiers.

No. 6.—Te Deum Laudamus. Recast by His Majesty King George V.

No. 7.—God save our King, Queen, Prince, and Fleet. Recast by Sailors.

The Tenor (25 cwts. 2 qrs.).—We good people all to prayers do call: We honour the King and brides' joy do bring: Good tydings we tell and ring the dead's knell.

This Ring of Eight Bells was recast by John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, Anno Domini 1912. Recast by the Parishioners. R. S. Medlicott, Vicar. Alfred Bishop, Charles T. Wood, Churchwardens.

The inscriptions on the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 7th and tenor bells preserve, with slight variations, the inscriptions on the old treble, 2nd, 3rd, 6th, and tenor bells respectively.

The dedication service was introduced after the third collect, and was performed in the presence of the following representatives of the donors:—

The children: Two choristers (Harold Turner, son of the church organist, and Wm. Hayden); the doctors: Dr. James Green; the lawyers, Mr. Edgar J. Bechervaise and Mr. C. S. Hellard; the Army, Col. W. Russell, C.E.; the Navy, Commodore J. B. Eustace, R.N.; the parishioners, Mr. W. H. Barrell and Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O. (members of the Building Committee); and, representing the King, the Mayor, who was accompanied by the Town Clerk.

The churchwardens (Messrs. C. T. Wood and A. Bishop) were present, with the clergy of the church, the Rev. R. S Medlicott, the Rev. John Smith, and the Rev. I. Best. While this gathering was in the belfry, the congregation sang two appropriate hymns: " Ring forth Holy Bells " (the Winchester Guild hymn), and " We meet before Thy throne." At the conclusion of the dedicatory service, the bells rang out a short peal, and the choir then sang Purcell's bell anthem, " Rejoice in the Lord."—The Vicar preached an appropriate sermon, and the service concluded with the hymn, " Lifted safe within the steeple," and the National Anthem.

As the congregation dispersed, the new bells rang out merrily, and in the evening a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the local band: R. Davis 1, F. Burnett (conductor) 2, A. Clark 3, E. Clark 4, H. Stubbington 5, H. C. Ingram (first quarter-peal on an inside bell) 6, E. Reynolds 7, H. Upton 8.

NORFOLK VILLAGE BELLS DEDICATED.

On Friday, November 1st, the bells of Tilney All Saints', Norfolk, were re-dedicated by the Rev. Bailey, Vicar of Wattington. Immediately after the ceremony, which was preceded by the singing of the hymn, " Lift them gently to the Steeple," a few rounds were rung by ringers: H. Kemp (Lynn), 1, T. Giles (Lynn) 2, H. Crook (Lynn) 3, C. Crome (Lynn) 4, W. Curston (Lynn) 5, F. Rose (Tilney All Saints') 6. After the service, 360 Bob Minor was rung by the Lynn company: H. Kemp 1, T. Giles 2, C. Crome 3, W. G. Curston 4, H. Crook (conductor) 5, W. Curston 6.

The bells are a fine peal of six, the tenor weighing 20 cwt. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye, to whom much praise is due. Ringers attended the dedication from Lynn, Clenchwarton, Walpole, Terrington, and Gaywood, as well as the local company.

THE CRAZE FOR PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Trollope must have read my last letter just before going to sleep. I cannot see one word in it about St. John's men being selfish, or about Mr. Mackman's letter and the Acton attempt, or that the St. John's men rushed about " like Indians on the war path," after peals. In Mr. Trollope's letter of October 11th, he gave some advice to all local bands, and, being one of such a company, I simply gave the Exercise my experience of his society. Surely, Sir, when Mr. J. A. Trollope gives us poor country amateurs such good advice, we may be allowed to return the compliment? I am truly sorry to think he has met such poor friends through his weary life. He says, " All men and all women are selfish." I hope the Ladies' Guild will try and alter his opinion.—Yours, etc., A. H. PULLING.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

HEPTONSTALL, LANCS.

The restoration of the peal of eight bells at Heptonstall will be completed by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, before the 24th, on which date they are to be dedicated. There is to be a new frame, and the bells have been recast. Up to the present a sum of £257 8s. has been subscribed towards the cost, and the recasting of one of the bells is to be defrayed by Mrs. Fruhe, of Royd's House, in memory of her father, the late Rev. T. Sutcliffe, a former incumbent of Heptonstall. There is to be a " Ringers' Day," at Heptonstall, on Saturday, November 30th.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.

Next Thursday the new peal at Long Stanton, Cambs, is to be dedicated. This peal of eight has a tenor of about 6¾ cwt., and is one of Miles Gray's bells (1655). The 7th was also cast by Miles Gray (1637), and has been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co. The 6th was recast by Messrs. Warner, and the rest of the bells come from Loughborough. The peal is hung in an iron H frame, with the Whitworth patent stay. The Cambridge University Guild, of which the Vicar is an old member, are to open the bells, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey is to preach the sermon on that occasion. The tower will be open for ringing, from 4 o'clock to 7 p.m. The Guild, we understand, will attempt the first peal on the bells on November 22nd, when we hope to see the Vicar ring his first peal of Stedman.

RE-OPENING OF BOXLEY BELLS.

On All Saints' Day, the anniversary of the dedication of Boxley Church, the bells which have been rehung by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, were re-opened, and a thanksgiving service held. The latter was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. R. Hale), who read the dedicatory prayers, assisted by the Rev. C. J. Hilton (curate). After the dedication a short touch was rung on the bells by the local band, and an address was given by the Rev. B. Littlewood (Vicar of East Farleigh), who referred to the many uses of bells and the effect they had upon the public who came within their sound. The service concluded with the Te Deum, and a few short touches were rung, with the assistance of Mr. W. Haigh, of Gillingham.

On Saturday afternoon, the tower was opened to members of the Kent Association for the purpose of testing the bells. Some of the company examined the work, and all were quite satisfied with it. The thoroughness with which it has been executed is evidenced by the way in which the bells go.

The peal were cast and hung by Thomas Mears in 1803-4, and nothing of any importance has been done to them since that time until Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, took them in hand, and quarter turned and rehung them on the old frame which he has bolted and braced together, making a very successful job.

The following ringing was done on the day following the re-opening, 720 Plain Bob: H. Good 1, G. Pound 2, R. Paine 3, G. Moore 4, T. Mannering 5, Lance-Sergt. F. A. Holden, R.M. (conductor) 6; 720 Kent Treble Bob, conducted by T. Mannering, and in which W. Walker took part; 720 Grandsire, conducted by W. Walker, and in which W. Gosling rang his first 720 with a bob bell; 120 Stedman Doubles, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob.

On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles was rung in 1 hr. 12 mins., by: A. Pantony (first date touch) 1, W. Gosling (conductor) 2, L. Bowley (first with a bob bell) 3, A. Baker 4, W. Hope 5, W. Kilpartrick 6, to celebrate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. Hope, and as a birthday compliment to the captain, Mr. W. Kilpartrick.

BISHOP UNVEILS A PEAL BOARD.

A very pleasing ceremony was performed at the Parish Church of Frensham, Surrey, on Thursday week, when a peal board recording peals rung on the bells was unveiled by the Bishop of Winchester, who was visiting the church.—The Bishop, in a happy speech, remarked upon the use of the bells and the duty of bell ringers.

The peal board is made of English oak. It was the generous gift of Mr. Andrew Chuter, and was made in leisure hours by Mr. Alfred Chuter, son of the donor and one of the local ringers. The board, when full, will contain six peals, and already four are recorded on it. Funds for the lettering on the board were raised by the members making a raid on the local residents of the village with the hand-bells. They received a generous response to their appeal, and now have enough money in hand to finish the lettering when the other two peals are rung.

An attempt for a peal would have been made after the unveiling in the evening, permission having been given, but owing to illness near the church, it was postponed till a later date.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 25th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: F. Abrahams 1, T. Spratt 2, P Rooke 3, F. Oxenbury 4, C. Abrahams 5, C. Russell 6, L. Lampard (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8. Rung in honour of the wedding of a member of the local band.

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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.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—CHICHESTER.

By J. R. Jerram.

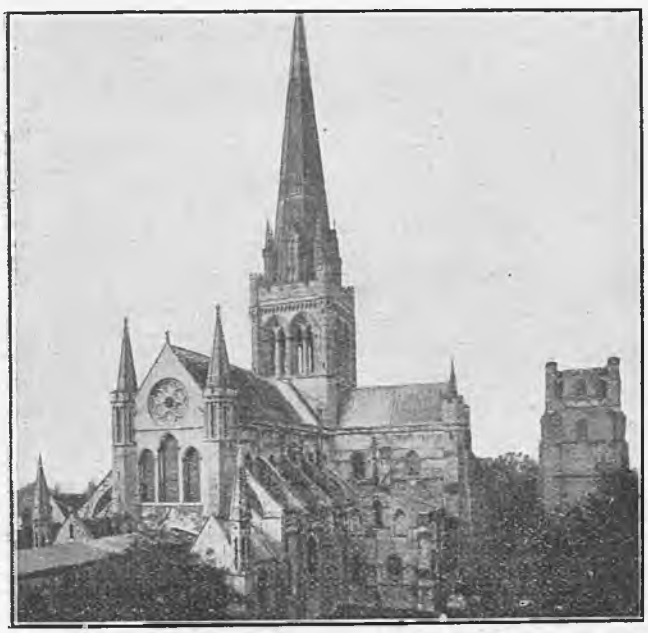
I have not been able to obtain much information about the Chichester Cathedral bells, beyond the inscriptions, as given by Mr. Tyssen in his "Church Bells of Sussex."

The peal originally consisted of six bells only; but in 1729 two trebles were added, the gift of Mr. Musgrave. They are all hung in a detached companile. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.
R. PHELPS FECIT. 1729

Second.
R. PHELPS FECIT. 1729

Third.
GEVE THANKES TO GOD. 1583. I.W.



Chichester Cathedral and the Campanile.

Fourth.
GVLIELMVS ELDRIDGE ME FECIT. 1674

Fifth.
DEVS DEI DEO OMNIA. ANNO DOMINI 1665.

Sixth.
DOMINVS PROVIDEBIT. ANNO DOMINI. 1665.
W P.

Seventh.
BE MECKE AND LOLY TO HEARE THE WORD OF GOD. I.W. 1587.

Tenor.
SOLI DEO GLORIA. RICHARD PHELPS LONDINI FECIT. 1706.

Service Bell.
[No inscription].

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ODD CHANGES.

Seldom, we should think, has the recasting of a peal been accomplished in such an interesting fashion as those of Portsmouth Parish Church. This church has more than parochial claims. It stands almost in the position of a national institution, and its new bells will for ever bear evidence of this fact.

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The peal of eight have all been recast, one by the parishioners, one by the children, one by the clergy of the Rural Deanery, one by the doctors and another by the lawyers. The fifth has been recast by the soldiers, the seventh by the sailors, and, marking the national interest in the church, the sixth by King George. Portsmouth should be proud of its bells.

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The youthful members of Mr. Johnson's family at Hinton, Evesham, seem to take to ringing like ducks to water. Here we have three of them, whose ages we believe are respectively 11, 13 and 10, ringing a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles on handbells. This was done on Monday week in 35 minutes: Ellen M. Johnson 1-2, Joseph D. Johnson (conductor) 3-4, Ruth Johnson (longest length) 5-6.

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The information given last week that the composition published in "The Ringing World" in July and rung at Moorside a week or two ago, was first rung in 1889 has elicited the following from Mr. H. Hampson: "The peal at Moorside was the peal No. 2, in the place of the false one. If it was rung in 1889 I should like to know why it was introduced in place of the false one." Perhaps Mr. Hattersley will tell us.

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The ranks of the lady ringers are growing, and two of the fair sex at Leamington seem likely shortly to join the "pealers." Already they have scored a quarter-peal, rung at All Saints' Church for the eve of All Saints' Day and the dedication festival: Miss Marjorie A. Williams (first quarter-peal) 1, Miss Joyce J. Williams (first with a bob bell) 2, F. Brassington 3, E. H. Adams 4, J. Standby 5, Rev. C. C. Cox (conductor) 6, T. Male 7, W. Male 8.

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The name of Pye in the peal ringing world is not likely yet to be lost sight of. Indeed, we should be sorry to think that those famous brothers, W., E. and G. R., were going to disappear for many long years yet. But now we have their nephews going a stage beyond touches and reaching the greater heights of peal ringing. We record this week the first peal by L. A. Pye (aged 13) and W. A. Pye (aged 17). It was Grandsire Triples at Romford, and their father and two uncles took part.

Young Allen Bailey, who was the eighth of the wonderful Leiston band of ringing brothers to score a peal, has just rung his first peal of Double Norwich. We hear that yet another brother is being brought on in the Art.

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Up to the time of going to press we had not received Mr. Lindoff's reply to the claim made last week by Messrs. Pitstow, Hattersley and Dawes, to certain compositions of New Cambridge Surprise Royal.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

FURTHER LIST OF SUBSCRIPTIONS.

We give below a further list of the subscriptions received for erecting a peal tablet in Cubitt Town tower to fittingly commemorate the first peal by ladies. In order that the tablet may be as widely representative of the Exercise as possible, the scheme is being carried out on the basis of a contribution of one penny each from ringers. Secretaries of the various towers are asked to collect the amounts from their respective companies, and forward them to the Editor of "The Ringing World," Woking, who is acting as hon. treasurer.

It has been decided to close the fund on December 3rd, and intending subscribers are urged to send in their contributions as early as possible.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £2 2s. 7d.; Edmonton ringers, 3s.; Frodsham, 6d.; St. Peter's Juniors, Pentre Rhondda, 1s.; Mr. W. B. Sampson (Edinburgh), 1s.; Aston ringers, 1s.; Great Bentley, 1s.; Halesworth, 1s.; Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., 2s. 6d.; Crawley ringers, 1s.; All Saints', Gainsborough, 8d.; Eccleston, Cheshire, 10d.; Chesterfield, 1s. 1d.; St. Michael's Juniors, Gloucester, 1s.; St. Paul's, Bedford, 10d.; St. Peter's, Bedford, 1s.; Keighley, Yorks, 1s.; Christ Church, Crewe, 1s. 3d.; Hurstpierpoint, Sussex, 6d.; Rev. C. E. Matthews, 2s. 6d.; Bitteswell, 2s. 1d.; Rugby and Lutterworth, 2s. 5d.; Bridgend, 1s.; Otley, Yorks, 8d.; total, £3 11s. 5d.

COLLEGE YOUTHS' ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the College Youths was held on Tuesday evening at the Coffee Pot, City, and there was a very large attendance. Mr. Thomas Faulkner (Barking) was elected master for the ensuing year, Mr. W. T. Cockerill was re-elected honorary secretary, and Mr. Arthur Hughes honorary treasurer. Mr. E. G. Fenn was appointed senior steward and Mr. A. A. Hughes junior steward. Messrs. C. F. Winney and Walter Prime were re-elected trustees.

THE C.E.M.S. PEAL AT DUDLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I, as a member of the Dudley band, was pleased to see the letter on this subject in "The Ringing World." It goes to show that our effort to bring before the Exercise the noble work the ringers of this country may do if one and all would join the ranks of the C.E.M.S. does not pass without notice. At his admission, each member promises "to keep the rule of life; to pray to God every day; and to do something to help forward the work of the Church." Having made that promise, the ringer's first duty would be to ring the bells for the purposes for which they were placed in the church, and endeavour never to neglect that duty. The ringers at Dudley consider it their duty (except through sickness or some other unavoidable cause) never to neglect ringing for service twice every Sunday, and for all other special services. Being members of the C.E.M.S. they join with your correspondent in the hope that all members of the Exercise will band themselves together in the one brotherhood of the Church of England's Men's Society, and assist in the noble work of doing what they can for the grand old church by showing themselves to be true church workers. If the ringing of the peal at Dudley be the means of opening up a correspondence, thereby bringing the importance of this question more fully before the Exercise, the intention of the ringers will be fully realised.—Yours faithfully,

HERBERT SHEPPARD,
Hon. Sec. of the Dudley and District Guild.

THE PEAL AT ROSS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In the footnote to the peal rung at Ross-on-Wye, which appears in your issue of November 9th, it states that it is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. This, I think, is incorrect, for I believe the late Mr. Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, called a peal of Treble Bob on these bells in the year 1883 or 1884. Several Gloucester ringers took part in it, amongst them Mr. Musty, and Mr. Humphris, who rang the tenor. Mr. Austin can no doubt easily ascertain and correct me if I am wrong.

Crayford. E. BARNETT.

Mr. Austin writes that the peal at Ross-on-Wye was composed by C. H. Hattersley, and published in "The Ringing World," November 10th, 1911. In contains the 4th and 6th, the extent in 5—6.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. F. I. HAIR'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, on tower bells, 4, on handbells, 1; Grandsire Caters, on handbells, 3 (including 8099); Stedman Triples, 11; Stedman Caters, 6, on handbells, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Bob Major, on handbells, 6; Bob Royal, on handbells, 7; Bob Maximus, on handbells, 1; Double Norwich Major, 22; Forward, 1; Waterloo Reverse Bob, 1; Oxford Treble Bob, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 7; Bristol Surprise, 5; Norfolk Surprise, 4; New Cambridge Surprise, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 12; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 1; total, on tower bells, 81, on handbells, 19. This list does not include a peal of Waterloo Reverse Bob Major, the composition of which was afterwards found to be false.

MR. H. ARGYLE'S 100 PEALS.

Minor, in three methods, 1, in four methods, 1, in 7 methods, 1; Bob Triples, 8, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 18, conducted, 5; Grandsire Triples, 31, conducted, 2; Grandsire Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Triples, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 10; Oxford Treble Bob, 3; Double Norwich, 8. On handbells: Minor (4 methods), 1; Minor (7 methods), 1; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 3, conducted, 1; Kent Treble Bob, 2; total, 100.

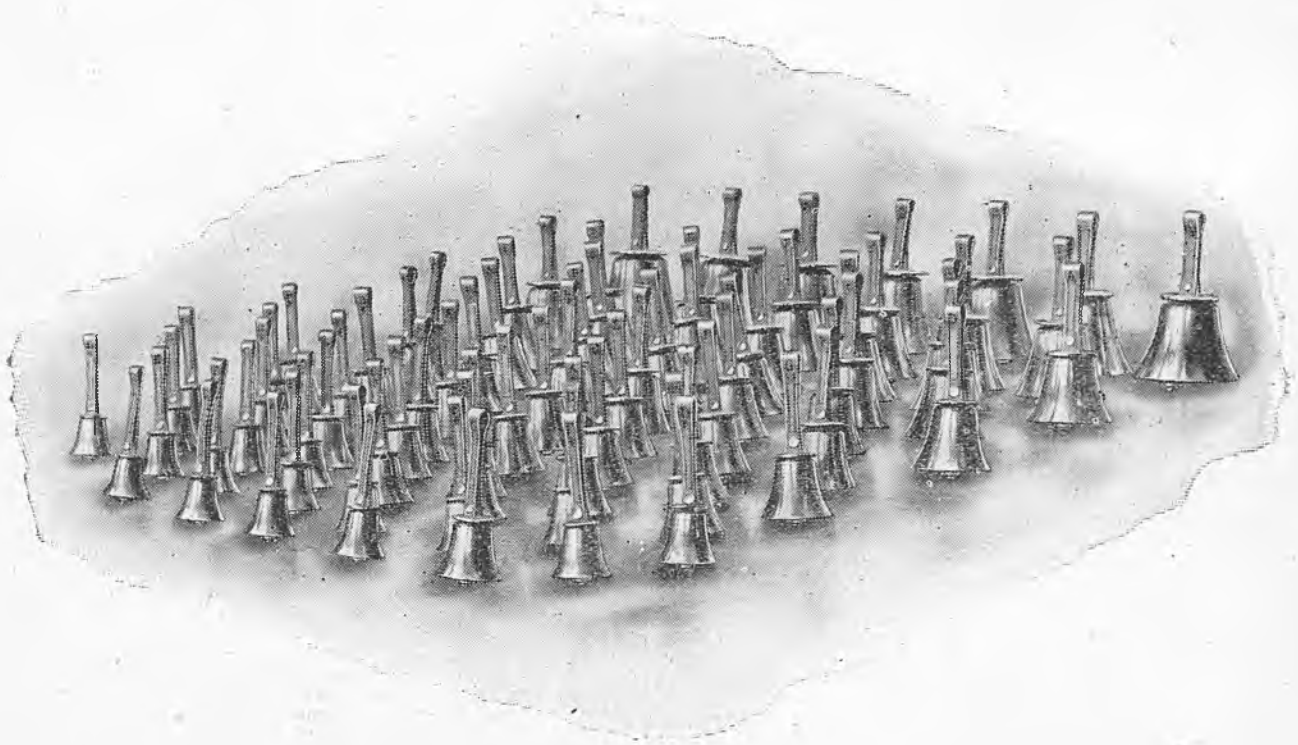
ERNEST MORRIS' 50 PEALS.

Doubles in 2 methods, 1, conducted, 1; Bob Minor, 7, conducted, 6; Kent Treble Bob Minor, 1, conducted, 1; Minor in 2 methods, 1, conducted, 1; Minor in 3 methods, 3, conducted, 3; Minor in 4 methods, 1, conducted, 1 (10,080); Minor in 7 methods, 1, conducted, 1; Grandsire Triples, 13, conducted, 5; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Major, 5, conducted, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Major, 9 (including 6240); Stedman Triples, 1; Stedman Caters, 3; total, 50, conducted, 21. Rung in 23 towers in four counties.

CAVERSHAM MEN IN LONDON.

"You were there, Mr. Editor, for I saw you," and I think you saw me, but we did not get near enough to each other to quarrel or fight, so I would like to tell you why the Caversham boys "volunteered for the Near East." A few weeks ago, someone casually suggested that we all go to the College Youths' Dinner, and, to my surprise, no objections were forthcoming. Then another bold spirit said: Get a tower and ring a peal. Well, we did not apply to "St. Paul's," or St. Saviour's, but a ten-bell tower, and through the kindness of tried, true, and trusty friends, Stepney was offered us, a band of the "Ancients" (I mean, the Modern Ancients) shelving an arranged peal of their own to let us in. So at 10.20 a.m., on Saturday, nine men were on Reading Station prepared to do, or try, and off we went to Aldgate, from there to the Salubrious East, where bread, cheese and ale fortified us wonderfully. The incumbent (the Rev. —. Wilson) very kindly showed the party round the grand old church, then up the stairs to the ringing room, where great deeds have been done. Our tenth man last, but not least, had by this time arrived, having comfortably viewed the Lord Mayor's Show, by looking over the ordinary individuals' heads. We put Joe on the treble, because there was no bell smaller, and our Henry on the tenor, because there was no bell bigger. We other chaps filled up the spaces between them, and off we went. No worry, no anxiety. Course after course rolled up on these beautiful old bells, as they have before, and doubtless will again, and as will be seen in the peal column. The Caversham men have rung their first peal of Stedman Caters. A Caversham band truly, for is not our worthy Master, Mr. Jenkyn, living and ringing with us, and should we have had eight bells at Caversham if our dear old friend Mr. Coleridge had not lived with us for some years? We did not play about on "Stepney Green" after the peal; in fact, we did not see it, but we went to the dinner, and that I will leave to more capable pens to describe. We can only say we had a red-letter day in our calendar, and we all heartily and sincerely thank our London friends for their great kindness to us on that day, and on the next day and in past days. We hope to meet them many times yet, either at their end of the distance, between, in, or our own.—H.T.R.

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THE COLLEGE YOUTHS' BANQUET.

ARCHDEACON'S VIGOROUS ATTACK UPON WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE DENOUNCES CUP COMPETITIONS.

With all the success which usually characterises this annual event, the College Youths' 275th anniversary banquet was held at the London Tavern, Fenchurch Street, on Saturday evening. The company, numbering about 140, was presided over by the Master (Mr. T. H. Taffender), who was supported by Miss MacAlpine Leny, Archdeacon Sinclair (formerly Archdeacon of London), and the Revs. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorn), C. W. O. Jenkyn (Caversham), D. Mackinnon, the Rev. C. F. Wilton (Rector of Stepney). Mr. Arthur Hughes (treasurer of the society) was in the vice-chair, and the company also included the Rev. J. W. Eisdell (Barking), Messrs. J. Taylor (Loughborough), W. R. Routh and A. E. Reeves (Reading), F. E. Dawe (Woking), the whole of the Caversham band (who earlier in the day had rung a peal at Stepney), C. F. Winney and W. Prime (trustees of the society), T. Faulkner and E. G. Fenn (stewards), W. T. Cockerill (hon. secretary), J. Akehurst, J. C. F. Bayley, C. S. Burden, E. A. Davies, G. R. Fardon, W. E. Garrard, J. W. Golding, E. Horrex, H. Langdon, H. R. Newton, A. B. Peck, G. N. Price, J. W. Rowbotham, R. A. Daniell, C. F. Johnston (Croydon), E. M. Atkins (Isham), J. E. Groves and J. H. Shepherd (Birmingham), S. Thomas, John Holman, W. Burgar, J. Evinson (Sheffield), W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), T. H. Beams (Bridport), G. Bowen (Ilfracombe), J. George (Rugby), W. H. Fussell (Slough), Andrew Warner, D. F. Christy (representing Messrs. Warner and Sons), G. Hoad (Reigate), C. S. Potter (Barnsley), J. H. B. Hesse, J. Thomas, G. F. Clayton, A. C. Hardy, C. Fenn, R. Fenn, F. J. Hardy, A. W. Grimes, J. E. Davis, A. Barker, T. Walker, and others. A sumptuous repast was served.

"THE CHURCH."

After the loyal toast had been honoured in the most enthusiastic way, the Master proposed "The Church." Without the Church, he said, they would not have been there that evening. It was because of the Church that they had bells, and it was because of the bells that their society came into existence. They were in troublesome times at the present day, because the Government had got a Bill before Parliament to disestablish the Church in Wales. And that was not all. Not only did the Government want to disestablish the Church, but they also wanted to disendow it. The money had been left to the Church in the past for the benefit of the Church, and why it should be taken away and given to councils and other bodies, he knew not. There was no legitimate reason whatever that he could see, and in his opinion it was sheer robbery. When the Bill came before the House of Lords, he thought it might be deferred a little—at any rate for two years. In the meantime, perhaps, those people who were trying to rob the Church would go out of office. At least, he hoped so (hear, hear). The Master added that they had had various suggestions given them for opposing the Bill, but he thought if they waited a little bit, they might not have to take the trouble.

Archdeacon Sinclair, who was received with applause, responded. He regretted to say that he was no longer so much directly concerned with bells as when he had joint charge of the great peal at St. Paul's Cathedral, and responsibility also for 300 belfries, containing peals of bells of very various numbers and of very various merit. His little church in Sussex was very small, and was surmounted by a little box at one end, which contained two very minute and ancient bells—a little tinkle up and down on a sharp note (laughter). The neighbourhood was really dominated by the huge monastery bell at Cowfold, which pealed solemnly every four hours, day and night, calling the worthy monks, from their beds at night and from their tables in the day, to their prayers in the Church. There was a good peal of bells at Henfield, and a good peal at Cowfold, which they heard faintly on summer evenings and winter nights. Moving from London to a very rural part of the country, he could not but be struck very forcibly by the great hold which the Church seemed to have over the people, even in a small and scattered parish. While the clergy, standing fast to their colours and carrying out their duties conscientiously, made it their object to lead and not to drive, so long would they have friendly and kindly parishioners, even if many of them were Nonconformists (applause).

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

It was difficult to reply to the toast, continued the Archdeacon, without alluding to the cruel Bill now in Parliament for plundering the Church in Wales of all its income except 1s. 6d. in the £. Chapel, unfortunately, had allowed politics to override its Christianity, and was eager to spoil and humiliate the Church. The Welsh Church was already very poor, but it ministered humbly and conscientiously to more than a quarter of the Welsh people—and that was the largest Christian body that existed in Wales at the present moment. In order to have a convenient excuse—people who were bent on doing a wrong generally tried to find an excuse in order to salve their consciences—they pronounced the tithe to be a tax imposed at some time or other by Parliament, whereas it was really, as all historians knew, a voluntary gift by individual landowners in some cases in the days of the first preaching of Christianity, centuries before Parliament was ever heard of. The modest property of the Welsh Church was being used, as it was intended to be used, for the benefit of the people, and it was one of the saddest sights of modern politics to see it attacked and confiscated by, after all, what was sheer jealousy, spite and dislike. There were, of course, special circumstances in the Welsh Church, as it was in the minority. Tithe might have been redeemed—it would only take 30 years of careful management to achieve that and what was 30 years in the life of a Church which was measured by centuries? Those Nonconformist ministers who had social disabilities might have been granted distinct social precedent, and the remaining prerogatives might have been quietly removed, and nobody have been a bit the poorer. But the present policy of vindictive spoliation was returning to nothing but methods of barbarism. He trusted the painful example of Wales in the present day would be a lesson to all of them of the duty of cultivating concord and goodwill with all their fellow Christians, and following out as far as they could the Apostolic precept: "My brethren, if possible, live peaceably with all men" (applause).

CUPS CONDEMNED.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge submitted the toast of "Success to the Ancient Society of College Youths." Referring to the question of cup competitions, he said in his opinion they were a very grave menace to the good of the Exercise at large (applause). Some months ago it was said that certain gentlemen were going to give a cup to the society or association which scored most points in peals during the year. A few weeks ago he was consulted about a certain squire, who was anxious to offer a cup for competition among six-bell ringers in his Deanery at their annual festival. Now he saw that yet a further cup was likely to be offered for ringing on Sundays. He had his own feelings about that, but he thought that all such competitions were not only disastrous to the ringing Exercise at large, but they were utterly degrading to the ringer, who was, first and foremost, a church officer. He had not got one syllable to say as to the motives—he trusted they were the very best and highest motives—which prompted these gentlemen to offer cups. It was only the result upon which he wished to say a few words. That result, in his opinion, would be disastrous for the good of the Exercise. They would find certain crack bands going out week after week with the sole object of amassing points. Where would be the rank and file? Would they be instructed? If they were to ask him who was the finest ringer, the man who was most worthy of estimation, he would say that although he had the highest estimation for the man who would ring 20,000 of Bristol Surprise, he had an infinitely greater estimation for the man who would give up an evening or two a week trying to haul half a dozen yokels through their first 120 changes (applause). They admired most the man who would give up his spare time to help on those who did not know as much as himself. Competition was bad, and he had the strongest objections to the Church being degraded to the level of a football field and competing companies using the belfries as their battle grounds (hear, hear). It was not the motive that prompted the giving of the cup that he spoke of, but it was the disastrous effect which, he thought, it would have upon the Exercise (hear, hear).

IMPROVEMENT OF RINGERS' STATUS.

Turning to the toast, the speaker said the Ancient Society of College Youths had flourished for the past 275 years, and he trusted it would continue to flourish for many hundreds of years to come. He had attended a great many of those dinners, but there was a vast difference in the faces which he saw gathered round the table since first he came. There were very few of the old ones left. This year they had to mourn the loss of three most distinguished London members—dear old James Pettit, dear old Matt. Wood and, although he did not know him so intimately as the two he had mentioned, he felt he could also say dear old Mr. Cooter. When he first met the College Youths, in his undergraduate days, 33 years ago, they let him try to ring the tenor at St. Saviour's. They went to the meeting house afterwards, and he was taken under the wing of two distinguished men, Murray Hayes and James Dwight. In the corner were two members, whose names he did not remember, but who were eating tripe and onions (laughter). What astonished him most of all was to see Mr. Muskett drinking claret out of a tumbler (laughter). Since those days the status and the class of ringers had risen enormously—he hoped partly because the status of the parsons had risen enormously (laughter and applause). Well, he could tell them some strange stories about the parsons of a hundred years ago.

AMUSING STORIES.

Four Sussex parsons held their services at their respective churches one Sunday morning, and then came together to dine as arranged. After dinner the bells began to ring for service, and they ought to have gone each to his own church to take the service, but rain came on, and these four spent the whole afternoon, without going to church, playing cards. One was an Archdeacon (laughter). But that was a hundred years ago. This Archdeacon further distinguished himself by giving a dinner party, and he chose Ash Wednesday for it. When he found out he had made a mistake, if it were a mistake, the only way he marked the day as a special day was by ordering a special dish of pancakes (laughter). Another parson in North Devon, whose deeds were bye-words when he (the speaker) was a boy, was one day sent for by an old parishioner who was dying. The old man said: "Oh, parson, I am glad you have come. I baint fit to die. I want you to

give me a few words of comfort." "Well John," replied the parson, "you know what the Book says, you can take nothing away with you when you die. What have you done with your money? You have a tidy pile. You can't take that away with you, because if you do it will all melt where you are going to" (laughter). Then the parson added, "How about that old port you have got?" There were seven bottles left. He said, "Let us have a bottle here," and he drank the whole bottle. Then he said, "Well, good-bye, John. I shan't see you any more." "Give me a word of comfort," pleaded the old man, "What be I to do when death comes?" "Well John," replied the parson, "I can't tell you very much that you don't know. My advice to you is this: When you find death coming, spit in your hands and hold on as tight as you can" (laughter). That was the sole comfort that poor old man got. Mr. Coleridge told other stories of old-time parsons, one of whom made his curate drunk, and then tied him up in a sack, with his head outside, to the porch of the church, so that the people coming in could see him. Even if these were instances of the way in which only a few parsons behaved, they could imagine the frightful damage and harm which men like that could do, and they could not be surprised that other church officers like ringers had a very low name as well. Parsons and ringers had grown up together, and they both tried to set the highest possible ideal before them to do the best they could for the glory of God, and for the good of His church. Whether in ringing or in private life they should try to do their best in the sight of God for his honour and glory, without seeking any earthly reward or even recognition. He had to couple with the toast the name of the worthy secretary, Mr. Cockerill (applause). They knew what he had done for the society. They trusted he would long remain in that office, and that the society would flourish and abound under him and his successors, and that worthy succession of Masters like Mr. Taffender (applause).

A YEAR'S GOOD WORK.

Mr. W. T. Cockerell, in replying to the toast, which was cordially honoured, said reference had been made by Mr. Coleridge to peal ringing and practice. He was glad to say that their practices for the past year out-numbered the collection of peals. He found that the number of practices held at the city churches since the last dinner was 59, and that some of their men had met 57 times (applause), while several had attended over 50. The peals rung in the last twelve months were as follow: Seven 720's, 5: Double Norwich Major, 1: Stedman Triples, 8 (three on handbells); Caters, 6; Cinques, 5 (one on handbells); Treble Bob Major, 4 (including the 8896 at Barking, the longest peal by the society during the year): Royal, 1: Maximus, 2 (including one of Oxford); Bristol Surprise, 3 (the first by the society); and Cambridge Maximus, 1; total, 36. The number of members made during the year was 28. Letters of regret for absence from that gathering had been received from the Dean of St. Paul's, Archdeacon Holmes (London), Archdeacon Taylor (Southwark), Sir A. P. Heywood, Canon Masterman (Rector of Bow), the Rev. R. Peek (St. Magnus), Mr. H. J. Mackinder, M.P., Lieut. G. Mackinnon, and Mr. C. H. Hattersley. In conclusion, Mr. Cockerill wished the Rev. G. F. Coleridge many happy returns of the morrow, a sentiment that was warmly applauded.

GOOD FEELING BETWEEN SOCIETIES.

The Vice-Chairman proposed "The London and Provincial Ringing Societies." They had that evening a larger number of members of the London and provincial ringing societies with them than he ever remembered to have seen. They had many members from Sheffield, and others from Birmingham, and, in fact, from all over the country. Mr. Chapel, of Axminster, had hoped to be with them, but he had sent a telegram wishing them a pleasant evening. Another telegram he would like to read, because it showed that when their country members came to London, the good feeling of their wives came with them. Mr. Beams, of Bridport, was among them that evening, and a telegram had been received, "Success and good wishes to the Youths from Mrs. Beams" (applause). If the good feeling of their wives, added Mr. Hughes, went with them always when they were ringing they would often be very much more comfortable (laughter). He was sorry their old friend Mr. Hattersley was not with them, but there were many old faces present. He hoped the good feeling that existed between them all that evening would be typical of the good feeling that would always exist between the London and provincial ringing societies (applause).

Mr. R. A. Daniell, who first responded, referred to the progress that was being made by the London County Association since its division into two districts, which had materially assisted the work and the meetings. With regard to the Cumberlands they were continuing to do the best they could, and they had been helping the movement for rehanging Shoreditch bells. Mr. Daniell referred to the tragically sudden death of Mr. Arthur Jacob, who, when he (the speaker) was Master of the Cumberlands, proved a very loyal colleague and honourable man. He was one who had little sympathy with sentimentalism, but he never shirked a duty and set a very high example in this respect.

A HIGH IDEAL.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild) also replied. He said wherever one went all over England they found men who were members of the College Youths, and they rejoiced in their membership. They found in the country a great reverence for the London ringer. When they came up from the country to ring with the College Youths, they did not always expect to get the peal—if they did they would not be true ringers—but they did expect to have the bells rung well, and their expectations were fulfilled—in his case they had always been. A friend of his, who used to take part in peals, used to say that one thing about going for peals with the College Youths was that they either rang their bells or let them alone; there was no half and half course. This, said the speaker, was a very grand ideal, and he commended it to them as an ideal to preserve and to cherish (hear, hear). He hoped it would always be the case that when a man came to ring in London he would feel, whether he got the peal or not, that he would get some good ringing. Mr. Coleridge, continued Mr. Jenkyn, had said something about the cup competitions. What he felt about it was that no amount of cups or anything else would really do what must be done to get good ringing. Nothing from outside would make a man really love good ringing; nothing from outside would make him, when he was able to ring well, devote those powers to the glory of God, and to the service of His church. It must come from within (applause).

THE MEMORY OF THE DEPARTED.

Mr. F. E. Dawe, who proposed "The Visitors," said they could not let the opportunity go by without paying honour to the illustrious dead, to keep green the memory of those great men who had passed out of existence this last year—their unseen and well-remembered guests, Pettit, Wood and Cooter. They were told by the immortal bard that "The evil that men do lives after them, the good is oft interred with their bones." In the case of their three friends, he thought there would be a distinct variation to this. These three men who had gone to their rest this year, were the life and backbone of that society in the days when their members were not so numerous as at present. Their names shone in letters of gold on marble in belfries for miles around; they were ringing jewels of the first water, and nothing but the most rigidly accurate striking would satisfy them. Those three men took part in the long peal at Bethnal Green, when he (the speaker) was only five years old. There was one survivor of that band, and he was with them that night, their dear old friend Edwin Horrex (applause). The three whom they now mourned were always ready to assist or advise, and they always gave credit where credit was due. All three were men who were truthful, honest, and almost painfully just. He ventured to say that with all these qualities the thoughts of these men were not always earthly, but that they looked to the future. Having paid a tribute to the individual abilities of the decreased ringers, Mr. Dawe went on to say that the thought occurred to him at the funeral of Mr. Pettit, that when an illustrious ringer passed away they ought to make some arrangements for a ringing parson to conduct the last funeral rites. Mr. Dawe then submitted the toast of "The Visitors."

A WONDERFUL BROTHERHOOD.

The Rev. J. W. Eisdell replied, and spoke of the wonderful brotherhood which existed among the ringers. They had all kinds of guilds and societies in their dear old church, but there was no stronger organisation than that of the church workers who were ringers. Mr. Eisdell paid a well-deserved compliment to the way in which his own band at Barking carried out their duties, and he was proud of the fact that they had rung the longest peal during the year by the society, and that they had accomplished a course of London Surprise on handbells that evening.

The Vice-Chairman spoke of the pleasure it gave them all to see Miss Leny among them again that evening, after her recent illness.

This concluded the speech making, and the remainder of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of a most delightful musical programme.

The musical programme was principally sustained by members of St. George's Glee Union, whose part-songs, choruses and individual contributions were much appreciated. The vocalists were under the conductorship of Mr. G. H. McCann, and Mr. H. C. Pennington was the accompanist. Mr. W. J. Daubney contributed violin solos, Mr. G. R. Boorer recited "The Revenge," and songs were given by Messrs. R. F. Roberts, A. Phillips, S. Blackmore, C. W. Palmer, P. Tayler, F. Coxall and C. Hills. The course of London Surprise rung on handbells by: Messrs. A. C. Hardy 1—2, C. Fenn 3—4, T. Faulkner 5—6, R. Fenn 7—8, was enthusiastically applauded, while the tune ringing of two Sheffield visitors (Messrs. Evinson and Burgar) fairly "brought down the house," and was twice encored. They played "Blue Bells of Scotland," with variations, "German Waltz," and "Money Musk."

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

NEW PRESIDENT OF ROCHDALE BRANCH.

On Saturday the monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at St. Mary's, Balderstone, Rochdale, when 30 members were present from Balderstone, Rochdale Parish, Milnrow, Newhey, Glodwich, Oldham Parish, Middleton, Heywood, Todmorden Parish, Todmorden Unitarian, and Ashton.—Mr. S. Stott presided over the meeting, when Mr. William Crabtree was elected branch president, in the place of the late Mr. S. Brierley.—St. Mark's, Glodwich, was selected for the place of next meeting, and votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and wardens.—The bells were kept going till 9.30, in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

(Continued from page 318).

[By W. H. F.]

" Our lives like bells while changing,
An ordered course pursue.
Through joys and sorrows ranging,
May all those lives ring true. H. C. W.

Tuesday, October 15th. Early closing day for Witney. We rose at 8, breakfasted 8.30, away, after a little shopping by one or two members, at 9.30 a.m. for the beautiful old Oxfordshire town of Burford, eight miles distant—along a fine high main road overlooking a grand stretch of scenery, the increasing use of stone for walling, roofs and fieldsides, contrasting with the hedgerows and thatched roofing to the half-timbered cottages in Berks. We passed the tragic parish of Minster Lovell, with its church nestling among trees in the morning sunshine, and bethought of the words, " Oh, the Mistletoe bough," to which the rapid approach of Christmas, 1912, and the prevailing frosty air, added some sentiment.

Burford is miles from a railway, and, owing to the great number of good roads leading away from it in all directions, must have been a busy and important centre of business and activity at one time. We first saw the town from the higher approach, a view not easily forgotten on a fine day, the church of cruciform design, with a central tower and lofty spire, standing out boldly, and as we neared it, our partners in the peal No. 4 arrived, the Revs. E. V. and C. C. Cox, in their motor-cycle and side car. No time was lost in seeing a little of the beauties of this church, signing the visitors' book, and calling " go for Treble Bob," as duly recorded. It was a comfortable belfry, and an easy peal, which we all enjoyed.

Thanks to Mr. Bond, one of the firm of local bell founders and bell hangers, we were met on coming down from the tower, and shown over the old Burford foundry, the last bell having been sent out a few months ago. The foundry consists of an old one-storey workshop, with the various fittings and appliances and the furnace all intact. It may have been in use for some hundred years past by all appearance, and it was decidedly interesting to many of the company.

Then away back to Witney, the machines all doing good work. A healthy appetite on a vigorous morning out, caused leg No. 2, served piping hot for lunch, to show signs of being " fleeced," and, having our next venture with the rope at Witney, we spent a restful afternoon at home, some of us too much so.

TWO MISHAPS.

About six p.m. I awoke by an urgent message to go to the tower at once, but ere I discovered the way up, the bells went off into Double Norwich. The attempt lasted about an hour. No one was to blame, and not being present I can only surmise by remarks since overheard that it was a case of Cox and Box. Mr. Monk came running to the tower while I was groping round, anxious about the non-start, and we heard some good ringing on a fine peal of bells across fields, during the process of bringing his horses home to stable. A number of touches were afterwards rung with Witney men standing in, and Mr. Spindlow, of Ducklington. The whole party kept up " early closing day till after closing time," for such is the state of chaos rendered possible by a multiplicity of Acts of Parliament. In the course of the evening I heard about a certain receptacle holding some 16 quarts, just about enough for one day's ringing by an eight-bell "scroufe," and as its a long yarn, perhaps our Editor will give it another place as a sort of side-show. Some of our readers may imagine that it was still being used in the tower, but I may confess that a very good-sized jug was passed round at the Fleece, mostly in the handstroke home position. We were delighted with the true tone and style of country conversation of friend Monk, his rendering of the " Chaplain and the Convict " being most realistic.

Wednesday, Oct. 16th. This was to be a long day, so we got the boys on the move pretty early, and were off at 9.30 for a 16-mile run to Chipping Norton, being pestered by the eccentric behaviour of a solitary driver in another car for half the journey. The Rector met us, and we followed our usual precaution since Abingdon, that of thoroughly testing all ropes and bearings. We began Superlative Surprise Major with high hopes, having practised the method the night before. An excellent half peal or thereabouts was struck, when the slow man brought the attempt to " Nort." A glass of sherry with our friend, Mr. J. F. Barlow, almost led to a departure from the programme, but the wiser counsel of our Master prevailed, and with regret we left the town, which was en fete with the usual collection of pleasure vans of the annual old English fair held in the streets.

" There is a time in the affairs of man," says Shakespeare, " which leads to success "—but on two occasions we found the fairs of a town led to failure.

SHIPTON'S HOSPITALITY.

The spin to the second tower for this day landed the party at Shipton-under-Wychwood, just before rainfall—the only fall we had during the week. Here the Rev. W. Collingwood Carter, Rural Dean and Vicar, kindly met us most hospitably, storing the cars in his coach-house, and placing a well-cooked and well-served hot dinner before his famished guests. The Vicar must have had some premonition of our inner failing, for we shook his leg of mutton (our number three) like fox terriers. Our dining room was the Village Club Room formed over the stables. It is fitted with a library, a miniature rifle range, games and amusements, and a piano. There was a bright fire burning to welcome us, and other evidence that the Vicar had considered our comfort in that right down hearty way peculiar to the fine old English gentleman.

In the belfry we fared just as well, the last course was brought home well-struck in our peal, No. 5, much to Mr. Bishop's delight, and, at its conclusion, hearty congratulations from the local ringers and Mr. Bartlett were tendered. The bells are a little noisy in the belfry, but like Chipping Norton, it is an excellent ringing room, and both are first class shops for Surprise ringing. Another surprise followed, for we were informed that supper was ready, and we were led to the Vicarage by the Vicar in the darkness of an inky night. We found interest in the original War Office Certificate of the Queen's Commission issued to the Vicar as an officer in the Oxford 'Varsity Corps in the early days of its existence, and learnt of a family history traced back to Admiral Collingwood, in the first days of our naval armaments. With hearty thanks we said good-bye to our Shipton friends, to the parish with the long name, and long in one's memory will this visit remain.

We reached Witney safely, a dark ride and without rain, fortunately—subject to two incidents. The Master, who always drives his own car, missed a whole turn on the road home, and just as we got into the town had a puncture to the rear near tyre. The former event has not happened to him, to my knowledge, during his road through Thurstans' Four-part, but with reference to the latter, I do know there were several to the Kidlington blisters.

Congratulations were tendered to Mr. G. Williams on our return, for this was the 31st anniversary of his wedding day, October 15th, 1881

(To be continued.)

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

VICAR LAMENTS UNSATISFACTORY CONDITION OF TOWERS AND BELLS.

The quarterly meeting of the Ilchester Branch of the Bath and Wells Association was held on Saturday, at Langport, members attending from Ilminster, Kingsdon, Martock, Norton-sub-Hamdon, Stoke-sub-Ham, and Odcombe, as well as the local men. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. Ross (Vicar), the organist being also in attendance. Tea and the usual business meeting followed, one honorary and one performing member being elected.—The Vicar, in replying to a vote of thanks, mentioned that he had recently visited several towers, and was much struck by the unsatisfactory condition of both towers and bells, but there were promising signs that things were not likely to continue in this state, as quite a number of bells have been under repair during the past few years.

A few years ago the Langport bells were hung in an iron frame, but it was considered unsafe to the tower, and they have recently been rehung in oak, and " go " beautifully; the cage contains spaces for two trebles, and the ringers long for the time when the octave will be completed.

The tower of Huish Episcopi was also open for the meeting, the two belfries being within a few minutes' walk of one another. Huish Episcopi has also a lovely ring of six, with space left for two trebles. The tenor is a bell of very fine tone, and weighs about a ton. Which will be first to complete the octave?

The Langport men are to be congratulated on the progress they are making, and also upon having a Vicar who takes such keen interest in them and his bells. Good practice was obtained in Grandsire and Plain Bob.

GLASTONBURY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Glastonbury branch was held at Glastonbury, on Saturday week, a fairly good number of ringers being present from Burnham, Bridgwater, Taunton, Kingsdon, Meare, Wells, and Glastonbury. The bells of St. John's were open for ringing, and were kept going until tea-time.—After tea, a business meeting was held, when the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, Vicar of Meare, was unanimously elected chairman, and Mr. W. Farley, of Wells, hon. secretary for the coming year.—At the close of the meeting, a service was held in St. John's Church, conducted by the Rev. A. J. Hook. Subsequently the ringers and about 50 ladies and gentlemen wended their way to the belfry, for the purpose of unveiling a photograph of the late Vicar (the Rev. Preb. H. L. Barnwell), and a handsome peal board (black with gold letters) recording a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung fully muffled on August 22nd, in memory of the deceased gentleman.—The Rev. A. J. Hook, in the course of his remarks, said how pleased he was to see so many parishioners with them showing by their presence the high esteem in which they held their late Vicar.—The unveiling was performed by Mr. W. Leaker, senior churchwarden.—Both the photograph and the peal board were given by the late Vicar's sister, Miss H. Barnwell, who could not be present, but the Rev. Warren, on behalf of the ringers, asked the Rev. A. J. Hook to convey to her their very best thanks for her splendid gift. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, and Bob Major were afterwards brought round.

NEW BELLS AT MARSTON MAGNA.

GENEROUS GIFT TO SOMERSET PARISH.

Another six-bell tower has been added to the diocese of Bath and Wells. Marston Magna's peal of four old bells, which have been silent for some time, have been restored and augmented, and have been dedicated by the Bishop of Bath and Wells, who, on the same occasion, consecrated an extension of the churchyard, the necessary land for which was generously given by the governors of Winchester College, who are extensive landowners in the village. The new portion is hoped to provide sufficient ground for the burials in the parish for many years to come.

The old bells had been condemned as unsafe about three years ago, owing to the decay of the ancient bell cage. Mr. E. W. Marden, the people's warden, and Dr. Chatterton, of Marston Court, the Vicar's warden, took the matter up very keenly, and at last found themselves in a position to order the rehanging of the four bells. When, however, the bells were taken down the third bell was found to be badly cracked, and on the advice of Mr. Sully, of Stogumber, who had the work in hand, it was decided to have them recast. Of the two new bells which bring the peal up to six, the treble is the gift of Mr. E. D. Marden and family, in memory of the late Mr. Montagu Marden, who died in Australia about two years ago, when reading for Holy Orders, and the second bell has been provided by subscriptions. Of the original bells, inscriptions on the third and tenor, which have been faithfully reproduced in the recasting, tell that they were given by Nathaniel Barnard in 1707, and the original treble by Edward Payne in 1729. The second bell had no inscription or any indication as to its date. The cage was in an advanced stage of decay, and in view of some of the timbers taken out it is evident that the work was taken in hand none too soon. The new cage is an up-to-date structure of oak and steel. The whole of the new work has cost over £300. The tenor is 14 cwt., in F sharp.

THE DEDICATION.

For the dedication the church had been cleaned by members of the local branch of the C.E.M.S., and a large congregation gathered. Amongst the clergy present: were the Revs. Prebendary J. W. Firth (Henstridge), W. T. Roe (Sandford Orcas), L. C. Price (Ansford), Trevor-Griffits (Sparkford), G. W. Meggy (Yeovil), G. D'Augiball (Queen Camel), M. C. Goodford (Chilton Cantelo), G. E. K. French (West Camel), H. L. Taylor (Kimpton), L. B. Cotter (West Coker), A. B. Portman (Corton Denham), and F. C. Carr (Lemington). The clergy and churchwardens, the latter bearing their wands of office, met the Bishop, who was accompanied by his chaplain (Archdeacon Brymer), Rev. J. Alcock, Rector of Godney (who carried the pastoral staff), and the Vicar of the parish, at the west door of the church, where Mr. C. Chatterton presented and read the petition for consecration. The Bishop, choir and clergy then proceeded to the chancel. The Vicar conducted the service. Archdeacon Brymer read the lesson, and this part of the service closed with the hymn, "O Heavenly Jerusalem." The Bishop, churchwardens, choir and congregation next proceeded around the ground to be consecrated, singing Psalms xvi and xxiii. His Lordship then pronounced the consecration, and all then returned to the church for the dedication of the bells, the hymn, "Who are these like stars appearing," being sung as a processional. One of the churchwardens (Mr. Marden) taking the bell ropes in his hands, requested the Bishop to dedicate the bells, and his Lordship, receiving the ropes, solemnly performed the act. Then delivering the ropes to the Vicar, the Bishop asked him to receive them as a sacred trust, committed unto him as the appointed minister of Christ in that church and parish. The bells were then chimed, and during the singing of Psalm cl, the Bishop, clergy and wardens returned to their places. Suitable prayers were read, and after the singing of the hymn, "Now thank we all our God," his Lordship delivered an appropriate address.

At the conclusion of the service, the bells were raised in peal by ringers picked from the Castle Cary and Ditcheat towers, who had been invited by the Vicar, the Rev. Peppin, to open them, and to test Mr. Sully's work. A quarter-peal of Doubles was tapped off in 38 mins.

RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The visitors, with the Marston ringers, were then entertained to an excellent tea, provided in the Schoolroom. The Vicar presided, and after tea, in a very pleasant speech, thanked the ringers who had opened the bells for their kindness. They had already given them some fine ringing, and no doubt would give them a little more before their departure.—To this Mr. Vincent, of Ditcheat, replied, thanking the Vicar for his kind remarks relating to the ringing, and also for the excellent tea which they had been provided with. He also congratulated the Vicar and his parishioners upon the fine peal of bells which they had just placed in their tower. The Marston ringers then joined the Bath and Wells Diocesan Association, and, with their captain, Mr. Douglas Marden, it is felt sure they will soon become a good band of ringers.

A move was again made to the tower, where various methods were rung. During the evening, the parish church warden (Mr. Marden), with other friends, paid a visit to the tower, and congratulated the ringers on their striking, and also for the music which had been brought out of the bells that afternoon. All the ringers present were unanimous in their praise of the peal, the excellent "go" and tone, and the perfect way in which Mr. Sully had carried the work out. Mr. Sully was also congratulated by the Vicar and churchwardens.

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 21st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

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, November 16th, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends invited.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the N.W. Division will be held at Bishop's Stortford on Saturday, November 16th. Bells available from 3 p.m. Tea and business meeting at the Chequers Hotel at 5.30 p.m.—W. Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT, ETC., SOCIETY. — The postponed November meeting of this society will take place at Bolsterstone on Saturday, November 16th, church of St. Mary, 8 bells, available 3.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is hoped that there will be a good muster. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Hitchin on Saturday, November 16th. The Vicar and churchwardens kindly provide tea.—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, at Basingstoke, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6.—Francis G. Hume, District Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Desborough on November 16th, Great Addington, November 23rd; Higham Ferrers, November 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea, kindly let district secretary know.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hertford on November 23rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. St. Andrew's before tea, All Saints' after. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

NOTICES (continued).

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Repton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. All those desirous of attending will oblige if they will send their names, not later than Wednesday, November 20th, to Harry Wakley, 160, Horninglow Road, N., Burton-on-Trent.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS. — These bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 24th, at the morning service. The tower will be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 30th, at 3 o'clock, no peals allowed. Tea will be provided, for all who send in their names, at 8d. per head.—Francis Robertshaw, Secretary, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar. Important. The appointment of a delegate to the Central Council will be discussed at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

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. Isaacs), at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7.30. Members and friends heartily welcome. —H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. E. Maurice Atkins has removed to 38, Bedford Place, London, W.C.——Mr. James E. Davis has removed to 167, Liverpool Street, Walworth, S.E.

SITUATIONS VACANT & WANTED.

SITUATION required as head gardener, where two or three are kept, good experience in flowers, fruit, vegetables and vines; 6½ years last place; good character; married; one child 11; change ringer on any number in standard methods.—Apply Godfrey, 3 Vicarage Road, Cromer, Norfolk.

WANTED Gardener, single handed place (in Dorsetshire), with boy to assist; wages 20s. per week; must be good change ringer.—Apply "Gardener," "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

FOR SALE.

PEAL OF TWELVE HANDBELLS, by Shaw, for sale. Size 15 in C, good as new.—Write "Handbells," "Ringing World" Office, Woking.

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES, PEAL CARDS AND ALBUMS artistically executed.—A. S. Beer, 63, Devonshire Avenue, Southsea.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

BRIDGNORTH, SALOP.—On October 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, from Stedman's One-Part, in 45 mins.: E. Foxall 1, J. Elcock 2, A. Newsome 3, J. Overton 4, B. Head 5, H. W. Overton 6, W. Overton (conductor) 7, H. Jones 8.

BATH. — At St. Saviour's Church, for harvest thanksgiving, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 43 mins.: J. W. Bell (first quarter-peal) 1, H. Taylor 2, J. Taylor 3, J. Fussell 4, F. C. Rich 5, J. Hallett (first quarter with a bob bell) 6, C. W. Bell (conductor) 7, J. H. Merrett 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on October 6th, for harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: G. B. Lucas 1, C. T. Coles 2, W. J. Cooper 3, H. Runnens 4, E. D. Lillywhite 5, W. J. E. Jones 6, H. F. Hull (conductor) 7, O. L. Twist 8.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On October 6th, for harvest festival, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 7 mins.: J. Ray 1, W. Mills, senr., 2, D. Bruce 3, T. Griffiths 4, F. Evans 5, H. Jeavons 6, J. A. Brown (conductor), Bilston, 7, B. Fullwood 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—For morning service, at the harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: F. M. Butler 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, J. Luckey 4, T. J. Watts 5, J. Ansell 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. Jordan 8.—On October 2nd, 704 Oxford Treble Bob Major: G. Gray 1, A. Jordan 2, J. Ansell 3, J. Luckey 4, T. J. Watts 5, T. Jordan 6, G. Jordan 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8.

BINFIELD, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On October 6th, for the harvest festival, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 24 mins.: H. Hale 1, S. Gearing 2, A. Pierce 3, E. C. Lambert 4, W. Gearing 5, H. Bungay (conductor) 6.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—For harvest festival, on October 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. J. Dewey (Reigate) 1, G. A. Ransom (conductor) 2, F. Goddard 3, H. Biggs 4, T. Beadle 5, W. H. Lidbetter 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8. For afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. J. Dewey 1, C. S. Bird 2, J. Crocker 3, F. Skevington (conductor) 4, H. Cook 5, C. Iles 6, C. Hunt 7, W. Brooks 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, C. Dell 2, G. Miles 3, W. H. Lidbetter 4, W. New 5, T. Beadle 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, A. Beckensale 8.

MIDDLESBROUGH.—On Sept. 29th, at the Parish Church, 520 Double Norwich and 608 Superlative; Sept. 30th, 1008 Double Norwich; October 2nd, 1024 Kent Treble Bob; October 3rd, at Saltburn, 704 of Kent Treble Bob, the following ringers taking part: The Rev. W. P. Wright (Hemingborough), the Rev. R. L. B. Oliver (Saltburn), and Messrs. Blakiston, Jones, Passman, Rudd, C. and W. Pollard, F. and C. Laverick, Lancaster, Pickering, Peck, Titchenar, Wedgewood, Melburn, Appleton, Graves, Mossom and Kidd.

ABBOTT'S LEIGH.—On October 6th, for harvest festival morning service, 360 Kent Treble Bob: *L. H. Moore, junr., 1, G. Bennet 2, W. Frampton 3, *W. Booth 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore, senr. (conductor) 6. * First 360. For evening service, 144 Kent, standing as above. After service, 180 Bob Minor, 480 Canterbury Minor: W. Booth 1, G. Bennet 2, L. H. Moore, senr., 3, W. Frampton 4, J. Cable 5, G. H. Gale (conductor) 6. 216 Grandsire Minor and 360 Kent, conducted by L. H. Moore.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: F. Barrett 1, G. Kilby 2, F. Sear (first 720) 3, W. G. Matthews 4, R. Kilby 5, T. Langdon (conductor) 6.—On October 2nd, for harvest festival, 720 of Plain Bob: F. Barrett 1, W. G. Matthews 2, F. Sear 3, G. Kilby 4, G. Chalkley (conductor) 5, T. Langdon 6.—On Sunday, October 6th, 720 of Kent Treble Bob: T. Langdon 1, W. G. Matthews 2, G. M. Kilby (conductor) 3, L. Porter 4, F. Wells 5, H. Kilby 6.

CAERLEON, MON.—The Llandaff Association.—For harvest festival, 1260 Grandsire Triples: L. Stafford 1, F. Bolton 2, C. Davis 3, H. Holmes 4, S. Jones 5, G. Stafford 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, N. Holmes 8. Also 168 of Stedman Triples.—On October 6th, for morning service, 532 Grandsire Triples. For evening service, 1260 of Grandsire: F. Bolton 1, G. Stafford 2, E. Davis 3, H. Holmes 4, P. Stafford 5, G. Large 6, W. Large (conductor) 7, N. Holmes 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—For harvest festival, on Sunday, Sept. 29th, 1264 of Bob Major, in 48 mins.: G. W. Coombes 1, W. H. Stevens 2, H. Barrett 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, H. Stevens 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

RIPON.—At the Cathedral, on October 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Tingle 1, T. Ingleby 2, E. Metcalfe 3, W. Dixon 4, G. Langshaw 5, W. Thorpe 6, W. Gibson (conductor) 7, J. Rumbold 8. Longest length in the method by all.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sept. 22nd, for evening service, 1260 Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: H. Cotton 1, S. Astbury 2, J. Bird 3, F. G. Burleigh 4, A. Greenfield (conductor) 5, R. Hall 6, J. Bant 7, J. Ford 8.

HACKNEY, LONDON. — On Sept. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: T. Walker 1, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 2, H. Franks 3, C. W. Green 4, E. E. Grimes 5, E. G. Runham 6, B. Horton 7, T. King 8. First quarter-peal in the method by the ringers of the treble and sixth.

HERNE, KENT.—On Sept. 29th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (46 calls): C. Holman 1, F. Jones (conductor) 2, W. Sorrell 3, S. R. Jezard 4, E. Hartop 5, E. Slingsby 6.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On Wednesday, Sept. 25th, at the Parish Church, for harvest festival service, a 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Jackson 1, T. Goodin 2, J. S. Calvert 3, H. Rodmell 4, L. Rodmell (conductor) 5, A. E. West 6.—On Thursday, Sept. 26th, at All Saints' Church, Hull, for harvest festival service, 406 Grandsire Triples: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson 3, T. Harrison 4, D. Meadley 5, E. Cutsforth 6, T. Whitfield 7, F. Dale 8.—On Friday, Sept. 27th, at Holy Trinity Church, Hull, for harvest festival service, 560 Grandsire Triples and 521 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, G. Dowling 3, T. Whitfield 4, F. Merrison 5, J. Highfield 6, E. Cutsforth 7, T. Morton 8, G. T. Miller 9, J. Chamberlain 10.—On Sept. 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Hedges 1, C. Jackson (conductor) 2, G. Dowling 3, T. Whitfield 4, T. Morton 5, H. Rodmell 6, E. Cutsforth 7, J. Marsh (first quarter-peal) 8.

OXHEY, HERTS.—On Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 1216 New Cumberland Surprise: A. W. Dix 1, W. Hodgetts 2, F. T. Martin 3, C. N. Leman 4, G. N. Price (conductor) 5, G. E. Howchin 6, H. Hodgetts 7, F. W. Brinklow 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all the band.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.—On Sept. 29th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Guttridge, senr., 1, J. Guttridge, junr., 2, T. Smith (first quarter of Triples inside) 3, T. Gosling 4, W. Welling (conductor) 5, A. Blake 6, R. Flaxman 7, F. Guttridge 8.—On Sept. 22nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: J. Guttridge 1, A. Blake 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, W. Welling 4, E. Cassell 5, C. J. Tricker (conductor) 6, A. E. Gray 7, F. Guttridge 8.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.—On Sept. 22nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Watson 1, L. A. Pye (aged 13) 2, F. Rainbird 3, G. R. Pye 4, W. A. Pye 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, E. Pye (conductor) 7, E. J. Butler 8.—On Sept. 29th, for morning service, 504 of Stedman Triples: A. Pye 1, L. A. Pye 2, A. Chaplin 3, G. R. Pye 4, W. A. Pye 5, E. Pye (conductor) 6, W. Watson 7, A. Sorrell 8. First quarter-peal by L. A. and W. A. Pye, also longest length of Stedman.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Sept. 22nd, for harvest festival, before morning service, 720 Plain Bob: A. J. Gilbert 1, C. Gilbert 2, F. Looker 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. Before evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, G. Lancaster (conductor) 6. After evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, W. G. Lancaster 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6.—On Monday, Sept. 23rd, for practice, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: E. Manton 1, A. J. Gilbert (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, T. Moulden 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Sept. 22nd, for morning service, 544 Double Norwich: A. Lawrence 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, C. W. Townsend 4, G. Essex (Caversham) 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, T. Robinson 7, C. W. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—On Sept. 24th, 448 Superlative Surprise: W. G. Lancaster 1, G. W. Townsend 2, R. W. Hyner 3, F. Looker 4, G. Essex (Caversham) 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

ROYSTON, HERTS.—Hertfordshire Association.—On Sept. 28th, in an attempt for a peal 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Duke of York: *P. Webb (first 720 London) 1, E. Bonnett (conductor) 2, W. L. Darlow 3, A. Wilkerson 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King 6.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Sept. 15th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: J. Hurrell (first in Triples) 1, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 2, T. Deal 3, G. R. Simmonds 4, A. G. Bennington 5, F. W. Richardson 6, J. Law 7, C. H. Macklin 8.—On Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal from the "Original," in 44 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, A. G. Bennington 2, F. S. Bacon 3, T. G. Deal 4, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 5, E. B. Crowder 6, J. Crowder 7, T. Easterby 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sept. 21st, for the harvest festival, an attempt for a peal of Kent Treble Bob was lost, after ringing 2 hrs.: J. J. Parker 1, G. Guttridge 2, W. Henley 3, G. Basden 4, J. Elderfield 5, W. Welling 6, G. Allder 7, G. Martin (conductor) 8.—On Sept. 22nd, for Sunday evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 40 mins.: J. Bavington 1, H. Skuse 2, G. Guttridge 3, J. J. Parker (conductor) 4, J. Elderfield 5, W. Henley 6, G. Basden 7, W. Clarke 8.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—For harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: P. Ince 1, T. Bleakley 2, P. Nuttall 3, J. Nuttall 4, J. Makin 5, G. Pincott 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, J. Constantine 8.

PULBOROUGH, SUSSEX.—On the occasion of the harvest festival, two quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were rung for morning service, by: E. Goodsell, S. Stone, W. H. Hollman, J. Daughtrey, A. B. Corden, S. W. Corden (conductor), A. Greenfield, H. J. Doick. For evening service: P. Knight, S. Stone, W. H. Hollman, P. H. Doick, L. N. Corden, A. B. Corden, A. Greenfield (conductor), H. J. Doick.

LIVERPOOL.—At St. John the Baptist Church, Tue Brook, as a farewell to J. Hamerslag, a member of the local band, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but failed after 42 mins. ringing.—On Sept. 29th, 672 Grandsire Triples: J. Twist 1, O. Walker 2, G. Park 3, J. Hamerslag 4, P. Hayes 5, W. Twist (conductor) 6, S. Stewart 7, W. Mansell 8.

BISHOP'S WALTHAM.—On Sept 25th, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins. This was rung with Singles only, and is believed to be the first on the bells with all singles: W. Cooper 1, Gilbert Bull 2, T. Savage 3, —. Whiteman 4, —. Grounsell 5, A. Mears (conductor) 6.

DRIGHLINGTON.—On Sunday evening, Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: A. Ainge 1, D. Thornton 2, S. Collinson 3, A. Gill 4, W. Waland 5, F. Hopwood (conductor) 6, J. Palframan 7, S. Palframan 8.

SHREWSBURY.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On October 6th, at St. Alkmund's Church, 350 Grandsire Triples: T. W. Belton 1, G. Tipton 2, G. J. Taylor 3, W. J. Taylor 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. Fullick (conductor) 6, F. W. Taylor 7, H. Jones 8.—At St. Chad's Church, 600 Grandsire Caters: J. T. Wall 1, G. Scarratt 2, G. J. Taylor 3, E. Jones 4, W. R. Stockdale 5, A. Teckoe 6, G. Tipton 7, A. Fullick 8, F. W. Taylor (conductor) 9, H. Jones 10.

DORRINGTON.—The Salop Archidiaconal Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, at the residence of Mr. E. R. T. Corbett, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, in 35 mins.: E. R. T. Corbett 1—2, G. J. Taylor 3—4, W. J. Taylor 5—6, W. Short (conductor) 7—8.

OTLEY BELL RINGERS' SUPPER.

The annual supper of the Otley (Yorks) company was held on Nov. 5th at the Red Lion Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by Mr. D. T. Spence; and while the cloth was being removed, the ringers visited the tower, and rang a merry peal. The remainder of the evening was spent in conviviality. The Rev. R. Pattinson presided over the proceedings for a short time, and proposed the loyal toasts. The toasts of "Health to all Subscribers," and "The Health of the Vicar and the two Churchwardens," were also honoured. Those who took part in the enjoyable programme that followed were Mrs. Warner, Miss Ralph, Miss Spence, Messrs. C. Ralph, T. Marchant, D. Waite, J. L. Phillips, T. Warner, G. Maston, H. Beaumont, H. Saville, and W. D. Clough. Mrs. Warner gave selections on fairy bells, and shared the accompaniments with Mr. J. Horner.—Courses of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells by Messrs. F. Maston, G. Thornton, F. W. Dixon and C. Ralph.—At the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the host and hostess.

RUGBY RINGERS' OUTING.

Through unforeseen circumstances, the annual outing of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, was postponed from July—when it was intended to visit Evesham—until Saturday, November 2nd, and owing to the lateness of the season, it was decided not to venture far afield, and the choice of the company favoured Lutterworth Arriving at the latter place, the party set out for a two miles' walk to Bitteswell, a pretty village boasting a light but musical peal of six bells, which had been kindly placed at their disposal for the afternoon. Grandsire Doubles was the first item, and several six-scores were tapped off in good style, one of the Lutterworth men who had accompanied the visitors, taking part. Stedman Doubles followed, and a well-struck 720 of Kent was then rung by: J. A. Fenton 1, H. O. White 2, J. B. Fenton 3, J. W. Chandler 4, A. J. Hessian 5, J. George (conductor) 6. The visitors then had the pleasure of the company of the Misses Peabody of the local band, who joined in several 120's of Grandsire, Miss L. Peabody conducting. The new Vicar of Bitteswell looked in during the afternoon, and gave the party a hearty welcome, and he was cordially thanked for his kindness in placing the bells at their disposal.

A return was next made to Lutterworth, where tea was partaken of at Bonsor's Cafe, the company including the Misses Peabody and Mr. A. J. Ross, of the Lutterworth band.

Mr. George, in a few well-chosen words, welcomed the ladies, and said how pleased and honoured the company were to meet them. The indefatigable Mr. H. O. White took the opportunity of introducing his subscription list for the ladies' peal tablet, and afterwards the handbells were requisitioned. After a course of Grandsire Caters and a couple of selections, the visitors wended their way to the tower, where the ringing was opened with a touch of Stedman Triples, followed by the first course of Cambridge Surprise on the bells. The Misses Peabody then joined in the ringing, this being the first time they had rung on eight bells, and they are to be complimented on the creditable way they performed. Touches of Superlative and Grandsire brought the tower bell ringing to a close, and a pleasant hour was afterwards spent with the local ringers and a few friends, the proceedings being enlivened by touches on the handbells. Upon the arrival of the two "deserters" (no names, please), some good selections were played on the handbells by Messrs. Chandler, Malins, Fenton, White and Hessian, and were much appreciated.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Lutterworth ringers for their kindness in giving up their practice night for the benefit of the Rugbyites, and to all who had helped to make the outing such a success.—A. J. H.

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MODERN WORK.

PEAL RINGING.

It is very certain that a big record in peals is going to be set up this year, for, with still six weeks to run, the total number of peals published up to this week exceeds by well over a hundred, the record figure of 1911. Last year the total number of peals accounted for in the Analysis was 1,739; those published in our columns this week bring the number up to the present for 1912 to over 1,860, so that it may confidently be expected that the Exercise will reach for the first time in its history 2,000 peals in 12 months. What a prodigious number! Thirty years ago less than 200 was the record, and nothing can testify more eloquently to the advance that has been made in the Art. Even in the last ten years the number of peals has advanced something like 40 per cent., but there has been no single year when the increase has been anything like as great as is promised now.

Compared with the performances of even a quarter of a century ago peals are now cheap, that is to say, ringers do not set the store upon them that they once did. In the early days the band that rang a 5000 held their heads very high, and had something to talk about for months; to-day a peal has to be something quite out of the ordinary to excite special comment. But this reduction in value of these performances does not deteriorate their merit. The Exercise has extended its boundaries, and the Art has advanced far beyond the dreams of our fathers. For every method ringer of three decades ago there are probably fifty to-day, and it is due not merely to the enthusiasm of individuals, but largely to the fostering care of the Associations up and down the country.

Peal ringing has risen with the status of the ringer, which brought, as it was inevitably bound to do, a better and more intelligent class of men—speaking generally, of course—into the Exercise. The type of man who is content with merely ringing rounds and call changes is rapidly disappearing, and, instead, we find in the belfry men, attracted by the Art, who are anxious to progress, who have ambitions and who are determined to excel. This spirit has spread, and will continue to spread throughout the land, and it is because there are more bands of proficient change ringers now discharging their duties that we see the great increase in peal ringing. Peals, as has often been pointed out, are not the be-all and end-all of ringing, but the healthy growth of this side of the Art is, we are convinced, only one of the effects of a greater interest in and a fuller appreciation of that other side of the work which should form the principal concern of the ringer, namely, the use of the bells in the service of the Church.

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TAUNTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 29 cwt. 3 qr. 20 lbs., in C sharp.

JAMES ROUTLEY	*Treble*	CHARLES R. LILLEY	6
HENRY J. CREED	2	*ISAAC CREED	7
ALFRED WYATT	3	JAMES BURGE	8
SIDNEY WYATT	4	JOSEPH FOWLER	9
SAMUEL P. MERSON	5	EDWARD WYATT	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* Fiftieth peal. The composition is now rung for the first time. It is also the first peal of Royal upon the bells and by all the band except the conductor, and was rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal of Royal in the county by resident members and by the Association.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 10½ cwt.

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

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

A. Cripps hails from Shipley, Sussex, and this was his first peal of Stedman.

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

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. SCOTT.

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

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM COOK	...*Treble*	JOHN WYATT	5
ALFRED H. WINCH	2	CHARLES READ... ...	6
JOHN H. WHITE	3	JOHN HOYLE	7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ...	4	ARTHUR DEAN	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by J. HOYLE.

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

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S No. 32. Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 25 lbs.

SAMUEL REEVES	...*Treble*	JOHN SMITH	5
DANIEL JONES	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ...	3	JOHN CARTER	7
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

The above peal was rung to commemorate the 73rd birthday of Mr. William Rock Small, his brother ringers heartily congratulating him on his attaining this age and expressing hopes that they would have the honour of ringing many more such peals with him.

BEACONSFIELD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

CECIL C. MAYNE... ...	...*Treble*	WILLIAM HORNE	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ...	3	ROBERT H. YOUNG... ...	7
JAMES W. WILKINS	4	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

FRANK JACOBS	...*Treble*	FREDERICK E. SMITH ...	5
*FREDERICK DAVIES	2	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	6
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN ...	3	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	7
GEORGE HOLLIS	4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal. F. Davies is only 16 years of age. First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW, LITCHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE... ...	...*Treble*	BART MITCHELL	5
*ARTHUR BRAINES	2	SAMUEL MASKREY	6
ALBERT H. WARD	3	JAMES PAGETT	7
CHARLES E. HART	4	WALTER WALLACE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* Aged 17. Rung on the occasion of the 103rd anniversary of the Derbyshire Royal Infirmary. This is the first peal of Cambridge Surprise ever rung in Derby. It is also the first peal in the method by all the band, except J. Pagett.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN C. SELF	5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON	2	DAVID G. WIGHTMAN ...	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ...	3	WILLIAM FLORY	7
HOBART E. SMITH	4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

PENTRE, RHONDDA.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE...	...*Treble*	THOMAS HAMLIN	5
GEORGE CROSS	2	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN	6
JAMES CROSS	3	TOM PAGE	7
WILLIAM PAGE	4	HENRY CRABBE ...	...*Tenor*

(No conductor mentioned.)

Arranged for F. Chamberlain, of St. John's, Cardiff. It was his first peal in the method. Also rung as a birthday peal to H. Crabbe

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY ...	...*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	JOHN CAPP	6
WILLIAM HILLMAN	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
HENRY STALHAM	4	KEITH HART	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

MALVERN LINK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER ...	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	5
LIONEL LONGNEY	2	JOSEPH BRETTELL	6
WILLIAM RANFORD	3	*CHARLES CAMM	7
ERNEST GIBBS	4	CHARLES L. SADLER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Conducted by LIONEL LONGNEY.

* First peal of Major. Rung on the conductor's birthday, the band wishing him many happy returns.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 25 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	5
*WILLIAM HEMPEL	2	WILLIAM STEEL	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN	3	ALBERT G. WARNES ...	7
BENJAMIN THOMPSON ...	4	WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

* First peal of Stedman.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLLIS' IRREGULAR FIVE-PART NO. 1. Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

HENRY NORMAN	...*Treble*	ISAAC CREED	5
HENRY J. CREED	2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS...	6
ROBERT SCOTT	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
FREDERICK NORMAN	4	JOSEPH FOWLER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Arranged for F. Norman, of Milverton. The ringers of treble, 3, 4 and 6 hail from Milverton; 2, 7 and tenor from Taunton and 5 from Norton Fitzwarren. The band wish to thank the Rev. W. T. Eustace for the use of the bells, and the local ringers for giving up their practice.

WRAYSBURY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, November 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

*WILLIAM E. NAPPER ...	...*Treble*	LEONARD STILWELL... ...	5
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Junr.	2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	6
ARTHUR BLAKE	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr.	4	HENRY BRANTS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal. The band tender their best thanks to the tenor man who stepped into the breach, when the band had met short.

BRIGHTON.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¾ cwt.

*ERNEST MARSH	...*Tenor*	THOMAS BURTENSHAW, Sen.	5
BERT CHALLEN	2	LIONEL SEARS...	6
CHARLES PALMER	3	EDMUND J. LINDUP ...	7
GEORGE ADES	4	HENRY STALHAM ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by E. MORRIS, and
Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal of Major.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	...*Treble*	JAMES M. BAILEY... ...	5
CHARLES SAMSON	2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	7
ALFRED KEEBLE	4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM LETTY ...	...*Treble*	ALEXANDER MCFARLANE...	5
*WILLIAM BRECKON	2	WILLIAM BROADLEY... ...	6
WILLIAM HOLMES	3	*WILLIAM HARLAND	7
JOHN GEORGE HALL ...	4	THOMAS METCALFE ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal in the method.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, Novewber 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Treble*	JAMES GARRATT	5
WALTER J. GERMAN	2	J. HUBERT HORN	6
ANDERSON Y. TYLER... ...	3	JAMES T. WARD	7
JAMES HOUGHTON	4	WALTER PERKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

Rung in memory of W. V. Newman, who died at Rushden, November 25th, 1911.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES J. TRICKER	...*Treble*	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ...	5
*GEORGE WARRINGTON ...	2	ALBERT E. GRAY	6
*SAMUEL PETTER	3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	7
JOHN B. HESSEY	4	HENRY R. STEVENS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 4th and treble, also to commemorate the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Hamblin.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN FLINT...	...*Treble*	THOMAS BETTISON	5
JESSIE J. MOSS	2	WILLIAM LAMBERT... ...	6
*CHARLES MASON	3	JOHN HOLMAN	7
GEORGE W. BEMROSE ...	4	*SAM THOMAS	...*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Norfolk Surprise.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

THOMAS H. COLBURN...	...*Treble*	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ...	5
DAVID WRIGHT	2	ALFRED T. JONES	6
WALTER S. WISE	3	LEONARD TAYLOR	7
WILLIAM A. J. IVES	4	*WALTER G. ROWE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

* First peal of Stedman.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

CHARLES H. RUSSELL	...*Tenor*	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 N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This peal was rung as a welcome to the new Rector, the Rev. J. Salmon, who was instituted to the living of North Stoneham on the 14th inst. It was also the birthday of Mrs. G. Williams, wife of the conductor.

STOURBRIDGE, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILLIAM HAND ...	...*Treble*	JOSEPH SMITH	5
FRED BRACE	2	JOHN BASS	6
THOMAS HEATHCOCK ...	3	ROBERT MATTHEWS	7
ALFRED DODD	4	WILLIAM A. PUGH ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal.

WORTLEY, NEAR SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN R. BREARLY ...	...*Treble*	R. WILFRED COLLIER ...	5
*ARTHUR HAGUE	2	SAMUEL WESLEY	6
*GEORGE F. BRADSHAW ...	3	JAMES EVINSON	7
ARCHIE BREARLEY	4	CLEMENT GLENN ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by R. WILFRED COLLIER.

* First peal in the method.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(STOCKPORT AND BOWDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELISABETH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12⅓ cwt., in F sharp.

*MISS EDITH R. BARNES	...*Treble*	†HAROLD JACKSON	5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	2	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ...	6
*JOHN EDWARD BARNES ...	3	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT	7
‡ALFRED BARNES	4	†JAMES BARNES	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALFRED BARNES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal in the method as conductor. Messrs. W. W. Wolstencroft and James Barnes were elected previous to starting. First peal by the Guild in which a lady has taken part. The best thanks of the band are tendered to Messrs. J. & J. E. Barnes and family for their kind hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

OTLEY, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED HARDWICK ...	...*Treble*	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	5
JOHN B. JACKSON	2	FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	6
JAMES A. TEALE	3	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ...	7
WILLIAM B. SMITH	4	*JOHN L. PHILLIPS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

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

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5216 CHANGES;

Tenor 13 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES MOTTS	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	2	*WILLIAM HEWETT	6
ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	3	FRANK I. HAIRS	7
*ISAAC EMERY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge, and the first in the method on the bells. I. Emery was elected a member previous to starting.

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

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S TEN-PART. Tenor 9½ cwt.

†DAVID G. ARCHER ...	...*Treble*	HENRY C. CHANDLER ...	5
GEORGE A. RANSOM... ...	2	THOMAS BEADLE	6
THOMAS J. BARKER	3	HENRY W. LIDBETTER ...	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	*JOHN HANKS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE ALFRED RANSOM.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. C. S. Bird.

BUCKINGHAM.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

*HERBERT EDWARDS ...	...*Treble*	HARRY SEAR	5
CECIL A. VALENTINE ...	2	WILLIAM WEBB	6
LAURENCE MEAGER	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	7
WALTER SEAR	4	RICHARD NICHOLS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HARRY SEAR.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method on the bells, and first peal in this branch by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, as master of the Guild. The band desire to thank the Rev. J. B. Kirby for the use of the bells and for his kind hospitality after the peal, which was rung as a birthday compliment to Harry Sear, son of the conductor.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE FRAMLAND SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 27 cwt.

*WILLIAM TURNER ...	...*Treble*	MARK BEND	5
CHARLES LAMB	2	REUBEN BEND	6
*DANIEL GILDEN	3	SAMUEL BAKER	7
ARTHUR WARD	4	HARRIS THORLBY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. LAMB.

* First peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

CARTER'S NO. 10. Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JOHN POTTER	...*Treble*	ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ...	5
E. ROGER MARTIN	2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ...	6
JAMES ARMSTRONG	3	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE ...	7
ROBERT SANDERSON	4	REGINALD L. INCE ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

The conductor's 50th peal of Stedman, and rung as a birthday compliment to his wife.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Parker's Six-Part.		Tenor 19½ cwt., in E.	
HENRY EVEREST	...*Treble*	SIDNEY HUNTLEY	5
EDWARD BRIDGER	2	ERNEST EVEREST	6
ALBERT LONGLEY	3	ELGAR KING	7
GEORGE EDWARDS	4	HARRY SEAL	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Arthur Wiles, a member of the local band.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, November 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 8 cwt., in A.

*GEORGE A. ANDREWS	...*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
ALFRED W. GRIMES	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
WILLIAM HEWETT	3	*WILLIAM J. NEVARD ...	7
*ISAAC EMERY	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

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

AN EDMONTON "SURPRISE WEEK."

The following peals were rung during a week's "Surprise ringing" by members of the All Saints' Society, Edmonton:—

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr.	...*Treble*	GEORGE RADLEY	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	GEORGE A. CARD	6
WALTER J. BOWDEN	3	JAMES PARKER	7
EDWARD F. COLE	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

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

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

On Monday, November 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	*JOHN THOMAS	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

WALTHAM ABBEY, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	JOHN THOMAS	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by MISS EDITH K. PARKER.

Rung in honour of Miss Parker's 21st birthday.

UPPER CLAPTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	JOHN THOMAS	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 C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

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

On Friday, November 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF NORFOLK SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

First peal in the method by all the band, and in the county. Rung at the first attempt.

EDMONTON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GLOUCESTER SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

ALBERT A. HUGHES ...	...*Treble*	GEORGE A. CARD	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
JOHN THOMAS	3	JAMES PARKER	7
JOHN H. BENSTEAD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by the REV. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

First peal in the method by the Association and by all the band. Rung at the first attempt.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWCHURCH, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

*THOMAS GRIMSHAW ...	...*Treble*	†THOMAS COOPER	4
GEORGE POWNALL	2	†JOHN YATES	5
EDWIN LEATHERBARROW ...	3	JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Squire Withington, of Culcheth Hall, who reached his eighty-first birthday on October 7th. Squire Withington has been a churchwarden since 1860, the greater portion of his official capacity having been spent at Newchurch Church. The above ringers have taken this, their first opportunity, of ringing a complimentary peal. They also wish him many happy returns and good health for the future.

NUTFIELD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*WILLIAM H. WOOD ...	...*Treble*	THOMAS S. LEESON ...	4
WILLIAM BASHFORD	2	*EDWARD SNELLING ...	5
FRED BASHFORD	3	FRANK HAWKINS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. BASHFORD.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. W. Wood was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of City Delight, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Oxford and Kent.

*JOHN PATMORE ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	4
†NATHAN PATMORE	2	HENRY WALLACE	5
BARNARD PATMORE	3	ARTHUR WOOLSTON ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by HENRY WALLACE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Barnard Patmore.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

*LUKE VERRALL ... ...*Treble*		*ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ...	4
*FREDERICK J. MARTIN ...	2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ...	5
*WILLIAM H. BANKS... ...	3	*JAMES MORLEY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. Also first peal on the bells by an entirely local band and rung at the first attempt. Great credit is due to the ringers who have only learnt to ring since Easter this year. They have received their instruction from the conductor. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Martin.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

THOMAS J. MORRIS ... ...*Treble*		EDWARD CAUNCE	4
THOMAS JENNION	2	JOHN TURNER	5
GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	JOHN ALLEN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

FRENSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of College Single, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

HENRY MILES ... ...*Treble*		ALFRED CROUCHER	4
CHARLES EDWARDS	2	HUBERT CHAFFEY	5
ALFRED CHUTER	3	JOHN HALL... ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

Great credit is due to the ringer of the treble, who is 60 years of age, and whose first peal it was, he having taken up method ringing only within the last few years.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD AND
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, St. Clement's Bob, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE ... ...*Treble*		THOMAS H. VALLANCE ...	4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ...	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	5
WALTER J. HORTON	3	E. HARRY STONELEY ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

First peal in seven plain methods by the Guild.

MARDEN, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*ROBERT WEAVER ... ...*Treble*		*WILLIAM BULLOCK, Junr.	4
*ERNEST DOWNES	2	WILLIAM SHORT	5
†ARTHUR DOWNES	3	JAMES LEWIS ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, College Exercise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, Burton and London Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN ... ...*Treble*		ALPHAEUS BERRY	4
EDWARD W. YOUNGS... ...	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
WILLIAM ROSE	3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by GEORGE CATTERMOLE.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

HENRY G. KETTLE ... ...*Treble*		CHARLES FREEMAN	4
*MAJOR HARRIS	2	FRANK E. PERVIN	5
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON ...	3	JOSEPH H. WHITE ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector, the Rev. Archdeacon Bree. The ringers wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Kettle for their hospitality after the peal.

BRANDON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED. A. POULSON ... ...*Treble*		PERCY FORDHAM	4
ALFRED MACRO	2	WILLIAM STANNARD... ...	5
FREDERICK SALTER	3	THOMAS FITZJOHN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

CLIFTON REYNES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK BOSWELL ... ...*Treble*		WILLIAM FREEMAN	4
JOHN LOVELL	2	FREDERICK J. MYNARD ...	5
HENRY W. GAYTON	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

GREAT COMBERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 22 lbs., in B flat.

*THOMAS SHEPPARD ... ...*Treble*		*GEORGE DOLPHIN	4
HARRY COLLEY	2	*JOHN DOLPHIN	5
JAMES HEMMING	3	FREDERICK JORDAN ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal of Minor.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

James Lewis	...*Treble*	William Short	4
Ernest Downes	2	*J. K. Armstrong	5
Arthur Downes	3	*Harold Barber	*Tenor*

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Conducted by William Short.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Bertram Prewett ...	1—2	Ernest Pye	5—6
George R. Pye	3—4	*E. Maurice Atkins ...	7—8

Alfred W. Grimes ... ... 9—10

Composed by J. Carter, and Conducted by George R. Pye.
Umpires: W. J. Nudds and J. Hunt.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At 43, Heath Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

George N. Price	1—2	*Charles N. Leman ...	5—6
George E. Howchin ...	3—4	Hubert Eden	7—8

Conducted by George N. Price.
Umpire, Thomas L. Simmons.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine 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 George Lewis, and Conducted by Clement Glenn.
Umpire: Joseph Atkin.

This is the conductor's 300th peal.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor size 11, in G.

*Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Arthur F. Shepherd ...	5—6
William Shepherd ...	3—4	†Frank I. Hairs	7—8

*Frank Bennett ... ... 9—10

Composed by George T. Daltry, and
Conducted by William Shepherd.
Umpire: Edwin F. Pike.

* First handbell peal of Stedman. † First peal of Stedman on an inside pair. First handbell peal of Stedman Caters by the above Association. Miss Bennett is the first lady to ring a working pair in a peal of Stedman, and the first to ring a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. 8 [illegible] 13

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, November 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Septimus Radford ...	1—2	Willoughby E. Maulden	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Composed by James George, and Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpires: T. W. Radford and W. Smith.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, November 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At 46, King Edward Road,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Thurstans' Four-Part.

Henry Hodgetts	1—2	*E. Maurice Atkins ...	5—6
George N. Price	3—4	William Hodgetts ...	7—8

Conducted by George N. Price.
Umpire, Thomas L. Simmons.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Willoughby E. Maulden	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Thomas W. Radford ...	7—8

Composed by John Carter, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Witness: Mrs. Pulling.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
At Commercial House,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
Willoughby E. Maulden	3—4	Frank Blondell	7—8

Composed by Arthur T. King, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire: Septimus Radford.

This was the conductor's 150th peal on handbells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANCES;

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Maurice Smither... ...	5—6
Alfred H. Pulling ...	3—4	Septimus Radford ...	7—8

*Willoughby E. Maulden ... 9—10

Composed by Fred G. May, and
Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpires: W. and S. Smith and W. Loader.

* First peal of Stedman Caters and first attempt.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. Pulling,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Holt's Original.

Miss Elsie L. Bennett	1—2	Alfred H. Pulling ...	5—6
†Willoughby E. Maulden	3—4	*William Smith	7—8

Conducted by A. H. Pulling.
Umpire, S. Smith. Witness, Mrs. Pulling.

* First attempt for a peal on handbells. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside pair. These four peals were arranged for Miss Bennett, of London, who was on a short visit to Guildford, and the Guildford handbell ringers take this opportunity of heartily congratulating her upon the excellent manner in which she rang, as also upon ringing her first peal of Stedman on the previous Wednesday in London.

The peal rung at Horton, Staffs, and recorded last week, should have been credited to the Stoke Archidiaconal Association. The peal of Grandsire at Sketty, on Oct. 26, by the West Wales Association, was Parker's 12-part.

LADY'S REMARKABLE PEAL RINGING FEAT.

A COMING-OF-AGE CELEBRATION.

Miss Edith Parker celebrated her coming-of-age in a very befitting manner last week, when, with the Edmonton band, she took part in a remarkably successful week of Surprise peal ringing. Out of seven attempts six peals in different methods were scored, Miss Parker conducting four of them, including the Superlative, London, New Cambridge, and the first peal of Gloucester Surprise by the Middlesex Association. The other two peals were Bristol and Norfolk. This was something like a birthday celebration. The band wish to thank the Vicars and ringers of the different churches for their assistance in making this such a successful week, especially the bands at St. John's, Waterloo Road, Clapton and Heston, who put off their practice in order to allow the peal attempts. Unfortuntaely the peal was lost at Waterloo, after half-an-hour's ringing. At Heston the band were entertained to supper by Mr. S. Carter, whom they wish to thank for his kind hospitality.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE RINGERS' CHAPEL.

A district meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Nocton, where there is a nice ring of six, on Saturday, and was well attended, members being present from Lincoln, Branston, Washingborough, Bardney, Heckington, Billingborough, and Metheringham, together with the local ringers.—The Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Chard), at some inconvenience to himself, arranged a special musical service, at which he gave a sound and practical address. Tea was provided by the Vicar, in the Village Institute adjoining the Vicarage, at which about 25 sat down.—After tea, the Vicar, in giving a hearty welcome to the visitors, opened a short business meeting, at which one honorary member and four ringing members were elected.—The District Secretary told the meeting of the Dean of Lincoln's remarks at the half-yearly meeting recently held at Gainsborough, about the ringers' chapel in the Cathedral, and urged the members to strengthen the Dean's arduous task by doing their utmost to swell the special fund set apart for the purpose of restoring the chapel.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, for his helpful address, and for generously providing the tea, was passed, to which the Vicar suitably responded.—Votes of thanks to the local ringers and the organist were also carried.—Some very creditable ringing, ranging from Plain Bob to Superlative Surprise, was done in the afternoon and evening.

GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.

The last meeting of the Gainsborough District for the year was held at Brigg, on Saturday, and was attended by members from Gainsborough, Scunthorpe and Winterton, in addition to some of the local company. Seven of the Gainsborough members proceeded first to Bigby, and had about an hour's ringing on the new peal of six, which Messrs. Warner and Sons have put in this year. They are only light bells (tenor about 6 cwt.), but the tone of them is excellent.—After a chat with the Vicar, who gave them a hearty welcome, and hoped they would pay them another visit on some future occasion, they returned to Brigg, where other members had already assembled. A short service was held in the Parish Church, and was followed by tea and the business meeting, at which the Rev. A. E. Bek (curate) presided.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had made the necessary arrangements, were passed, and responded to from the chair. The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

NORTH WESTERN DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the North Western division of the Essex Association was held at Bishop Stortford, on Saturday, by the kind permission of the Vicar of St. Michael's (the Rev. H. T. Lane). About 45 members put in an appearance from Bishop Stortford, Stansted, Saffron Walden, Sawbridgeworth, Harlow Common, Harlow St. Mary's, Walthamstow, Cambridge, Ickleton, Stapleford, Elsenham, Braintree, Great Totham, Little Munden, Rickling, and Chelmsford.—A short service was held, at which the Vicar gave those present some sound advice as Church workers.

Tea was held at the Chequers Hotel, and was followed by the business meeting.—Mr. F. Pitstow (District Master) presided, supported by Mr. W. Watts (District Secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association), and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Association Secretary). Mr. F. Pitstow was unanimously re-elected to the office of District Master. Mr. W. Watts was also re-elected district secretary. Mr. George Woodley, of Elsenham, was elected a ringing member. Masters Herbert William Watts and Walter William Watts were elected probationers of Stansted.—Saffron Walden and Waltham Abbey were proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote, Saffron Walden was selected.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for his address, and for the use of the bells. Ringing was kept up till 8.30, some good touches being brought round in the following methods: Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Treble Bob Royal, London and Cambridge Surprise, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

Just after going to press last week, we received the following spirited reply from Mr. G. Lindoff to the claim made in our columns by Messrs. N. J. Pitstow, C. H. Hattersley and H. Dains to certain compositions of New Cambridge Royal:—

Dear Sir,—In answer to Messrs. Dains and Co., I first of all most emphatically deny that they have the slightest claim to any of my peals of Cambridge or London Royal. They were composed, not from the valuable product of their ingenious brains, but from material that is common property to all.

That they may have used the same material does not give them exclusive right to it. Such material was in use before they were born, and will be used—and rightly so—in the far distant future. What they would really like, is to claim all that their hide might cover. Well, if they did, who would rounds belong to?

That two portions of their up to the present useless peals can be spliced together by the addition of a bob makes not the slightest difference to me. It is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal. I could easily demonstrate that their most marvellous productions are only a few bobs removed from some old peal of Bob Major, or how Mr. Dains obtained a twenty-nine course peal of Cambridge from the 14,000 of London. But I can employ my time better.

Remember now, Messrs. Dains and Co., I have some half-dozen of those peals, and it is a case of "Hands off."

Dublin. G. LINDOFF.

PRESENTATION TO A RYE RINGER.

The Rye Branch of the Sussex Association have lost the services of Mr. E. H. Whiteman, who has been a member of the band for several years, and who has taken up a position in Sheerness Dockyard this week. On Friday evening last, a farewell quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung in 45 mins., by: Messrs. S. Giles 1, L. T. H. Seers 2, H. G. Ticehurst 3, C. Price 4, G. J. Youngs 5, G. Kenward (Iden) 6, G. Billenness (conductor) 7, E. H. Whiteman 8.

At the conclusion of the ringing, a presentation took place. In the unavoidable absence of the Chairman of the Society, the Rev. A. P. Howes (Vicar), the Assistant Curate, the Rev. H. E. E. Laughlin, presided, and said he considered in Rye belfry they had formed a very happy kind of brotherhood. So many brotherhoods were interrupted and broken up, but they had, with closed doors, inaugurated quite a little monastic body, and in that case they were sorry to lose one of the members of that monastic brotherhood. He congratulated Mr. Whiteman on his new appointment, and was perfectly certain, from what he knew of him, that he was a brother they were sorry to lose. However, that he might not, on going to Sheerness, forget the belfry at Rye, the reverend gentleman asked him to receive a present of a handsome umbrella as a token of respect from his brother ringers (applause).

Mr. Whiteman, in acknowledging the gift, said he hoped to be with them on any occasion he might visit Rye.

A lengthy, but nevertheless good-humoured debate followed, the question for consideration being the election of a new member to fill the vacancy. Several probationers have the necessary qualification, which is to ring the treble through a 120 of Doubles. A proposal and two amendments were put forward, causing a somewhat tangled situation.

Ultimately, the majority were in favour of adjourning the matter until the annual meeting at the beginning of next year.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the business

ILKLEY CONDUCTOR'S DEATH.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Joseph Beanlands, of Hebor House, Ilkley, who died last Monday week, from pneumonia. The deceased, who was 51 years of age, was conductor of the Parish Church ringers for about 20 years, and was also a sidesman.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week, and as the mournful procession proceeded to the cemetery, the bells of the Parish Church were rung, muffled. On Sunday evening, with the bells fully muffled, except the tenor, which was open at backstroke, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by: S. Raynar 1, W. Cook 2, H. Verity 3, C. Stephenson 4, R. Richmond 5, J. W. Birkin 6, T. W. Crawshaw (conductor) 7, C. Spencer 8.

MR. ISAAC CREED'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Doubles, 12, conducted, 10 (including 6120 and 8160); Bob Doubles, 3, conducted, 3 (including 7440); Bob Minor, 3, conducted, 3; Treble Bob Minor in four methods, 2, conducted, 2 (including 5760); in seven methods, 8, conducted, 8; in ten methods, 11, conducted, 11 (including 7200); Grandsire Triples, 3; Bob Major, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 1; total, 50, conducted, 37. Rung in ten towers.

THE PEAL AT ROSS.

Mr. J. Austin, of Gloucester, writes: "In reply to Mr. Barnett's letter re the peal of Treble Bob, at Ross, the question of it being the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells was talked about after the peal, but for myself I never attach much importance to ringing the first peal in any method on bells, so long as you ring a good peal. That is the most important part. Perhaps, however, Mr. J. Clark could supply the correct information.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW MASTER OF THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Last week the members of the Ancient Society of College Youths elected their Master for the ensuing year, and their choice fell upon Mr. Thomas Faulkner, of Barking. Few men are held in higher respect in London ringing circles than the new Master, who has qualified for the honour accorded him, not only by passing through the minor offices of the Society, but by the possession of all the qualities which go to make up a good ringer, and of that interest in the progress and welfare of the College Youths which are so essential for the successful fulfilment of the duties. Mr. Faulkner was born at Grays, Essex, and moved at an early age to Barking, where he went



MR. THOMAS FAULKNER.

to the Church Schools, under the shadow of the tower of St. Margaret, and both by training and conviction he is a staunch son of the Church.

About 1892, when ringing at Barking was at a very low ebb, Mr. E. A. Davies undertook to form a new band, and in February, 1893, introduced about a dozen young men who had volunteered for the job. Amongst them was the present Master of the College Youths, who, with Mr. A. C. Hardy, were the only two to become ringers. But it laid the foundation of the present company. Progress, as usual in such cases, was slow, but rounds and call changes being mastered, the services of two College Youths, Messrs. Samuel Hayes and York Green, were requisitioned to teach change ringing. One or two quickly grasped the mysteries, and Barking in course of a few years possessed a change ringing band, since which time it has never looked back. At the period when the company was being built up there was a good band practising the standard methods at St. Mary-le-Stratford, Bow, E., and, attracted by the opportunity of further progress in the art, Mr. Faulkner made his way there. One of the most important lessons taught in that tower was the necessity of good striking, and it was amongst the College Youths who used to meet there that he learnt what real ringing was.

Mr. Faulkner rang his first peal on March 28th, 1895, at St. Mary's. Other peals quickly followed in various methods in different East End towers, and he took part in peals with the late J. M. Hayes, J. Pettit and M. A. Wood, and Messrs. Joyce, H. Springall, W. T. Cockerill and others. Amongst these performances were the first peals of Double Norwich, and first Surprise peals rung in the City of London. Mr. Faulkner turned attention to double handed ringing, with some success, and rang peals of Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters and Treble Bob Major "in hand" in a very short time. He conducted Holt's Original on handbells in 1897, and Harrison's 8896 Kent Treble Bob Major in April, 1899. A short time ago he called this latter composition on the bells of his own tower. He can do what few ringers can, namely, ring double handed on handbells any method that he can ring on tower bells, and as this includes the Surprise methods, his ability in this direction, it will be realised, is something more than the average.

He is a safe conductor, having a thorough knowledge of the theory of in and out of course of changes, believing this knowledge to be absolutely essential to any one who aspires to conducting.

Mr. Faulkner is opposed altogether to points for peals, and hopes some day to see the system swept away. He believes that the value and usefulness of a Society or Association is not accurately measured by the number of peals rung, but rather by the success of its meetings, the good fellowship of its members, the general interest which they take in its affairs, and by the quality and not the quantity of its ringing. If he objects to the point system, he is even more strenuously opposed to cup competitions, believing them to be a retrograde movement, savouring of the days of "Bell's Life." He holds that the highest type of ringer desires no other reward than that of a good conscience, and the satisfaction which comes from duty well performed.

In addition to his membership of the College Youths, whom he represents upon the Central Council, Mr. Faulkner has an official connection with the Essex Association, serving as an auditor and on both Peal and General Committees. He is also a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association, the Sussex Association, the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the London County Association, the St. Margaret's Society, Westminster, and the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich.

Outside matters campanological Mr. Faulkner, who is a bachelor, is interested in friendly society work. He is connected with the malting industry, holding an important position with Messrs. Randells (Maltsters), Ltd., of Mark Lane, London, Barking and Grays.

He has rung altogether 134 peals, of which 71 have been under the auspices of the College Youths. Appended is the list :—

ON TOWER BELLS.

Grandsire Triples	14	Conducted	8
Grandsire Caters	2	Conducted	2
Stedman Triples	23	Conducted	1
Stedman Caters	11	Conducted	1
Stedman Cinques	3		
Bob Major	4	Conducted	3

Kent Treble Bob Major	24	Conducted	12
Kent Treble Royal	7		
Kent Treble Maximus	2		
Oxford Treble Bob Major ...	1	Conducted	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal.....	1		
Oxford Treble Bob Maximus	1		
Double Norwich Major	21	Conducted	4
Superlative Surprise Major ...	5	Conducted	2
Cambridge Surprise Major ...	1		
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1		
Bristol Surprise Major	1		
London Surprise Major	2		
ON HANDBELLS.			
Grandsire Triples	1	Conducted	1
Grandsire Caters	1	Conducted	1
Bob Major	4	Conducted	3
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	Conducted	3
Stedman Triples	1		
Total	134	Conducted	42

ODD CHANGES.

A large clock with peal of eight bells has just been erected in Brilley Church, Herefordshire. The clock, fitted with all the latest improvements, was made by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby. The bells were cast by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank at the Whitechapel Foundry.

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Mr. C. H. Hattersley informs us (in regard to Mr. Hampson's inquiry last week) that the reason he placed No. 2 peal alongside No. 1 was to show the comparison between a false and a true peal. There is no doubt whatever about it being rung in 1889, as he himself conducted the peal, vide Yorkshire Association report 1888-89, No. 477. The No. 2 peal is considered by amateurs an easy one to call as a catch peal, it having no bobs before, nor is the 5th and 6th in the hunt at a course end, and also it has 2-3 the extent before.

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The premier lady handbell ringer, Miss Elsie Bennett, has added another to her laurels, by being the first lady to ring a working pair of bells to a peal of Stedman, and the first to ring a peal of Stedman Caters on handbells. This she accomplished on Wednesday week, and, during the week-end, added a nice little "bag" of peals to her total during a visit to Guildford, her birthplace.

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The band that went to Wraysbury, Bucks, for a peal last Friday were in luck's way. Having met short, they found a local tenor man ready to leave his tea to fill the gap in their ranks, although he had nothing to fill his breach. They rang the peal, and, when the fourth was being lowered afterwards, the rope broke. There's luck for you!

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The Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association held a very successful practice on Saturday at All Saints', Gosforth. It is hoped to arrange further practices on similar lines at other towers shortly, when an even larger attendance is expected. Time was devoted to ringing well-struck rounds with learners, as well as to Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob, and Stedman Triples. Seven towers were represented, and the meeting had the support of several prominent ringers in the North.

The tower of the Valparaiso University, Indiana, was set on fire by a sparrow, which picked up a lighted cigarette in the street and carried it to the belfry, where it ignited the straw in some old birds' nests.

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Sir Arthur Heywood has sent a donation of £10 to the funds of the Ladies' Guild.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

SUBSCRIPTION LIST.

The fund to which ringers throughout the kingdom are contributing in order to commemorate in a permanent manner the peal rung by the ladies at Cubitt Town will be closed on December 3rd, and intending subscribers are requested to send in their contributions as early as possible to the hon. treasurer, the Editor of "The Ringing World," Woking.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £3 11s. 5d.; Oakley, Hants, ringers, 1s.; St. Peter's, Wolverhampton, 1s. 3d.; Miss Bell Symonds, Lavenham, 6d.; St. Lawrence's, Alton, 1s.; St. Peter's, Ashton-under-Lyne, 1s.; Newcastle Cathedral Guild, 1s. 3d.; Kettering, 1s.; A. Hughes, 10s.; E. F. Cole, 2s. 6d.; Coseley Parish Church ringers, 2s.; Fulmer and Stoke Poges, 10d.; Woburn, 1s.; St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, 1s. 6d.; Titchfield, 1s.; York Minster, 1s. 3d.; Grandsire Doubles Party, Plymouth, 6d.; Shipton-under-Wychwood, 1s. 3d.; C. H. Jennings, Wyke Regis, 1s.; C. Walker, Wragby, 3d.; F. Atkinson, Wragby, 3d.; Macclesfield Parish Church Ringers, 1s. 6d.; Great Munden, 9d.; St. James', Leyland, 9d.; Chorley Parish Church, 8d.; a few friends, 4d.; St. John's Guild, Cardiff, 1s.; St. George's, Doncaster, 11d.; total, £5 7s. 8d.

MAYOR AND BELLRINGER.

Councillor Frederick Edwards has been installed Mayor of Tenterden, Kent. The new chief magistrate was born in the borough, and is 39 years of age. His Worship is a member of the Tenterden Branch of the Kent Association, but owing to the many public institutions he is connected with, and the large brewery business in which he is a partner, he only finds time to pay occasional visits to the belfry. Toward the close of the nineteenth century, change ringing at Tenterden was undoubtedly at its high water mark, and when participating in ringing with the company, one could rest assured that good striking would prevail. At that period, His Worship, having more leisure, was a consistent participator in the Art, and we think we are correct in saying his name figured in several peals. His brother Robert, also a partner in the brewery, was conductor, and like His Worship, is still interested in campanology, and renders service as far as his time permits. To mention the various organisations the Mayor is connected with, would be to mention almost everything that takes place in Tenterden. In the name of the ringing community, we congratulate him on the honour the aldermen and councillors have conferred on him, and wish him a pleasant term of office in the civic chair of Tenterden's ancient Corporation.

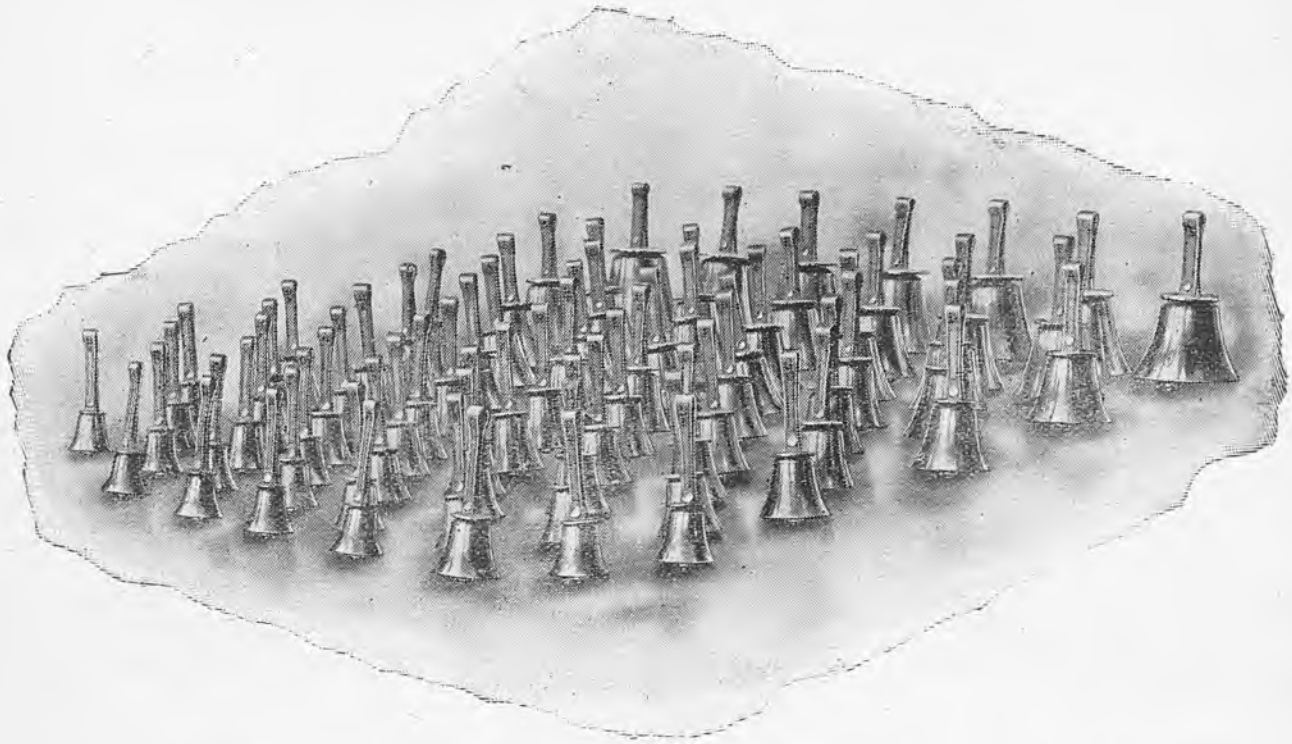
PLYMOUTH RINGERS' OUTING.

Ashburton and Totnes were the two places selected for the annual outing of the Charles' Church ringers, who were accompanied by the Vicar, curate, and people's warden. On reaching Ashburton tower, soon after 2.30, the good peal of eight were set going in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, and Bob Major, while a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples was brought round in 45 mins., by: W. H. Marsh 1, W. Hornbrook 2, R. Dobson 3, F. Hockaday 4, G. Stroud 5, W. G. Hiscott 6, E. W. Marsh (conductor) 7, F. Purse 8, the rest of the party meanwhile taking a tour round the town.

Totnes was reached in time for tea, after which Mr. W. H. Marsh, the leader, in a neat little speech, thanked the Vicar and wardens for their kindness in providing such an enjoyable outing, the Vicar, curate, and warden suitably responding. After tea, the band found their way to Berry Pomeroy, where they found another good peal of eight in readiness, but time only permitted them to ring short touches each of Stedman and Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, before the return journey had to be commenced. All agreed that it was one of the most pleasant outings the society had, and members wish to thank the Vicars of both Ashburton and Berry Pomeroy for their kindness in permitting them the use of the bells.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

(Continued from page 340).

[By W. H. F.]

On the Thursday, the sixth day of the tour, the secretary got his team to Woodstock in ample time, with a good man to spare, and to see us walk from the car to the tower, carrying on our shoulder a good strong bell rope in reserve, looked most business-like. The deserted appearance of the whole place did not indicate that reserved seats for our performance would be at a premium, neither did the gentleman who kindly "stood out" of this attempt, hear any betting odds laid against the success of it, as he stood in the churchyard amongst those forefathers of Woodstock who have backed mother earth for the final.

"Repent 'ere ye lie in the ground,
All you that hear my mournful sound,"

Saith the bell moulder, upon many an early Georgian bell, yet those very sounds depend upon skilful handling of earthly clay. Having read your peal columns, you will recollect who was "calling." We rang a jolly good "Thurstans" here—our peal, No 6—and you will probably say to yourself, as you read about it, see what a drilling he had, in that particular composition, under his predecessor.

Leaving the tower, we glanced at the Marlborough Gate and entrance to Blenheim Park and Palace, a little later taking luncheon at the Blenheim Restaurant, a comfortable place of refreshment, kept by Mr. J. Price, one of the local company. We were also met by several others, and received every encouragement in our efforts. Here two of our brothers took wings for Walsall and Stratford respectively, and we were sorry to lose either, but duty must be done. There were other more onerous and solemn calls to be made. The record of this peal coincides with the revival of the ancient Recordership of Woodstock, which extends back to A.D. 1453. On this occasion, Sir Thomas Snagge, the County Court Judge, having been appointed to the office under certain powers granted by Charles II, and granted to the Town Council in 1665. Perhaps we may also hear of the revival of the Woodstock bell foundry. We did not have time to discover the site, where Richard Keene cast Thame tenor in 1664, and Great Tom of Oxford in 1680. He appears to have been a most unfortunate bell-founder, "Tom" having been three times recast—twice through insufficiency of metal.

AT KIDLINGTON.

Boarding the car, at 2.30 p.m., once more we continued our route. On to Kidlington this time—that lofty tower and spire of tall memories. The Vicar, the Rev. A. C. R. Freeborn, M.A., chairman of the Witney and Woodstock branch of Guild, met us at the belfry, and gave us a hearty welcome, as did also Mr. F. Webb, foreman of the local band, and several of his colleagues. The bells and ropes were prepared for our attempt, and the performance here was a good one, bringing the total up to seven, and no Major had been scored on these bells since the famous long peal of Double Norwich. Calling at the home of the Webb's, we found Mrs. and Miss Webb rapidly preparing an enjoyable supper, other members of the local bell-hanging firm, transforming themselves into waiters, temporarily, owing to the limited time we had to stay. It was here and now we reverted to primitive means of locomotion—"left, right, left, right"—the leather "outer covers" of our rheumatic feet spanking along the hard road to the railway station, with a frosty ring. Our arrival at Witney, timed for 9.50, was some half-an-hour late, but the local ringers, in charge of Captain Monk, were waiting on the platform, and gave us a rousing reception. There was no time for making a legal application for an extension of hours at the Fleece. We, therefore, decided to acquire an hour, in order to initiate our two new arrivals into the ways of Witney, and when we had heard the tale of

"Ha, ha, ha, he, he, he;
Little brown jug, don't I love thee,"

the chimes of Witney had gone, and the Witney blankets were still vacantly awaiting their respective composers.

CLANFIELD AND FARINGDON.

Friday— "Why rise ye so early in the morning,
When ye tarry so long at night?"

"Twelve miles to run in a pair-horse brake, supplied by one Midwinter of Witney, and limited time in which to carry out the day's programme," was the reply. Settling with the host was soon accomplished, and I am happy to say there was no desire on his part to "fleece" his lambs when the score was reckoned up. The morning journey we found decidedly bracing, and so raised a heated political argument to keep ourselves warm, odds and ends, such as Tariff Reform and Home Rule, helping to pass time quickly. The village of Bampton was passed, and its fine peal of eight heavy bells. The tower had been asked for, but owing to illness, real or imaginary, we did not have leave to try a peal.

On reaching Clanfield, eight miles, we were met at the church by the Vicar, the Rev. W. N. Rainey. Superlative Surprise was thrice essayed, and abandoned, as it was better to ring a sound peal of Norwich than an unsound Surprise one, so accordingly our No. 8 was brought home. We were congratulated by Mr. Spindlow, who had come over to see the visitors, and the Vicar. We learnt that one of the bells was cast in a pit near the church, by James Keene, and we took a peep at St. Stephen (to whom the church is dedicated), carved in stone, at the S.E. corner of the tower.

(To be continued).

THE LATE MR. ARTHUR JACOB.

AN APPEAL.

An appeal is made, on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob, whose tragically sudden death a few months ago will be well remembered by ringers. The appeal is issued by the St. Mary's Ringing Guild, Hornsey, of which Mr. Jacob was a member, and the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Howell) writes:—

"The kind assistance of all ringers and friends of the late Arthur Jacob is earnestly invited, on behalf of the widow, who has need of our united help. This appeal is made in the hope that it may meet the eyes of many friends that knew the help he readily gave to others. All subscriptions will be gratefully received by either of the following: The Rev. Bernard Spink, The Rectory, Hornsey; Mr. F. Sherlock, The Ferns, Priory Road, Hornsey; Mr. Edgar Robins, 12, Church Lane, Hornsey, and duly acknowledged in this paper.

CAST 7,000 BELLS.

DEATH OF A LONDON BELL MOULDER.

At the age of 71 years, Mr. William Nadin, for 48 years foreman moulder in Messrs. John Warner and Son's bell foundry, died on Friday, November 8th. He entered the service of the firm in July, 1864, having previously served his apprenticeship at Stanton Ironworks, Staveley, Derbyshire, and during his lifetime moulded and cast close on 7,000 bells, representing a rough total weight of 2,250 tons.

Among the well-known heavy bells he cast were the tenor (46 cwt.) and 7th (30 cwt.), at Sherborne Minster, the tenors at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington (38½ cwt.); St. Mary's, Ipswich (30 cwt.); St. Nicholas', Liverpool (40 cwt.); Chester Cathedral (30 cwt.); Bath Abbey (35 cwt.); and hour bells for the following town halls, etc.: Bolton (82 cwt.); Sunderland (78 cwt.); Liverpool (40 cwt.); Hull (37 cwt.); Morley (34 cwt.); and Manchester Royal Exchange (63 cwt.). The last bell cast by him before he was taken ill was a 30 cwt. bell for Bournemouth Science and Art Schools.

This interesting old man, so well known to those who had the privilege of seeing him at his labours, was buried at Walthamstow Cemetery on Tuesday week, in the presence of his relations, and many of his co-workers.

A muffled quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung at St. Saviour's Church, Walthamstow, in the evening, in 52 mins., by: W. Radclyffe 1, T. King 2, F. Ringrose 3, F. A. Nunn 4, T. Groombridge 5, R. Runham 6, C. E. White 7, O. Twist 8. The inside bells were rung by seven members of the Spitalfields Foundry Guild, and owing to the sudden indisposition of one member, Mr. O. Twist, of the local band, kindly rang the tenor.

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 26th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 26th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. All at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Annual meeting, at Basingstoke, on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells (8) from 4 o'clock. Service in the Parish Church at 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Cottage at 6.—Francis G. Hume, District Secretary.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Great Addington, November 23rd; Higham Ferrers, November 30th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea, kindly let district secretary know.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, November 23rd. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Hertford on November 23rd, when the bells of All Saints' (10) and St. Andrew's (8) will be available. St. Andrew's before tea, All Saints' after. Tea in St. Andrew's Hall at 5.15, followed by business meeting.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS. — These bells will be dedicated on Sunday, November 24th, at the morning service. The tower will be opened for ringing on Saturday, November 30th, at 3 o'clock, no peals allowed. Tea will be provided, for all who send in their names, at 8d. per head.—Francis Robertshaw, Secretary, Coop Terrace, Heptonstall.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar. Important. The appointment of a delegate to the Central Council will be discussed at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

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. Isaacs), at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7.30. Members and friends heartily welcome. —H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Vicar a quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easton Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge, punctually at 5 o'clock, and followed by a business meeting. Members intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, the 27th. — J. Slarke, Towcester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Six Bells 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station 3.15, fare 1s. return. Members requiring tea, also a seat in the conveyance, kindly notify me not later than December 4th first post. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. Watson, secretary of the Blackburn branch of the Lancashire Association, has removed to 33, Langham Road, Blackburn.

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OBITUARY.

SELBY.—On Monday, November 18th, at Madan Road, Westerham, after only a short illness, Annie, the dearly loved wife of George B. Selby, aged 50 years.

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MESSRS. GILLETT and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.

Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

The disputed authorship of peals of New Cambridge Surprise Royal and the so-called London Surprise Royal does not seem any nearer solution. We publish a letter to-day from Mr. H. Dains in reply to Mr. Lindoff's, which appeared in our last issue, and, judging from the tone of both of them, neither side seems inclined to give way. Briefly the position is this. Ten years ago, when New Cambridge Royal first came to be practised, certain compositions to which Mr. Lindoff's name was attached, were rung. Now, after all this lapse of time, three well-known composers come forward and claim the peals, because the compositions were merely peals of Superlative, which they had previously obtained, reduced as to the number of courses by the addition of a bob. Mr. Lindoff refuses to admit the claim; Mr. Dains, on behalf of his confreres, persists, and there, it seems, the matter arrives at a deadlock.

When experts disagree, who is to decide? Here we have men at the very top of the tree, so far as composition is concerned, who are, apparently, determined each to maintain his claim. In commercial life, we suppose, the position has been reached when the rivals would have recourse to the law. In the Exercise we have no final court of appeal to decide matters of this kind when there is a disagreement. The Central Council have laid down certain general rules governing compositions, but it has always been left to rival authors to settle their disputes between themselves, and so, we presume, it must be in this case. But what is to happen when, as in this case, there is no agreement, and the Central Council, as they doubtless will some day, issue all the peals of Surprise Royal worth having as part of their collection of compositions? Somebody then will have to settle the knotty point.

In the meantime the Exercise are asking questions. One that has yet to be answered is why has there been ten years' delay on the part of Messrs. Pitstow, Hattersley, and Dains in making the claims? If they have only recently discovered the similarity of the peals is it not also allowable that Mr. Lindoff, when he put together the peals of Royal, was not aware of the existence of the peals of Superlative? We are not defending Mr. Lindoff, but those who are interested in these matters are really anxious to know how long it is since those who are now claiming the peals have been aware of the basis of the claim. Whether the peals are actually the same, or colourable imitations we will not attempt to say, but the Exercise is entitled, we think, when so much time has been allowed to pass without any claim being made, to know why it was made at this date.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE WATERLOO SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

JOHN C. TRUSS	...*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH	2	JOHN R. SHARMAN	8
JOHN D. MATTHEWS	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	4	JOHN N. OXBORROW	10
JOHN CARTER	5	JOHN W. GOLDING	11
JOHN THOMAS	6	JOHN NEAL	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN CHEESMAN.

This is the first peal on twelve bells by a band having all the same Christian name.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

HERBERT STANSFIELD	...*Treble*	CHARLES PAGE	7
HARRY HEAP	2	BENJAMIN GILL	8
CHARLES BOWER	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	9
TOM WILDE	4	ALBERT ADAMS	10
JAMES COTTERELL	5	SAMUEL WOOD	11
JOSEPH MELLOR	6	FRED SALMON	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

Messrs. Cotterell and Salmon hail from Halifax and Charles Page from Stoke-on-Trent. First peal of Maximus by the latter. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Cotterell.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

FRED G. MAY	...*Treble*	WILLIAM WHITE	6
WILLIAM LANSDOWN	2	*HENRY B. BURT	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	ISAAC LONG	8
FREDERICK W. WADE	4	HENRY HOWELL	9
ALBERT STOWELL	5	URIAH BRAVEN	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by F. G. MAY.

* First peal in the method on ten bells. Rung on the anniversary of the death of Alderman Whitsun.

BISHOP'S STORTFORD, HERTS.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5001 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM T. PRIOR	...*Treble*	FREDERICK PITSTOW	6
ALFRED E. PITSTOW	2	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW	7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW	3	HENRY F. COOPER	8
GEORGE JORDAN	4	HENRY J. TUCKER	9
NATHAN J. PITSTOW	5	WALTER T. PARISH	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by FREDERICK PITSTOW.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. J. Tucker and Mr. F. Pitstow.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANGES;

WILLIAM MILLS	*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	6
GILBERT GUEST	2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ...	7
SAMUEL SPITTLE	3	BENJAMIN GOUGH	8
WILLIAM GOODMAN	4	HARRY GOODMAN	9
HERBERT SHEPPARD	5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD ...	*Tenor*

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

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to William Goodman and Mrs. Herbert Sheppard. Messrs. W. Mills and B. Fullwood belong to Sedgley, B. Gough to Coseley, C. Wallater to Willenhall, the rest to the Dudley Parish Church company.

CREWE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr.	*Treble*	GEORGE HENRY CRAWLEY	6
RICHARD LANGFORD	2	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ...	7
JAMES HENRY RIDING ...	3	GEORGE HARDING	8
HARRY FURBER HOLDING ...	4	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.	9
ALBERT CRAWLEY	5	*RICHARD DEAN LANGFORD	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

* First peal of Caters. W. Weatherby resides at Market Drayton, Salop. For figures see C. C. C., page 41.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;
Tenor 19¾ cwt.

*WILLIAM LEESON ...	*Treble*	THOMAS MALE	6
WILLIAM MEEKS	2	STANLEY BRAGG	7
SAMUEL BRAGG	3	ROLAND BRAGG	8
EDWARD H. ADAMS	4	JOHN BRAGG	9
REV. C. CAREW COX ...	5	*ARCHER BRAGG...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the inauguration of the above Guild.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH.
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5076 CHANGES;
Tenor 36 cwt.

WILLIAM WOODHEAD...	*Treble*	*GEORGE MCHALE	6
ALFRED NAYLOR...	2	GEORGE TINGLE	7
HENRY LOCKWOOD	3	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ...	8
*JAMES A. SEALE...	4	*WILLIAM E. H. ASH ...	9
†FREDERICK W. DIXON ...	5	HENRY SMITH	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Caters. F. W. Dixon belongs to Guiseley, the rest to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to William Woodhead.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MARDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK HODGKIN ...	*Treble*	FRANK SHARP	5
DAVID HODGKIN	2	JAMES BEACH	6
EDWIN LAMBERT	3	GEORGE HADAWAY	7
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ...	4	CHARLES H. SONE ...	*Tenor*

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by CHARLES H. SONE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Sharp.

CUCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART, No. 1.

GEORGE GIBSON	*Treble*	G. APPS	5
F. ATTWATER	2	T. GASTON	6
A. ABSOLOM...	3	W. VINCENT	7
W. GIBSON	4	*G. WOODS	*Tenor*

Conducted by F. ATTWATER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. Hounsell (captain of the Cuckfield band) on completing his 70th year, and to the conductor. This peal was attempted on November 8th, F. Hounsell, conductor, but came to grief in the 3rd part through a miss-call. The ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th hail from Bolney, the remainder are members of the local band.

GATESHEAD-ON-TYNE.
THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN C. DIXON...	*Treble*	JOSEPH W. PARKER	5
THOMAS T. GOFTON	2	ERNEST E. FERRY	6
JOSEPH E. R. KEEN	3	REV. C. CAREW COX ...	7
ALFRED F. HILLIER	4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ...	*Tenor*

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

First peal in the method as conductor.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE, S.W.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER ...	*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ...	5
ARTHUR JONES	2	ALFRED JONES	6
†JOSEPH HERBERT	3	ARTHUR HARDING	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	4	*THOMAS H. BULLEN	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman Triples.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

HARRY MEETENS ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM HILLMAN	5
JOHN H. PAICE	2	ARTHUR ARNELL	6
HARRY EVANS	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... ...	7
ALFRED W. GROVES	4	BENJAMIN BASSETT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

WALLSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 24 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER HICK ...	*Treble*	*WALTER R. HUGHES ...	5
GEORGE SMITH	2	*EDGAR T. SMITH	6
*ALFRED ADAMS	3	*GEORGE PEATE...	7
*CHRISTOPHER WALLATER	4	THOMAS J. ELTON ...	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(Bowdon and Stockport Branch),
AND THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.
On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

Joseph Goddard	...Treble	Tom Wilde	5
Frank Hall	2	Isaac Sidebotham	6
Arthur Haughton	3	Rev. A. T. Beeston	7
John Harrop	4	Albert Hough	...Tenor

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by Rev. A. T. Beeston.

LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)
On Wednesday, November 20, 1912, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter-at-Arches,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 20 cwt.

John W. Watson	...Treble	*Charles H. Chester	5
*Ernest Vickers	2	William Clarke	6
Tom Pyle	3	John A. Freeman	7
George Chester	4	James W. Musson	...Tenor

Conducted by John A. Freeman.

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

SUTTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, November 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints, Benhilton,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

Edward Bryant	...Treble	Alfred Clayton	5
Joseph A. Lambert	2	Robert Grimwood	6
James Wignell	3	John Webb	7
George Rayner	4	James Warwick	...Tenor

Composed by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and
Conducted by John Webb.

Quickest peal on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs., in E.

*Isaac Hufton	...Treble	Frederic Rowley	5
Samuel Wesley	2	†William Thornley	6
Cecil J. Baker	3	*Henry Harrison	7
Joseph Hall	4	Edward C. Gobey	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. Gobey.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with bob bell. Also first on the bells and in the town.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Samuel Pearce	...Treble	Benjamin Gough	5
Daniel Jones	2	Albert Blundell	6
Walter Grinsell	3	Richard Dunn	7
Thomas Hughes	4	William Fisher	...Tenor

Composed by Henry W. Wilde, and
Conducted by William Fisher.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Grinsell.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(St. Margaret's Society.)
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven 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	George Wilson	5
Leonard P Bailey	2	James M. Bailey	6
Edgar H. Bailey	3	Charles Samson	7
Ernest S. Bailey	4	Charles F. Bailey	...Tenor

Composed by Gabriel Lindoff, and
Conducted by Charles F. Bailey.

Rung with the bells half muffled as a token of respect to the late William Taylor.

PERRY BARR, STAFFORDSHIRE.
On Thursday, November 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Holt's Ten-Part. Tenor 13¾ cwt., in F sharp.

Charles Davis	...Treble	†John Williams	5
†Francis Williams	2	George T. Mitcheson	6
William Cooper	3	Charles Williams	7
Morris J. Morris	4	*Charles H. Cook	...Tenor

Conducted by Charles Williams.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Calthorpe, of Perry Hall.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

Leonard Stilwell	...Treble	Bertram Prewett	5
Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn	2	Frank V. H. Sinkins	6
William H. Fussell	3	William Welling	7
Ambrose W. Osborne	4	Joseph Guttridge	...Tenor

Conducted by W. Welling.

First peal of Stedman as conductor. It is eight years since the ringer of the sixth rang his last peal. Through the medium of this paper the band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. Russell Napier, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

HILLINGDON WEST.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

Percy E. Jones	...Treble	Arthur Harding	5
George E. Harbour	2	Henry H. Chandler	6
George H. Gutteridge	3	Edgar Hancox	7
Joseph J. Pratt	4	Thomas Smith	...Tenor

Conducted by Edgar Hancox.

PRESTBURY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE CHELTENHAM AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 13 cwt.

James Major	...Treble	*Robert Court	5
Walter Yiend	2	†Arthur S. Boar	6
John F. Ballinger	3	Thomas Pendry	7
‡George Walters	4	*James J. Causon	...Tenor

Conducted by Thomas Pendry.
Umpire, Mr. G. H. Phillott.

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

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S. Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ...	...*Treble*	EDWIN F. PIKE	5
ARTHUR CHAPLIN	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
HAROLD BURTON	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
FRANK BENNETT	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

The band wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. H. Dale) for the use of the bells, and Mr. T. Dale for having everything in readiness, and regret that through indisposition the latter was unable to take part.

SALISBURY, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

SIDNEY MACEY	*Treble*	GEORGE WILLIAMS	5
HENRY W. WILKES	2	ALLAN R. MACDONALD ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING	3	GEORGE PRESTON	7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	4	LEONARD HARRIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS	*Treble*	JAMES GEORGE	5
JOHN W. CHANDLER	2	THOMAS BLOORE	6
FREDERICK J. COPE	3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ...	7
GEORGE ROBERTS	4	WILLIAM PARR	*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

This peal was arranged by the ringing master (Mr. James George) to celebrate the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild. With his usual thought for the encouragement to others, he asked T. Bloore to conduct the peal.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY	*Treble*	WILLIAM WELLING	5
JOSEPH J. PARKER	2	WILLIAM HENLEY	6
GEORGE MARTIN	3	GEORGE BASDEN	7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ...	4	GEORGE ALLDER	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Garraway was elected a member of the Guild before starting.

PINNER, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

WILLIE ROUGHTON	*Treble*	FRANK T. MARTIN	5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS	2	HUBERT EDEN	6
CHARLES L. LEMAN	3	GEORGE N. PRICE	7
HENRY HODGETTS	4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW	*Tenor*

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

This peal was rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. George Shipp (a member of the local company) and Miss Ethel Payne. It is the first peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now rung a peal on each bell in this tower.

BATH, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, TWERTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

LINDOFF'S NINE-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ...	*Treble*	SAMUEL J. HECTOR	5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD	2	WALTER FARLEY	6
GEORGE W. TEMPLE... ...	3	HENRY W. BROWN	7
THOMAS F. KING	4	LUTHER P. SMITH	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. BROWN.

CURRY RIVEL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'. Tenor 19 cwt.

GEORGE H. HEAD	*Treble*	*HENRY MACKRIDGE	5
*HENRY J. CREED	2	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ...	6
*ALBERT E. COLES	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	7
*FREDERICK ILEY	4	*ERNEST A. KNIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples, also first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar for use of bells, and Mr. W. Proles for having all ready.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS	*Treble*	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ...	5
EDGAR PEMBERTON	2	WILLIAM MOTTS	6
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ...	3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ...	7
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ...	4	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was rung with half-muffled clappers as a last tribute of respect to one who was held in the highest esteem by the members of the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich, the late Henry Hopson, Master of the Beccles company of ringers for a great number of years.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 13½ cwt.

*OSWALD J. HUNT	*Treble*	WILLIAM T. COX	5
JOSEPH H. WHITE	2	*CHARLES FREEMAN	6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON...	3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	7
†EDWARD H. JOHNSON ...	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	*Tenor*

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. † First with a bob bell. First peal of Stedman ever rung in the City of Coventry by a local band. Rung on the 5th anniversary of the founding of the Warwickshire Guild. Also on the anniversary of Mr. Freeman's wedding day.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM	*Treble*	RICHARD STREDWICK ...	5
ALBERT D. STONE	2	BERT CHALLEN	6
GEORGE GATLAND	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN CAPP	4	TRAYTON JEFFREY	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAH TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt.

THOMAS W. RADFORD	...*Treble*	SAMUEL SMITH	5
WILLIAM SMITH	2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ...	6
EDWARD RADDON	3	ALFRED H. PULLING ...	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	SYDNEY G. STEER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

This is S. Smith's first peal for nearly 14 years. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss B. Radford, daughter of the ringer of the treble.

WITHYHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK EADE... ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES BRASIER	5
WILLIAM H. JENNER... ...	2	JAMES A. HART	6
WILFRED BOOTH...	3	ALBERT REED	7
ROSSIGNOL EADE...	4	ALBERT W. MARTIN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES A. HART.

The ringers of the 2nd and 7th hail from Waldron, 3rd from Heathfield, 6th from Uckfield, 5th and tenor from Rotherfield, while treble and 4th belong to local band. R. Eade was elected a member previous to starting.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

*HENRY J. TUCKER ...	...*Treble*	ARTHUR B. WIFFEN ...	5
GEORGE JORDAN	2	THOMAS J. WATTS	6
THOMAS JORDAN	3	WILLIAM T. PRIOR	7
WALTER PRIOR	4	WILLIAM WATTS ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

* First peal in the method.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 21 cwt.

THOMAS A. TURNER ...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK DAY	5
WILLIAM ROSE	2	GEORGE E. DAY	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	ERNEST F. POPPY	7
ALPHÆUS J. BERRY	4	FREDERICK WATLING	...*Tenor*

Composed by REV. J. H. PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*JAMES TYLER	...*Treble*	*ALFRED PLANT	5
EDGAR T. SMITH	2	THOMAS HILL	6
*EDGAR MARLOW	3	EDWIN J. TYLER	7
*CHARLES TYLER	4	*AMOS COOPER	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method. J. Tyler was proposed a member of the Society previous to starting. The above peal was J. W. Parker's Five-Part, published in "The Ringing World," May 19th, 1911.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

PASSENHAM.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ANTELOPE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

*PERCY GRANT	...*Treble*	HARRY RIDGWAY	3
†EPHRAIM WYATT	2	LEONARD SMITH	4
*FRED CANVIN ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by EPHRAIM WYATT.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Rung as a compliment to the conductor on his 21st birthday.

HEVINGHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being twenty-one 120's each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.
Tenor 14 cwt.

HORACE BEANE	...*Treble*	GEORGE FARROW	3
WALTER SAVAGE	2	WALTER ALLEN	4
WALTER C. MEDLER ...	*Tenor*		

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

EATON SOCON, BEDS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Single Court, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS H. IRONS ...	...*Treble*	SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ...	4
GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	2	HERBERT FIELDS	5
SIDNEY J. PECK	3	EDMUND C. CHASTY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

CASTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CROSS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILFRED FISHER ...	...*Treble*	JOHN MURRELL	4
*WILFRED ALLEN	2	EDGAR HUNT	5
HERBERT MASON	3	WILLIAM ADCOCK ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ADCOCK.

* First peal of Minor.

STANTON-BY-DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 11 cwt., in G.
Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob.

SAMUEL WESLEY ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD C. GOBEY	4
WILLIAM HALFORD	2	CECIL J. BAKER...	5
JOSEPH HALL	3	*WILLIAM THORNLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal in seven methods away from the treble.

BOZEAT, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 42 Six-scores. Tenor 17 cwt.

HENRY W. GAYTON ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES FAIREY	3
ARTHUR MINNEY	2	EDWIN JONES	4
HARRY FOWLER	*Tenor*		

Conducted by HARRY FOWLER.

This is the first peal ever rung on the bells.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In fourteen methods, being 360 each of Cambridge Surprise, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, London, Burton, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, New London Pleasure, Duke of York, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE CATTERMOLE	*Treble*	ALPHÆUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	*LEONARD LAST	5
*WILLIAM CLOVER	3	WILLIAM ROSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

* First peal in fourteen Treble Bob methods.

SELLINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and five 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	*Treble*	GEORGE FULLER	4
*FRANK TURK	2	ALBERT RELFE	5
JIM BEACH	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal on an inside bell. First peal on the bells. The ringers were kindly entertained to tea previous to the peal by the Vicar, who also supplied them with light refreshments after, for which the band tender their sincere thanks.

BIDDULPH, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Killamarsh Surprise, College Exercise, Duke of York, Woodbine and Oxford.

HENRY WHITEHURST	*Treble*	ERNEST TIGWELL	4
JOHN E. WHEELDON	2	DANIEL PRESTON	5
CLEMENT POINTON	3	JONAH COTTRELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by J. COTTRELL.

First peal as conductor. Messrs. Pointon and Preston hail from Bucknall, and Wheeldon from Norton.

SHEEPY MAGNA, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

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

ROWLAND O. POLLARD	*Treble*	THOMAS H. VALLANCE	4
WALTER J. HORTON	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN	5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the fifth anniversary of the formation of the Guild.

DARFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford, Violet, Duke of York, London Scholars' Pleasure, Roystone Delight, College Pleasure and Arnold's Victory.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*CHRISTOPHER WALKER	*Treble*	ARTHUR PANTHER	4
FRANK ATKINSON	2	ARTHUR GILL	5
WILLIAM WOODCOCK, Junr.	3	*CHARLIE WALSH	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WOODCOCK.

* First peal and rung at the first attempt. First peal by the Association on the bells. C. Walker was proposed a member of the Yorkshire Association before starting.

SHENLEY, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH)

On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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.

Tenor 18 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.

Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Yates. The ringers desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. R. Vincent, chairman of the Branch), for the use of the bells; also Mr. G. Clarke for having everything ready.

BRETFERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being fourteen 360's, seven each of Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN PERKINS	*Treble*	†FRANK MOSS	4
*LOUIS SPARROW	2	FRANK COOK	5
RAYMOND YOUNG	3	*JAMES ADDIS	*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

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

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, November 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

ERNEST PYE	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	7—8
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	JAMES HUNT	9—10
BERTRAM PREWETT	5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES	11—12

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: W. J. NUDDS.

Messrs. White and Powell also heard the greater part of the peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD	1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	WILLIAM SMITH	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.

Umpire, S. SMITH. Witness, MRS. PULLING.

ALDERSHOT PEAL BOARD UNVEILED.

The first 5040 ever rung in the Parish Church of Aldershot is recorded in the tower on a peal board which was unveiled on Saturday week by Mrs. Robertson. In performing the ceremony, Mrs. Robertson expressed the great pleasure it gave her to come amongst the ringers She said she considered it an honour in being asked to unveil the board, and she complimented the band upon the performance, remarking upon the pleasure most people got from hearing the bells ringing.—Mr. C. Edwards proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Robertson for her kindness, remarking that it was always an encouragement to ringers to have ladies visit the belfry.—Mr. W. Fisher seconded the motion, which was heartily carried.—In the unavoidable absence of the Vicar, the Rev. Kettlewell conducted the ceremony.—The board is oblong, with sections for four peals, and all the work in connection with it has been done gratis. Mr. Croucher procured the wood and painted the board, Mr. Levett put the board together, and Mr. Warner kindly did the writing, which is in gold leaf.—Afterwards, a peal of Minor in four methods was rung, four members of the local band taking part.

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THE TENOR BELL, SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL,
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.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.

ESTIMATES SUBMITTED

For Rehanging, Retuning and Recasting.

Musical Handbells in sets, Bell Ropes, &c.

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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A BLIND RINGER.



MR. RICHARD PHILLIPS, OF DEVIZES.

The above picture is from a photograph of the band that rang a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's Church, Devizes, on Sept. 14th last, and the chief interest in it lies in the fact that the tenor man, Mr. Richard Phillips, who is holding the bell rope, is totally blind. Such a performance is a wonderful achievement, and as Mr. Phillips' ringing career has not been without interest, we give some particulars of it.

Mr. Phillips was born on the 25th March, 1850, at Potterne, a small village closely adjoining Devizes. When about eight years old his parents removed to Devizes, and the remainder of his life has been spent in that town. For some years he worked for the Devizes Corporation, and he married and brought up a family. His ringing career commenced in May, 1872, at St. Mary's, Devizes, where he first learnt the noble art, and for many years he was attached to that tower. At a comparatively early age his sight became defective, and although he visited a London hospital, nothing could be done for him, and his vision gradually became totally eclipsed. Despite this infirmity, he kept up his activity in ringing. In August, 1886, he was appointed steeplekeeper at St. John's, the Parish Church, a post which he has held ever since.

In the year 1876, a society was formed at St. John's, entitled "The Devizes Amateur Bell Ringers Society," which carried on the ringing at that church for many years. Little or nothing, however, was ever attempted in the way of change ringing until the year 1893, seven years after Philips' appointment as steeplekeeper. In that year, several younger men, who took an interest in ringing, came to St. John's, and two years later the old amateur society was re-formed under the title of "The St. John's Change Ringers' Association." From that time to the present date, change ringing has flourished at St. John's, and Grandsire Doubles, Minor, and Triples, Stedman Doubles, Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, etc., have from time to time been taught and rung in the tower. Two of the ringers who assisted in the reformation of the old society, took part in the peal at St. John's on the 14th September, namely, S. Hillier and C. D. Heginbotham.

Mr. Phillips, by this time entirely unable ever to see the ropes, still continued to act as "tenor man" under the new regime, and gradually, by ear, and learning the rules, constantly taught to beginners in the belfry, could take an inside bell in Grandsire Doubles, and even in a plain course of Triples. He can conduct Doubles, and can ring Triples double-handed on handbells. He has rung in many of the local towers, and even as far afield as Salisbury, Reading and Bath. Steady as a rock on the tenor, he keeps splendid time in a peal. He has travelled widely throughout the district with various companies of Christmas handbell ringers, and both in tunes and changes is thoroughly reliable.

His agility among the bells in muffling or tying clappers, etc., whether the bells are "up" or "down," is little short of marvellous, considering his lack of sight. When the new iron frame was put in at St. John's some years ago, he felt his way over it, and became in a short time as much at home with it as on the old wooden one he had known so long. He has had some wonderful escapes in the tower. On one occasion, when leaning over a large bell that was "up," to feel what was wrong with the clapper attachment, someone pulled the bell off, and he fell into it and came down into the pit without being seriously damaged.

The members of the band, who appear in the photograph are Messrs. C. D. Heginbotham, C. Raison, G. H. Harding (conductor), S. Hillier, A. K. Harrison, S. J. Hector, T. F. King, and R. Phillips.

CONGRATULATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Kindly allow me to congratulate Miss Edith K. Parker on her most extraordinary skill in ringing and conducting Surprise methods, and also Miss Elsie L. Bennett on her handbell ringing. There are many experienced ringers who would be proud to have such a record to their name.—Yours truly,

JOHN CARTER.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

One needs to be wary in adding footnotes to peals. Mr. W. Bibby, of Frodsham, writes that the recent peal at Reddish was not the first by the Chester Guild in which a lady has taken part. Miss Gillingham, of Portishead, rang the second in a peal of Grandsire Triples at Frodsham on September 13th, 1912. And again, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse informs us that the claim to the peal at Taunton as the first of Royal by the Bath and Wells Association cannot stand. On December 30th, 1911, a peal of Forward Royal was rung by the Association at Wrington.

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The Warwickshire Guild has just completed five years' existence. It is certainly a thriving institution, and has at its head some enthusiastic officers. With men like Mr. James George as Master and the Rev. C. Carew Cox as honorary secretary at the helm its future is assured. No fewer than four peals were rung on Saturday to celebrate the birthday, while two others were lost.

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Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have just completed the rehanging of the eight bells at Barnet Parish Church (tenor 24 cwt.). The bells were cast at the Whitechapel Foundry in 1892, and the work just finished included rehanging with new gudgeons and bearings, and strengthening the supporting beams. The work has given every satisfaction. The re-opening took place on Sunday morning, when Canon Papillon preached. A quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung by W. D. Smith 1, W. Baldwin 2, A. A. Hughes (conductor) 3, J. Thomas 4, W. Soer 5, A. F. Milne 6, A. Hughes 7, R. Roffe 8.

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The peal at Crewe last Saturday was rung to commemorate the first peal rung on the old peal of eight by local men. Three of the band who took part in that peal 21 years ago were in the Grandsire Caters on Saturday, viz., Messrs. Harding, Holding, senr., and Langford.

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Mr. Justice Cherry still takes part in the ringing at St. Patrick's, Dublin, whenever his duties permit, and on a recent Monday, for practice, rang the 9th in a 1033 Stedman Caters.

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The naming of the methods in the Collection of Legitimate Minor Methods is gradually being completed. At Christ Church, Bacup, they have just rung No. 19 of the Surprise methods, and if no one has previously named it, the band wish to call it Bacup Surprise. In reply to Mr. Lomas, we are not aware that 10, 12, 13, 20 and 21 of the Surprise methods have been named, but the Sandiacre men have designated No. 11 Sandiacre Surprise, and No. 18 has been named Lancashire.

ST. PETER'S BELLS, COLCHESTER.

The following sums towards the fund for rehanging the bells at St. Peter's Church, Colchester, are acknowledged: Per Mr. W. Button, 4s.; per Mr. G. Burch, 5s.; per Mr. G. W. Dixon, 7s. 6d.; per Mr. A. Burch, 12s. 3d.; per Mr. F. L. Bumpstead, 16s. 9d.; per Mr. W. J. Schofield, £1 14s.; per Mrs. H. T. Pye, 5s. 3d.; per Mr. H. T. Pye, Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Gt. Totham), 5s.; Mrs. W. J. Packe, 5s.; Mr. W. J. Nevard (Gt. Bentley), 16s.; smaller sums, 19s. 3d.; total, £6 10s. Further donations will be thankfully received and acknowledged by H. T. Pye, 49, Wickham Road, Colchester, to whom collecting cards should be returned

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The fund, to which ringers throughout the country are invited to subscribe, in order to erect a peal tablet to commemorate the Ladies' Peal at Cubitt Town, will be closed on Tuesday next. Intending contributors are therefore reminded that subscriptions should be sent in to the Editor of "The Ringing World," who is acting as Hon. Treasurer, by that date. The individual contribution is fixed at One Penny, in order that it may be as widely representative as possible.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £5 7s. 8d.; St. Alkilda's Guild, Middleham, 1s. 4d.; Nuneaton, 1s.; Wrington, 9d., Stowmarket, 1s.; St. James', Grimsby, 8d.; Mr. H. Dains, 5d.; Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, 2s. 6d.; Edinburgh Cathedral Guild, 1s.; Burnley ringers, 8d.; Hitchen and Hertford, 1s. 4d.; Royston, 7d.; Burgess Hill, 7d.; Cambridge Youths, 4d.; St. Andrew's, Derby, 1s.; Staveley, 1s. 2d.; Old Hill, Staffs, 1s.; total, £6 3s.

THE FIRST "NAME" PEAL OF CINQUES.

HOW THE JOHNS SUCCEEDED AT CRIPPLEGATE.

Some months ago, when two Johns met, the conversation turned upon the John peals, rung some few years ago, and one reminded the other that while the Williams and the Thomases had rung peals of Caters, this was a performance to which the Johns had not turned their hand. "Hadn't we better see about it?" asked the one. "I don't know," replied the other, "I think we had better go the whole hog and make it Cinques while we are about it." And that is how the peal rung last Saturday came to be attempted.

Now, John is a fairly common Christian name, but it is not so easy as one might think to get together on an appointed day twelve of them capable of ringing Stedman Cinques. But a dozen were found ready to turn up at Cripplegate before two o'clock last Saturday afternoon, and the Rector (Prebendary Barff) having kindly given permission for the use of his bells, these twelve men assembled determined to outdo anything before attempted in the nature of a "name" peal. They came from many quarters, and it was an extremely happy circumstance that one of the greatest investigators in the Stedman method—John Carter, of Birmingham—was able to be in the band. The others were: Johns Truss (Marlow), Goldsmith (Woking), Cheesman (Greenhithe), Hesse (Teddington), Neal (Birmingham), and Matthews, Thomas, Armstrong, Sharman, Oxberrow, Golding, of London.

The company represented many societies, and there was first a question as to whom the peal, if rung, should be credited. When hands were held up it was found that the Waterloo Society could claim more than either of the others, and so the Waterloo Society, for whom the Johns had rung their two previous peals, had it. There were only two members to be elected, and after that had been done there came the "feeler," and a jolly good "feeler" is was, too.

Those well-struck rounds completed the confidence of the band—if any had been lacking—in their ability to strike the bells well, and then off they went into the method as if to the manner born. One might have imagined that that band had rung together on Cripplegate bells for years, instead of being a scratch party, who had never together pulled off a peal of twelve bells before. And so the courses rolled up, until, after 3 hrs. 40 mins., the bells ran into rounds. The Johns were pleased with themselves. They thought they had done pretty well, and they were more than satisfied when the listeners outside were equally emphatic as to the quality of the ringing. "One of the best peals of Stedman Cinques I ever heard," was the comment of one well-known London ringer.

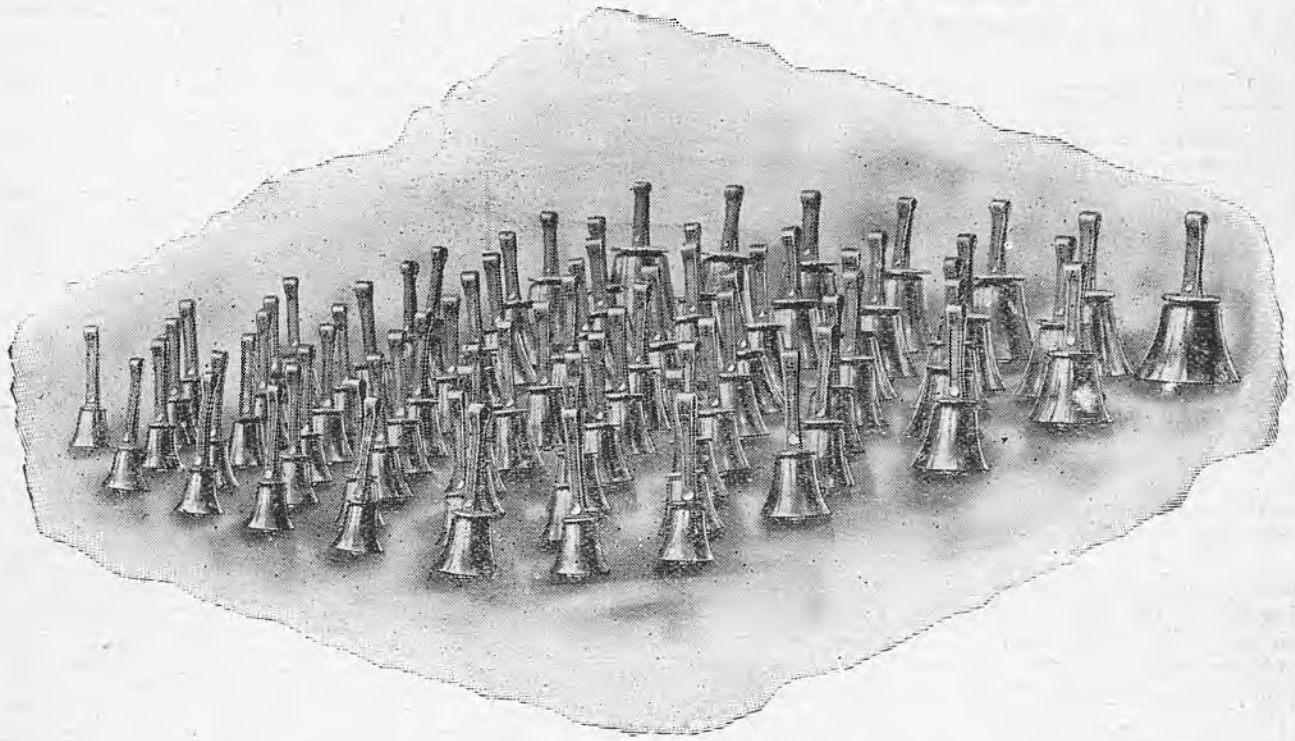
Thus have the Johns set up another record. They were the first to ring a "name" peal in a Surprise method, by scoring London at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 2nd, 1904, and they followed it up with Superlative, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on March 18th, 1905. The Cinques last Saturday was their third peal, and it is worthy of note that each has been rung at the first attempt.

The ringers desire to express their thanks to Prebendary Barff for placing the bells at their disposal; Mr. C. H. Ward, the obliging steeplekeeper, for his attention, and also Messrs. Warner and Sons (who are shortly going to rehang the tenor in a new iron headstock) for having overhauled the bells in readiness for the peal.

THE LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Holbeck on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Bramley, Calverley, Hunslet, Headingley, Mirfield, Pudsey, Shipley, Wakefield, and the local company. An attempt was made for a peal of Stedman, but was unsuccessful, and touches of Treble and Bob Major were afterwards rung.—The business meeting was held in the Parish Room.—Mr. J. Broadley occupied the chair, in the absence of the president.—The next meeting was arranged for Bramley, on December 14th, but it has unavoidably been postponed to December 21st. The peal arrangements for this day have been left to the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Holbeck for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers, was proposed by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. A. Sharman, and carried. The tower was then again visited, and further ringing done.

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THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

WHAT THE GUILDFORD DISTRICT HAS DONE.

One of the best organised branches in the Winchester Guild, the Guildford District, can claim in affiliation all the towers with six bells and upwards within its area except two, and at the annual district meeting, held at Guildford, on Wednesday week, the members showed their interest in the organisation by turning up to the number of about 100. There was ringing in the afternoon at S. Nicholas' Church, and subsequently the Guild's Service was held at St. Mary's, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, assisted by the Rev. C. E. Nuttall. The preacher was the Rev. C. E. Matthews (Master of the Guild), who took for his text the words, " A three-fold cord is not quickly broken." He found an illustration in the three strands of a bell rope, and drew a parallel between that and the three Christian virtues, faith, hope and charity. These virtues, he pointed out, ought to be found in the life of every ringer.

After tea, which was partaken of at the Star Hotel, the business meeting was held.—Col. Hughes, who presided, gave an interesting account of bells he had seen in different parts of the world, and he reminded the members of the Guild that the bells at Holy Trinity Church, which are being rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., will be rededicated on December 29th by the Bishop of Winchester.

The Master congratulated the ringers of Holy Trinity upon the success of their Restoration Fund collections.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones), in his annual report, referred to the meetings and practices that had been held during the year. The Godalming band, he added, had been reorganised during the year, and would doubtless soon begin to swell the peal records. Cranleigh had kept up their standard, but undoubtedly the Farnham neighbourhood, and especially the Aldershot band, had made most progress. The strength of the district was 41 hon. members (a loss of two), 222 ordinary members (a loss of 38, mainly due to subscribers more than two years in arrear being struck off the list), and 28 towers (a gain of two —Ash and Aldershot). At the end of the year there would probably be a balance of £9 or £10 on the right side.

The Ringing Master (Mr. A. H. Pulling) followed with his report—also satisfactory. During the year, it said, 15 peals on tower bells had been rung, and 53 on handbells. Visiting bands had rung two peals of London Surprise at Godalming, and 35 handbell peals. Mrs. Whittington had rung her first two peals, Mr. Edwards, for the first time in his career, had conducted Stedman, and Mr. Mills, of Frensham, at the age of 60, had rung his first peal—all very successfully (applause). Mr. Pulling eulogised the work of Mr. Edwards, who, he said, had ably worked up the Farnham district.

THE OFFICERS.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Chairman, Mr. C. Willshire; ringing master, Mr. A. H. Pulling; auditor, Mr. W. H. Tunnell (Merrow); chaplain, Rev. W. W. S. Fleet; secretary, Mr. J. J. Jones (Guildford).

Mr. J. Hunt, having left the district, there were three names submitted for the two places on the Central Committee. Mr. R. Whittington (Cranleigh) was re-elected, and Mr. C. Edwards (Farnham) was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Cranleigh was decided upon as the venue for the February meeting, Binsted for April, Puttenham for May, Godalming for August, Guildford for the annual meeting in November, and Merrow for the first combined practice.

Mr. Sanders (Shere) raised the question of the amount at which the annual subscription should be fixed. He averred that 2s. a year was too much. Plenty of men could not afford that sum, and there were several guilds which only charged 1s. He did not consider they got much for their 2s. Besides the Guild had balances amounting to nearly £100.

Mr. Jones pointed out that the members got one tea free, four at half-price, and 2s. 6d. each train fare for the annual meeting at Winchester. One side of the balances they could not touch except for restoration and similar work. The other was reserved for grants and helping members with their expenses. If they reduced the subscription by half they would be bankrupt next year (laughter and applause).

The feeling of the meeting was obviously antagonistic to Mr. Sanders, who allowed the matter to drop.

Mr. Pullen brought forward the matter of sending representatives to the next meeting of the Central Council, which is to be held at Newcastle. He suggested that a recommendation should go to the committee that no representative should be sent.

Mr. George Williams (general secretary of the Guild) pointed out that such a recommendation would be ultra vires, as the representatives were elected for three years, and it was for them to decide whether they would attend.

Mr. C. Willshire (one of the representatives) said the matter had been spoken about among the representatives, and he thought that not more than one, if any, would go.

Mr. Williams gave an interesting account of the early peals of the Guild, which was formed in 1879. The first peal was rung at Guildford in December, 1881, but the second was not rung until January, 1884, at Soberton. He gave details of the Guild's " firsts " in various methods, and introduced some touches of humour in describing the peal ringing experiences of those early days. With many of the incidents he was personally connected, and the members followed his narrative with interest.—At the close, he was accorded a hearty vote of thanks, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Jones.

A resolution was also carried to place on the minutes, the appreciation and admiration of the members at the successful performance of the record handbell peal at Guildford recently.

Subsequently a convivial evening was enjoyed, some good songs and recitations being given by the Rev. G. Harding, Messrs. F. E. Dawe, T. Mack, W. Day, G. Elstone, T. White, E. Etheridge, S. Marshall, A. Bennett, etc.

BASINGSTOKE DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Basingstoke district, on Saturday, was very successful. In spite of threatening clouds, a goodly number assembled in the belfry, about 4 o'clock, when the bells were at once set going in Triples, with a few six-scores thrown in for the benefit of the less advanced. At 5.30, a bright service was held in the church, and afterwards no less than 52 good ringers and true sat down to the excellent knife and fork tea, served so well by Mr. Philpott. Men came from Basingstoke, Andover, Oakley, Rotherwick, Overton, Dummer, Sherfield, Heckfield (who turned up in full force), Bramley and Whitchurch, whilst several visitors honoured the feast. The Vicar, Dr. Boustead, presided, and said grace, after which the call was, " Go! Basingstoke Delight Caterers." This meal has the bread and butter and cake, the extent each way after the ham, in the handstroke " eat'ems " position; and is now performed for the sixth year in succession at Basingstoke. As soon as " That is all " came up, the secretary proposed a very hearty vote of congratulation, supported by the President, to Miss Alice White and Miss Eva Belcher, upon the honourable place they fitly hold as officers of the Ladies' Guild. Both the ladies were present, and their names were received with acclamation.

The business meeting was held in the Chapter Room of the Church Cottage, both that and the hall for the tea being put at the disposal of the Guild, through the courtesy of the Vicar.—Letters were read from the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), and the general secretary (Mr. G. Williams) regretting that they could not be present.—The accounts showed a good estimated credit balance, but will not be completely made up until December 31st.—The Rev. Dr. Boustead was unanimously re-elected president; and the Rev. F. G. Hume, Miss Alice White, and Mr. H. White, were, by general consent, asked to carry on the offices of secretary, Central Committee representative and auditor respectively for the district.—A subscription list, opened by Miss White for the ladies' peal board, received warm support.—After a few wise and cheering words from the President, and a vote of thanks to him for all he did for ringers, proposed by Mr. F. F. Dawe, an adjournment was made to the belfry, where some pretty touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Doubles, and a plain course of Bob Major, filled up a pleasant and profitable evening until it was time to disperse, well satisfied and purposed to carry out in the various bands and belfries the hints on management, and the insight into ringing-method, gathered from the brotherly meeting and the combined practice.

THE C.E.M.S. PEAL AT DUDLEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I was extremely pleased to see a letter from Mr. Herbert Sheppard, a brother member of the C.E.M.S., and I heartily congratulate him on having a band of C.E.M.S. ringers connected with his belfry. He will certainly be pleased to know, that in the belfry of St. George's, Wembdon, we have nine C.E.M.S. members who are ringers; in fact, nearly all the offices in the church are filled by members of the C.E.M.S. I should be glad to hear, through your journal, of other towers that are filled by members of the C.E.M.S. I know in many country parishes there are no branches of the C.E.M.S. I should, therefore, strongly advise those wishing to join, to communicate with the nearest branch and become members. In that way they will soon get a branch started in their own parish.

It may be of interest to some of your readers to know that the C.E.M.S. is over a quarter million strong. At the conference, held at Leeds, in October, where delegates met from all parts of the world, 1,130 presented themselves at the eight o'clock service at the Parish Church to receive the Sacrament, which was administered by the President of the C.E.M.S., the Archbishop of York, assisted by two Bishops and about twenty clergy.

What an inspiring sight it must have been to the men in the street, to see that our dear old church has members pledged to do some definite work for the church, and that they are not ashamed to confess Christ Crucified. The little badge that every member wears, no matter where he goes, brings him into touch with brothers. A short time ago, one of our brother members and a ringer thought he would like to seek his fortune in Canada. Immediately he got on board ship, the captain came up to him and shook him heartily by the hand. He said, " I see you are a member of the C.E.M.S., you are my brother." He at once took an interest in him, placed him in the choir of his ship, and when he reached the other side, gave him all the information he required, and set him off with a hearty handshake, and doubtless prayed for him that night. I would implore all those who are in touch with a branch to join.

14, Northgate, Bridgwater. A. E. MOULTON,
Hon. Sec., C.E.M.S.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

MR. DAINS RETURNS TO THE CHARGE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On behalf of my two colleagues, Messrs. Pitstow and Hattersley, I will reply to the letter by Mr. G. Lindoff, published in your issue of the 22nd instant. At the outset of this, Mr. Lindoff emphatically denies that we have the slightest claim to any of his peals of Cambridge or London Royal. Our reply is that we still press our claim to the peals set out in our letter published in "The Ringing World" of the 9th instant, as being derived, two of them, from our peals of Superlative, and which have been erroneously given over his name as the author.

Mr. Lindoff next writes that he "obtained these peals in the ordinary way, etc., etc." But by a reference to our letter just mentioned, it will be seen we point a way of obtaining these peals by a much easier process.

Your correspondent then goes into some speculation which is not worth repeating or wasting paper on, but his next advice is so charming that I give it in full, viz.: "That two portions of their up to the present useless peals can be spliced together, by the addition of a bob makes not the slightest difference to me. It is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal."

The reply to this elaboration is that this one bob makes all the difference to him, for herein lies the gist of the whole question, as by this statement he gives his own case away entirely, and while there is no time limit for correcting what, in Snowdon's time, was known as "peal snatching," we consider the present very suitable. The following is a case in point of this splicing. Many years ago, the late Mr. Henry Johnson, of Birmingham, discovered that a bob "before" would splice together two portions of Middleton's peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, and reduce the peal to that convenient ringable number 5056. Whose peal is this recognised as? Why, Mr. Gabriel Lindoff, you ought to know as well as any man, that by the unanimous accord of the whole Exercise this peal is always rung and given over the name of C. Middleton, the author of the original composition. In the face of such evidence as this, which is advertised almost weekly nowadays, if Mr. Lindoff continues to hang on to his fabulous claim, we ask can plagiarism go further? In reference to our peals being useless, let me say most of them will reduce to 5056, containing the 6th full extent R, by the use of a bob "before," and that mine has thus been rung.

Mr. Lindoff concludes by telling us he has some half-dozen of such peals, hands off, etc. This is very interesting, and here I may say, on page 117 of the Central Council "Appendix," there are two peals of 6048 of Superlative, which will reduce to 14 courses, and thus give a first-class peal of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, with the 6th full extent R. Now, very curiously, these, together with the four given in our joint letter, also make up half-a-dozen, and the inference to be drawn here is rather ominous.—Yours truly,

47, Richmond Road, Barnsbury, N. HY. DAINS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Kettering district was held at Desborough, on Saturday week, about 40 members being present from Kettering, Rothwell, Geddington, Isham, Cransley, Thorpe Malsor, and Wellingborough, together with the local ringers.—Tea was provided in the Schoolroom, and was followed by the business meeting. —The Rev. E. Copeman, vice-president, presided, supported by the Rev. J. A. Morley, of Rothwell; the Rev. J. Eacott, Vicar of Desborough; the Rev. E. V. Cox, of Walsall, who with a friend had motored over; the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. J. Stratford).

It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Isham.—The Vicar of Desborough, and his six ringers, were elected members, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to the ladies who had provided the tea.—Touches of Treble Bob and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston district was held at Great Addington, on Saturday last.—Touches of Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, and Plain Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening on this fine peal of six bells, and subsequently an admirably served tea at the village inn was thoroughly enjoyed, over 40 members being present from Raunds, Thrapston, Islip, Twywell, Woodford, Cranford, Burton Latimer, Irthlingborough, Denford, Cransley, and the local tower. — A short business meeting was presided over by the Rector (the Rev. F. Watson), supported by the general secretary and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Lowick.—The Rev. F. Watson was elected an hon. member, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, also to those who had made the necessary arrangements.—The Rector suitably responded.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly practice meeting of the Biggleswade and district members of the Beds. Association was held at the tower of Arlesey Parish Church, and some twelve ringers assembled, from Hitchin, Great Wymondley, Clifton, Biggleswade, and St. Neots. Change ringing in various methods was indulged in, including 720 of Cambridge Surprise Minor, by: C. A. Pratt (Clifton), this being his first 720 in that method, G. Hare. G. Woolfe, and John Hare (Hitchin), G. Croft (Great Wymondley), and F. Blood (Biggleswade, conductor). This is believed to be the first in the method rung on Arlesey bells. Other touches included Westminster Surprise, Merchant's Return, and several 120's of Stedman Doubles. The ringers wish to take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar of Arlesey (the Rev. G. J. Mayhew) for kindly granting them the use of the Parish Church bells. The visit caused considerable interest in the village, as change ringing is only heard there at rare intervals. The tower contains six good bells, and the hope is expressed that a number of the younger ringers will join the Beds. Change Ringers' Association, and take up this fascinating development of their art.

PROGRESS AT BIGGLESWADE.

Excellent progress by the new band at Biggleswade was reported at the annual meeting by Mr. F. Blood, the hon. secretary. The bells were opened on Whit-Sunday, and since that time Mr. Blood, with the assistance of Mr. C. A. Pratt, of Clifton, has got together a new band, who are now able to ring the bells when required, and have already commenced to master the art of change ringing. Although the old band gave in their names, none of them came forward to ring the bells, and Mr. Blood was compelled to go forward with the material he had at hand. The society was formed with twelve full members, and seven probationers at the time the old peal of five were recast and three trebles added.

The following officers were elected at the annual meeting: President, Rev. R. S. Bagshaw; captain, Mr. F. Blood; vice-captain, Mr. E. Hussey; hon. secretary, Mr. H. Rowlett, while Messrs. F. Thompson and E. Stratton were elected to act with the foregoing officers on the committee.—A vote of thanks were accorded to Mr. Blood and Mr. C. Pratt for their services.

The new peal of bells which came from the Croydon foundry has been much admired by all who have heard them, and visiting ringers will be heartily welcome on Sundays at 10.15 and 5.30, and Thursdays at 7.30 p.m.

DEATH OF MR. TAYLOR, LEISTON.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of William Taylor, of Leiston, the sad event taking place on Sunday, November 17th. The deceased was in his 79th year, and had been suffering for some considerable time from Bright's disease, so that his death was not unexpected.

He was buried on Thursday, the 21st inst., members of the Leiston company acting as bearers. In the evening a muffled peal of Kent Major was rung on St. Margaret's bells, the particulars of which will be found in our peal columns. The deceased some years ago had asked that a muffled peal in this method should be rung at his death, and it was fitting that this should be done on the bells at Leiston—a town in which he had spent the greater part of his life, and in which his ringing interests had been so bound up. His last peal—one of Kent Major—was rung on October 13th, 1906, at Southwold, where he was then living, and marked the 50th anniversary of his marriage. It was a peal by his friend, Gabriel Lindoff, and the same composition was rung for the muffled peal on Thursday last. In the Norwich Report for 1906, the following note was added to this "Golden Wedding" peal—"A performance such as this is so rare, if it is not actually unique, that hearty congratulations are due to Mr. Taylor, not only for being able to record fifty years of married life, but also that his health and strength allowed him to stand in a 5000 on such an auspicious anniversary."

William Taylor was a quiet, unassuming man—a staunch friend, and without an enemy. He had known the old Minor five at Leiston, and in 1885 saw the present eight put in by Messrs. Taylor. Ever since that time he had taken a keen interest in the progress of the members of the Leiston company, and was intensely proud of their successes of recent years. He was a District Secretary of the Norwich Association, from 1889 to 1894, and a member of the committee from 1904. In addition he was a member of the Kent, Ely and North Lincolnshire Associations, and of the Royal Cumberland and Waterloo Societies. His 41 peals were made up thus: Bob Triples 1, Grandsire Triples 3, Bob Major 8, Oxford Major 4, Kent Major 23, Double Norwich 1, Bob Royal 1. One of these was a "William" peal—the first of Treble Bob rung by a band all of the same Christian name.

We can ill-spare men of the stamp of William Taylor—men who by example and precept do untold good in their day and generation, and that, too, away from the glare of the lime-light and the blare of trumpets. May his mantle fall on worthy shoulders!—C.E.B.

CHISWICK.—For the harvest festival, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Harvey 1, H. G. Owen 2, C. F. W. Hunt 3, W. Lawrence 4, G. Spencer 5, J. W. Kelley 6, W. T. Elson (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8.

NOTICES.

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THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—The quarterly meeting of the above Guild will be held at Coseley, Staffordshire, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Service in church at 4.30, conducted by the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar. Important. The appointment of a delegate to the Central Council will be discussed at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

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. Isaacs), at St. Nicholas, Chiswick, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 3.30 to 7.30. Members and friends heartily welcome. —H. C. Chandler, Hon. Sec., Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. John's, Miles Platting, on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available from 5. Meeting at 7. All ringers welcome.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Sec.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—By kind permission of the Vicar a quarterly meeting of the above will be held at Easton Neston (8 bells) on Saturday, November 30th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided free of charge, punctually at 5 o'clock, and followed by a business meeting.—J. Slarke, Towcester.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 3rd and 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 5th and 19th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Six Bells 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station 3.15, fare 1s. return. Members requiring tea, also a seat in the conveyance, kindly notify me not later than December 4th first post. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newton Longville on December 7th. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, December 7th, church of St. John Baptist, 6 bells (tenor about 15 cwt.), available 3 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at All Saints, Sheffield (8 bells) on Saturday, December 7th. Tower open at 3 p.m.—J. Evinson, Secretary, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 7th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Room at 4.15. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Bowdon and Stockport Branch.—The annual meeting will (D.V.) be held at Reddish on Saturday, December 7th. — Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern district meeting on Saturday, December 7th. All ringers invited. Bells: St. George's, Jesmond, afternoon from 2.30 p.m., All Saints', Gosforth, evening till 8.30 p.m. Social concert after. Committee meeting after tea. Tea provided 5.30 p.m. at Gosforth for those notifying by Tuesday, 3rd prox. their intention to be present.—Robert W. Falconer, 22, Linden Road, Gosforth, District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch. —There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30, for those who before the 12th send word to W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church Street, Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each, to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 11th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824). — Northern District. — The next meeting will be held at St. James', Clerkenwell, on Saturday, December 21st. Tower open from 4.30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway, N.

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OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

(Continued from page 358).

[By W. H. F.]

So far, so good; we were faring indeed very well, taking everything into consideration, and on arrival at Faringdon, a busy agricultural town of antiquarian interest, we dismissed our jobmaster Midwinter, his presence being at variance with our requirements and the season of the year we were now enjoying. The Salutation Hotel received us at short notice, but, thanks to Mr. and Mrs. J. Cole, we found a hot supper, a warm bed, and an early breakfast, in order to get away by the first train in the morning. Mr. Churchwarden Charles Luker met us at the Parish Church, and showed us matters of great interest in and about the building, details of which he appears to have stored away in his mind, like Holt's Original, including a beautiful Norman door on the north side, and a large cannon ball set up the ramp of one of the buttresses. "Near this place lies the remains of Mr. John Beckley, formerly surgeon in H.M. Navy, who, in an engagement off the West Coast of Portugal, on the 17th August, 1739, had his right leg shot off by the above ball. John Beckley was born in 1680, and died 1761."

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Last, but not least, he also kindly showed us the way up to the ringing room, the first stage consisting of a vertical climb of about 13ft. up the face of the S.W. pier of the tower, by means of an iron ladder. The church is cruciform in plan, and has a low, square central tower with lofty arches on the ground floor, opening in each of the four cardinal directions. The ladder is secured to the wall similar to the fire escapes to be seen at the rear of many tall buildings in London, and at the top is an iron bar for holding on to, while you step through a small stone doorway and landing that again leads to a short circular stairs to the belfry. If anything, this access was more inconvenient than similar ladders to be found at East Meon, Rotherham, or All Saints', Sheffield.

Having at last reached the belfry (one of our number absolutely refused to try), we shaped ourselves, peal fashion, actually attempting a peal of Bob Major, our conductor carefully tucking in a piece of soft material among the strands at the rope end of the tenor, as is usual with him, but on the present occasion, with a more determined look upon his face. Half-an-hour's ringing convinced us that a holiday band in particular ought not to undertake a peal under such a combination of adverse circumstances, as was found here. Points of interest, and a description of the interior will appear later, with a drawing of this belfry taken on the spot. After a touch or two, we soon lowered the bells and thanked the Sexton, our party spending a final salubrious evening together at the Salutation, during which the following facts were gleaned. The first peal on the bells was rung after their restoration in 1874, Grandsire Triples, by members of the Appleton Society, G. Holifield, senr., and H. Woodward, taking part in it. One of the band who took part in this opening had a deformed foot, which prevented his walking freely. He, however, managed to get up into the belfry, but after the peal he couldn't get down, the rest of the team lowering him to the floor of the church by means of one of the bell ropes. The second peal, again Grandsire, was conducted by Mr. Holifield, senr., and the last peal, Stedman Triples, by the late Rev. F. E. Robinson.

(To be concluded).

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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The fund for erecting a tablet to commemorate the peal rung at Cubitt Town by ladies has now been closed, and, as will be seen by the list of subscriptions given elsewhere, the amount received is a sum of over £8. The response to the suggestion put forward by Mr. H. O. White, of Rugby, in these columns a few weeks ago, has thus been extremely gratifying, and fully justifies the anticipation that the members of the Exercise, if only they had the opportunity, would be ready to show, in a practical way, their appreciation of a remarkable performance. This peal is one that will stand out for all time as one of the most remarkable accomplishments in the annals of ringing, and the men not only of England, but of Wales and of Scotland as well, consider it an honour to be allowed to subscribe towards a memorial, worthy of the occasion, which will fittingly and permanently record the first peal ever rung by a company of ladies.

The letters which have accompanied the contributions have shown how willingly the ringers have fallen in with the scheme, and the admiration which they feel at the success which, not without perseverance and a remarkable exhibition of grit, attended the efforts of those eight members of the fair sex. Congratulations and good wishes have been profuse, and, it must be agreed, the encomiums have been richly deserved. The tablet which is to find its way into Cubitt Town tower will, however, be more than a mere record of a notable achievement. It will symbolise the ringers' appreciation of a task well performed and the readiness with which they welcome the ladies into the Exercise—a realm that, until quite recent years, was looked upon as exclusively the domain of "mere man."

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Now that the fund has been closed, the work will be placed in hand at once, and, by way of reply to many inquirers, we may add that a photograph of the tablet, when complete, will appear in these columns, in order that the whole Exercise, and particularly the subscribers to the fund, may be able to see what sort of a memorial has been raised.

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On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

JAMES H. SHEPHERD	*Treble*	THOMAS H. REEVES	7
THOMAS J. BRATTON	2	MORRIS J. MORRIS	8
GEORGE F. SWANN	3	ERNEST MANSELL	9
ALF PADDON SMITH	4	SAMUEL GROVE	10
ALBERT WALKER	5	JOHN NEAL	11
EDMUND J. HYLAND	6	WILLIAM DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. James George.

TEN BELL PEALS.

ASTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM G. ANKER	*Treble*	†WILLIAM F. WEBB	6
*WILLIAM J. MEERS	2	‡WILLIAM SAUNDERS	7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN	3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS	8
WILLIAM PALMER	4	WILLIAM DAVIES	9
WILLIAM H. JONES	5	WILLIAM H. HUNT	*Tenor*

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LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES	*Treble*	THOMAS KING	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	REUBEN SANDERS	7
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	BART MITCHELL	8
ERNEST PYE	4	JAMES GEORGE	9
E. MAURICE ATKINS	5	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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

On Monday, November 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 14¾ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GRIMES	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	WILLIAM WELLING	6
BENJAMIN MORRIS	3	*GEORGE SPENCER	7
WILLIAM SHEPHERD	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method away from the treble.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

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GEORGE DAVIES	3	WILLIAM J. THYNG	7
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SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE H. SPICE	*Treble*	ERNEST J. DOBBIE	5
PERCY J. SPICE	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	6
WILLIAM E. SPICE	3	WILLIAM SPICE	7
FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	4	THOMAS JULL	*Tenor*

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by W. SPICE.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ALFRED SHEPPARD	*Treble*	GEORGE CLEAVE	5
CECIL P. OLIVER	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	6
OWEN W. PORTER	3	RICHARD T. HIBBERT ...	7
WILLIAM WICKS	4	JESSE HISCOCK	*Tenor*

Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

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

On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 16¼ cwt.

SYDNEY CARTER ...	*Treble*	HENRY C. CHANDLER ...	5
*HENRY W. COWLEY ...	2	CHARLES I. EDWARDS ...	6
THOMAS J. BARKER	3	GEORGE A. GLADMAN ...	7
CHARLES S. BIRD	4	ERNEST R. GLADMAN	*Tenor*

Composed by H. W. HALEY, and
Conducted by ERNEST R. GLADMAN.

* First peal of Treble Bob away from treble. Rung by the local band from Heston.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD ...	*Treble*	E. HARRY STONELEY ...	5
ALBERT P. WAKLEY	2	HERBERT HURDMAN	6
WILLIAM J. SMITH	3	JOHN HOUGH	7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON	4	JOHN H. SWINFIELD	*Tenor*

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by J. HOUGH.

Rung on St. Andrew's Day. It is the first peal of Oxford Major on the bells, and by all the band except the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

HOGHTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 10 lbs.

ARTHUR TOMLINSON ...	*Treble*	ROBERT SANDERSON	5
E. ROGER MARTIN	2	JOHN WATSON	6
EDWARD ARMSTRONG	3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ...	7
ROBERT J. ARMSTRONG ...	4	ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

First peal of Stedman on the bells.

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

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.
Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JAMES E. GROVES ...	*Treble*	MORRIS J. MORRIS	5
*THOMAS RUSSAM	2	SAMUEL GROVE	6
FREDERICK DICKENS ...	3	JAMES L. WELLS	7
ALF. PADDON SMITH ...	4	JOHN NEAL	*Tenor*

Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

* First peal of Cambridge Major.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

JAMES PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	*GEORGE CARD	6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	3	ALFRED GRIMES	7
FRANK I. HAIRS	4	JAMES E. DAVIS ...	*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal of old Cambridge, also the first in the method on the bells.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

H. W. WILDE'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES	*Treble*	*BENSON W. MILLARD ...	5
CHARLES GREEDY	2	*JAMES PIPPIN	6
JOHN BUTLER	3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN	7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN	4	JOHN GODDARD	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

* First peal in the method.

NETLEY ABBEY, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 9 cwt.

HENRY W. WILKES ...	*Treble*	ELI WATERS	5
ALAN R. MACDONALD ...	2	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH	6
FREDERICK PHILLIPS ...	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	7
CHARLES E. FORFITT ...	4	OWEN GILES	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

The ringers of 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, are members of St. Peter's, Bournemouth, Society.

WARNHAM, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S BOB AND SINGLE. Tenor 14¾ cwt.

MRS. R. WHITTINGTON	*Treble*	W. STANFORD	5
R. WHITTINGTON	2	W. SHORT	6
A. GREENFIELD	3	W. DENYER	7
P. H. DOICK	4	J. COOK	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. SHORT.

Mr. and Mrs. Whittington belong to Cranleigh, Messrs. Greenfield and Doick to Pulborough, Stanford and Short to Slinfold, Denyer to Ewhurst, and Cook to Warnham. First peal on the bells with a lady taking part.

HURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 16 lbs.

*ALBERT PIERCE	*Treble*	*JOHN RANCE	5
CHARLES GILES	2	HARRY BUNGAY	6
WALTER A. WEBB	3	ARTHUR W. PIKE	7
*JOSEPH WHITE	4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT	*Tenor*

Composed by I. G. SHADE, and
Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Major.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TEN-PART (No. 27.) Tenor 21 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. ELKINS	*Treble*	GEORGE UPSHALL	5
HUBERT CHAFFEY	2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW	6
ALFRED J. LE CLERCQ	3	THOMAS UPSHALL	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	ALFRED R. ELKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal and first attempt, aged 17. First peal in the method on the bells and first in the method by all the band except the conductor. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE, BLAKENHALL,

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

DANIEL JONES	*Treble*	JOHN BASS	5
*ALBERT LITTLE	2	HERBERT KNIGHT	6
ROBERT MATTHEWS	3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD	7
CHARLES E. PERKINS	4	WILLIAM FISHER	*Tenor*

Composed by WILLIAM G. HALL, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, BISHOPWEARMOUTH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOSEPH W. PARKER	*Treble*	WILLIAM SMALLWOOD	5
*MICHAEL F. HARRISON	2	†JOHN PICKERING	6
†WILLIAM A. CARR	3	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN	7
‡JOHN WALKER	4	ROBERT L. PATTERSON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal of Major with a bob bell. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal on eight bells. This composition, now rung for the first time, has the 6th extent "home" and is an extension of a three-part touch of 4992 changes, which has only 4, 5 & 6 in 6th place at course ends.

PRESTWICH, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN T. BOTTRILL	*Treble*	ROBERT DAVIES	5
FRANK BARLOW	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
WALTER BULLOUGH	3	HERBERT BERRY	7
HARRY ECKERSALL	4	ROBERT H. BENT	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by HERBERT BERRY.

Frank Barlow is only 15 years of age. First peal by all except treble, 5th and 6th. First peal as conductor. First peal of Major on the bells. The ringers of treble, 3rd, 4th, 7th and tenor are members of the C.E.M.S.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

GEORGE MARTIN	*Treble*	WILLIAM HENLEY	5
WILLIAM WELLING	2	JAMES BLACKMORE	6
HERBERT COX	3	GEORGE ALLDER	7
JOSEPH J. PARKER	4	JESSE ELDRIDGE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by G. MARTIN.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. George Hanbury, of Blythwood, near Burnham; also to a son of one of the local ringers. The peal was originally arranged as a birthday compliment to G. Allder.

ORMESBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE WELLBURN	*Treble*	WILLIAM BROADLEY	5
WILLIAM HOLMES	2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	6
WILLIAM LETTY	3	JOHN G. HALL	7
THOMAS METCALFE	4	THOMAS LEYBOURN	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN HERON, Junr., and
Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

ALFRED NEWSON	*Treble*	FRED A. POULSON	5
ALFRED MACRO	2	SYDNEY ANNISON	6
FRED A. SALTER	3	THOMAS FITZJOHN	7
PERCY FORDHAM	4	CHAS. CARTER	*Tenor*

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and
Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

This peal was rung for evening service, also in honour of Queen Alexandra's 68th birthday. It was also the birthday of the ringer of the 6th.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS	*Treble*	GEORGE HOWCHIN	5
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	2	FRANK COPEMAN	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	3	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN	7
FREDERICK MIDDLETON	4	BEN. S. THOMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Queen Alexandra and Frederick Middleton.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT	...*Treble*	REV. E. C. POWELL	5
WILLIAM C. HART	2	GEORGE ADES	6
RICHARD STREDWICK... ...	3	KEITH HART	7
JOHN CAPP	4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR DIXON	...*Treble*	CHRISTOPHER WARD... ...	5
WILLIAM DICKINSON	2	WALTER H. WOOD	6
ARTHUR ANDREWS	3	JOHN T. HOLMES	7
HARVEY BOWCOCK	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Composed by W. ROYLE, and
Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

Rung with the bells half muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late John Hilton, for many years a ringer and member of the church choir, who was buried that day.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELSTREE, HERTFORDSHIRE.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of four 720's of Plain Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob.

ARTHUR TITMUSS... ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES JEFFS	4
JAMES PAYNE, Junr.	2	ERNEST HUNT	5
JOHN MALYAN	3	FREDERICK JEFFS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal by all in two methods. This is believed to be the first peal on the bells.

SUCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 of each Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Plain Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM PAGE	...*Treble*	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	4
DAVID HORNE	2	WILLIAM RANFORD	5
CHARLES LAYTON	3	GEORGE JORDAN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

W. Page was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,
A PEAL OF SURPRISE AND TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
In seven methods, viz.: London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Beverley Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

HARRY HILL	...*Treble*	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ...	4
WALTER J. HORTON... ...	2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ...	5
ROBERT C. CLIFFORD ...	3	E. HARRY STONELEY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung on the occasion of the Marriage of Mr. O. L. Thompson and Miss E. R. Cooper of Stoke Golding.

RICKINGHALL.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Consisting of 720 each of Double Court, Plain Bob, Woodbine and Kent Treble Bob, and two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDGAR BAILEY	...*Treble*	*FRED FRANCIS	4
*CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	2	*CHAS. CHENNERY	5
ARTHUR BAILEY	3	GEORGE BAILEY... ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE BAILEY.

* First peal in six methods. First peal as conductor.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr., in E.

DAVID JOYNSON	...*Treble*	JAMES R. GRIFFEN	4
ALBERT SPARKES	2	THOMAS A. ROGERS ...	5
*GEORGE R. NEWTON ...	3	JOHN GREASLEY ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* Fiftieth peal as conductor. Rung on the first anniversary of the consecration of the church and dedication of the bells. First peal by all except the conductor and rung at first attempt.

CHESTERTON, CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob and two each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob.

FREDERICK BARKER ...	...*Treble*	ERNEST G. HIBBINS ...	4
T. REGINALD DENNIS ...	2	WILLIAM D. JAMES... ...	5
JOHN STALLEY	3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

First peal in five methods on the bells. Rung in honour of St. Andrew's Day.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

*W. TOM JEANES	...*Treble*	HENRY J. CREED	4
TOM W. CREED...	2	*GERALD LOCK	5
†THOMAS J. LLOYD	3	ISAAC CREED	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. First peal of Minor on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Mr. Sully and go splendidly. H. J. Creed hails from Taunton, and I. Creed from Norton Fitzwarren. The rest belong to the local band.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)
On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Being seven 720's. Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK LAMBERT, Junr.	*Treble*	JOHN LARTER	4
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ...	2	JAMES HOWARD	5
CHARLES MOSS	3	HERBERT PRATT ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung on St. Andrew's Day.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, one of Grandsire Minor and two of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 14½ cwt., in F sharp.

GEORGE C. COLLINS ...	...*Treble*	JACK BURLES	4
GEORGE A. JONES	2	FREDERICK HAYES	5
GUY R. AMBROSE	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung as a birthday peal to George A. Jones, this being his first peal; also first peal and first attempt by George C. Collins.

WATTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

ERNEST W. FISHER ...	...*Treble*	HERBERT MASON	4
EDGAR HUNT	2	JOHN MURRELL...	5
WILFRED ALLEN	3	WILLIAM J. ADCOCK	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM J. ADCOCK.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS.)
On Friday, November 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ...	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	ARTHUR E. MOORE... ...	7—8

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: W. W. KEMP.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY, BURY ST. EDMUNDS).
On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD.
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WALTER RADLEY	1—2	FREDERICK G. DEWELL...	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER ...	3—4	FRANK J. LEVITT	7—8

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Dewell.

CLAPHAM, LONDON, S.W.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, November 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT 58, MANOR STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: JOHN I. HAIRS.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John I. Hairs, parents of the ringer of 7—8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, November 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ...	1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	WILLIAM SMITH	7—8

Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Umpire: THOMAS W. RADFORD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Giles, of Reading.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, November 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE	1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	5—6
ERNEST PYE	3—4	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9—10
Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.
Umpire: J. HUNT.

This was the conductor's 200th peal. It is the first peal in the method on handbells by the ringers of 5—6, 7—8, 9—10, and was rung at the first attempt.

ENFIELD.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	1—2	*JOHN THOMAS	5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	3—4	*WILBY J. HAZELL... ...	7—8

Composed by J. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.
Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT NORFOLK HOUSE, WOOD STREET, WALTHAMSTOW,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ...	1—2	GEORGE R. PYE	5—6
WILLIAM PYE	3—4	ERNEST PYE	7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... ... 9—10
Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpires: REUBEN SANDERS and CHARLES T. COLES.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in One Hour and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,
A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ...	1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	3—4
*FREDERICK BARKER ...	5—6		

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First handbell peal. This is the first peal in Cambridge by undergraduates and the quickest peal by the Guild.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, December 1, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 six scores, called in ten different ways.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON ...	3—4
*RUTH JOHNSON ...	5—6		

Conducted by JOSEPH D. JOHNSON.
Umpires: JAMES HEMMING and FREDERICK JORDAN.
Witness: FREDERICK J. JOHNSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal ever rung by three children, and was rung at the second attempt. The ages are respectively, E. M. Johnson 12 years, J. D. Johnson 13, R. Johnson 10.

The peal of Erin Triples at Wood Green, Wednesbury, on Nov. 25th, was rung in two hours and fifty-six minutes, and not two hours and forty-six minutes as published.

The ringer of the 3rd in the peal at Harrietshaw on November 10th was Charles H. Sone, not Lane as published.

BEDS ASSOCIATION AT LUTON.

INTERESTING CEREMONY.

A district meeting was held at Luton, on Saturday week, and was attended by about 20 members.

The bells were available during afternoon and evening, and were kept busy in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich Court Bob Major.

During the afternoon a very pleasing ceremony took place, Mrs. Chapman unveiling a peal board recording a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by an entirely local band on December 23rd, 1911, in commemoration of the Coronation of King George V, and the first year of the vicariate of the Rev. A. E. Chapman, M.A.

The Vicar also made a presentation, on behalf of the Luton ringers, to Mr. H. Shepherd, who has recently married, of a framed photograph of the exterior of the Luton Parish Church, and good wishes were extended to him and Mrs. Shepherd.

It is with regret, however, that the local company have heard of the early departure of their friend, who is leaving for North Wales in about a fortnight's time, as he was a very enthusiastic member, and although residing 2½ miles from the church, was always in his place twice on a Sunday.

A business meeting was held afterwards, when one member was elected, Mr James Wing, aged 16, of Luton.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North Eastern District was held at Sible Hedingham, on Saturday last, members attending from Braintree, Coggeshall, Earl's Colne, Halstead, Gestingthorpe, Yeldham, and the local company.—Tea was provided at the White Horse, the cost of which was defrayed by a generous lady resident in the parish, to whom the company present extended their sincere thanks.—Six new ringing members were elected, all of whom belong to the local company. Touches were rung in various methods, including Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford, Double Oxford, Double Court and Bob Minor.

The bells have been recently rehung in a new iron frame, headstocks, etc., and a new treble added, bringing the peal up to six, the tenor being 18¼ cwt. Space has also been left for two new trebles to complete the octave at some future time. The work was carried out by Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, to the general satisfaction of all who have had the pleasure of ringing them, and the whole cost borne by a munificent gift from two ladies of the parish. Hopes were freely expressed that a fund would shortly be started for adding the two trebles. The local ringers are making rapid progress in change ringing, having already rung several 720's of Bob Minor without outside help.

"SANDIACRE" SURPRISE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I notice your remarks in " Odd Changes " this week, re the Surprise Minor Methods, being rung by the Bacup and Sandiacre bands, but I cannot see how they can claim to name these methods, for if they refer to " The Ringing World " of August 18th, 1911, page 366, they will see where these have all been rung by the St. Paul's, Whitley Bay, band, while some have been named by them, and some by the Bourne, Lincs, band.

I have asked them, through your paper, before, and again I ask the Whitley Bay ringers to finish naming these methods, in order to save a lot of disappointment to the bands that bother to learn and ring them, only to find they have already been rung and named. I have all the methods named and dated where possible, that have been rung since the " Legitimate Methods " came out, and I trust this appeal will be responded to, so that this matter can be settled once and for all. I could give a list of those that have been rung if it would do the Exercise any good by doing so.—Yours truly,

Biggleswade. F. BLOOD.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Before I proceed further with reference to the Cambridge peals, I ask our friends the following questions: 1st, do they, or one of their number, claim to have invented the system of working the 6th her extent by means of two portions, either equal or unequal? 2nd, will they kindly tell us whether the two compositions given below bear any relation to one another?

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Yours faithfully,

Dublin, Dec. 2nd. G. LINDOFF.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

This society met at Rolvenden, on Saturday week, Stone, Tenterden, Rye, and the local tower being represented, and a number of touches of Grandsire Triples rung in first-class style. The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) was unable to attend owing to business reasons. —Mr. A. Allen, of Tenterden, was voted to the chair, and was duly elected a member.—Tenterden was chosen as the place for the December meeting.

The Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) read a communication from Mr. W. H. Lambert, inviting the Guild to attempt a peal of Stedman Triples at Benenden, which was readily accepted. The secretary was instructed to communicate with Mr. E. G. Buesden, of Canterbury, with a view to securing his services as conductor. Failing arrangements with Mr. Buesden, Grandsire Triples will be the method.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar, on the motion of Mr. J. J. Manktelow, seconded by Mr. A. Blackman, terminated the business.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 8th (Hospital Sunday), 1008 Stedman Triples and 640 Kent Treble Bob.—On Sept. 22nd, 672 Double Norwich: A. F. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, W. Button (Colchester) 3, E. H. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. F. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, G. Hardy (Kelsale) 8.—On Sept. 28th, 504 Stedman Triples: A. F. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, E. S. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, C. Samson 5, E. H. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey 7, J. M. Button 8. Also 672 Cambridge Surprise Major: L. P. Bailey 1, F. W. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. H. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, J. M. Bailey 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for the harvest festival, in the morning, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, J. M. Bailey 2, F. W. Bailey 3, A. Keeble 4, G. Wilson 5, E. S. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, L. P. Bailey 8. For evening service, 704 Oxford: P. Potter 1, A. Keeble 2, L. P. Bailey 3, J. R. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, G. Wilson 6, E. H. Bailey 7, C. F. Bailey 8.

WORKSOP.—On Sept. 28th, for the birthday of the Duke of Newcastle, a 5040 Bob Major was attempted at the Priory Church, but after ringing 2 hrs. 32 mins., the peal was lost. The bells were fired at intervals during the afternoon, and other short touches were rung: F. Hind 1, H. H. Cartwright 2, C. Hudson 3, A. Johnson 4, H. Haigh (conductor) 5, C. E. Peck 6, T. Wilson 7, T. Bartholomew 8.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, 432 Bob Major and 210 Union Triples.

BILLINGBOROUGH.—For evening service, on Sunday, Sept. 15th, three 120's Grandsire and 120 Stedman Doubles, the following taking part: C. Glenn (Sheffield), F. Wilford (Northampton), J. T. Holmes (Heckington), Rupert Richardson (Surfleet), J. Osborn (Bourne), J. W. Lake (Bourne). — On Wednesday, Sept. 18th, five 120's Grandsire Doubles (all conducted): Clement Glenn, R. Richardson, J. T. Holmes, A. Andrews, F. Wilford.

BATH.—At St. Mary's Church, Bathwick, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 40 mins.: R. Whatley 1, C. Densley 2, R. J. Cousins 3, A. E. Alexander 4, W. Seers 5, N. E. Lewis 6, A. E. Seers, junr. (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.—At St. James' Church, on Monday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 42 mins.: W. Seers 1, T. Hogsflesh 2, A. E. Seers, junr., 3, A. E. Alexander 4, C. Densley 5, N. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (composer and conductor) 7, G. Crisp 8. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. E. H. D. Disbrowe, curate of St. James', who was leaving Bath for Durham.

TIPTON, STAFFS.—For harvest festival, at St. Martin's Church, after evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins., conducted by A. Rowley.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Bratton, and 209 in the same method, conducted by A. Rowley. The following took part: J. Faulkner, R. Round, *A. Round, W. Massey, A. Prestidge, *J. Screen, W. R. Small, A. Rowley, H. P. Smith, H. S. Smith, T. Bratton, J. Smith, G. Williams, and J Whereton. * First quarter-peal of Kent Major.

HUNTLEY, GLOUCESTER.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild. — At the Parish Church, 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor, in 25 mins.: J. Williams 1, J. B. Tyler 2, E. Summers 3, C. L. Sadler 4, J. Clark 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method for ringers of treble and second, and on the bells.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTER.—The Hereford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of " The Ever Blessed Virgin," 720 Bob Minor, in 28 mins.: J. Williams 1, J. B. Tyler 2, E. Poston 3, W. Poston 4, J. Clark 5, C. L. Sadler (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells since their restoration. At the morning service, 360 Bob Minor. First by A. W. Ford, W. J. Roberts, J. Byard, and J. Williams.

BULWELL, NOTTINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association. — On Thursday, Sept. 26th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: E. Foster 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, T. Jennison 5, W. Wadsley (conductor) 6. On Sept. 29th, for early morning service, 360 Plain Bob. For afternoon service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Tyers 1, E. Foster 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, T. Jennison 5, W. Wadsley 6. For evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: T. Jennison 1, T. Hind 2, W. Spencer 3, A. Harrison 4, E. Foster 5, W. Wadsley 6. All conducted by W. Wadsley.

HARWICH, ESSEX.—On Sept. 16th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, on handbells: T. Taylor 1, Miss Nora Taylor 2, G. Thompson 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6. A 720 in the same method, by: T. Taylor 1, J. Bernard 2, G. Thompson 3—4, A. T. Morris (conductor) 5—6.

IS HE ENGLAND'S OLDEST BELL RINGER?

A SOMERSET WORTHY.

Mr. Thomas Hawkins, of Street, Somerset, has just celebrated his 90th birthday with a few pulls on the bells of his parish church. He was born at Street on November 22nd, 1822, and claims to be the oldest bell ringer in England. He started ringing at the age of 17 years, and although he gave it up for a brief space, he has remained a ringer for the long stretch of 67 years. Mr. Hawkins was married in 1843, and he still lives in the same house that he moved into at that time. Mr. Hawkins, who has rung in most of the towers in his neighbourhood, tolled the bell at West Pennard, where he happened to be working, at the time of the death of the Duke of Wellington. He once climbed to the top of the pinnacle of the tower of St. John's, Glastonbury, to remove the weather-cock, and he refixed it after it had been regilded. He also helped to fix the tenor at this church after it had been recast. Once, while working at Windsor, he had the privilege of talking with Prince Albert, Queen Victoria's Consort, although at the time he was unaware of his identity. Mr. Hawkins has 25 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Our readers will join in wishing him "many happy returns of the day."

MARKET WEIGHTON RINGERS.

On Saturday evening last, a party of five ringers from Nunburnholme paid a visit to Market Weighton, where, with the help of some of the local company, they rang several courses of Grandsire and Bob Doubles on the bells of the Parish Church, which are a peal of six, with tenor about 10 cwt. The Nunburnholme ringers greatly enjoyed their visit, more especially so as they are unfortunately deprived from either practice or Sunday ringing at their own church for some weeks, owing to the illness of the Rector, whose rectory joins the churchyard. The usual Christmas ringing, however, will commence at Market Weighton, on Monday, December 9th, and will be continued every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday evening, from 7 to 8 o'clock, up to New Year's Eve, when any ringers will be made welcome. A card, addressed to John W. Kneesham, Northgate, Market Weighton, will bring any further particulars.

RINGERS BEAT RIELEMEN.

SHOOTING SUCCESS AT YATELEY.

The ringers of Yateley, Hants, have distinguished themselves in a direction outside the art which they follow in the belfry. On Saturday week they challenged the Yateley Rifle Club to a rifle match, the conditions (on a miniature range) to be ten shots at 25 yards. The club, having learned a little of the prowess the ringers had with the rifle, placed practically their strongest combination against them. Shooting was very close all through the match, but the keenness and exactness demanded of method ringers triumphed in the end, and the band vanquished the club by the narrow margin of two points. Scores:—

Club.—Miss E. M. Stilwell 95, Mr. H. R. Prier 95, Mrs. Birch 93, Miss Smurthwaite 93, Miss M. Mills 92, Mr. Chapman 90, Miss Hadwin 88, Mr. E. Ives 84; total, 730.

Ringers.—Miss B. Stillwell 96, Mr. W. G. Bunch 96, Mr. S. Riddell 94, Mr. G. Butler 93, Mr. J. R. Bunch 92, Mr. C. Bunch 91, Miss A. E. Stilwell 85, Mr. C. Butler 85; total, 732.

It was another triumph for the ladies, a member of the fair sex topping the scores in each team.

USEFUL WORK.

Interchange of visits between the ringers of Battle and Salehurst, Sussex, has resulted in useful and pleasant gatherings. The Salehurst men visited Battle on November 13th, and on the 27th the Battle men paid the return visit, accompanied by Mr. W. H. Freeman, of Lincoln. The touches of Grandsire Triples brought round included three 168's and 210, while the ringing was concluded by a well-struck quarter-peal, in 49 mins., by: W. H. Freeman 1, W. Thomas 2, W. Cramp 3, A. Mills 4, T. Booth 5, W. Hoad 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, S. Goodsell 8. This is the longest length by the ringers of 1, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8. Others who took part in the evening's ringing were: F. Morgan, H. Edwards, C. Peacock, W. Robinson and P. Carter. Visits of this kind do much to encourage out-lying towers to take up the art, and deserve to be more practised than is generally the case.

ST. MARY'S, SCARBOROUGH.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As the St. Mary's Voluntary Guild of ringers at Scarborough has been dissolved by the Vicar, may I make it known, through your paper, that the bells are not now rung, and that all communications with regard to them should be made to the Vicar, the Ven. Archdeacon Lindsay, The Vicarage, Scarborough.—Yours truly,

H. FERGUSON.

BECCLES VETERAN'S DEATH.

LIFE-LONG INTEREST IN RINGING.

The Norwich Diocesan Association has lost a highly respected and honoured member, and the Beccles company a much-beloved friend, by the death of that veteran ringer, Mr. Henry Hopson, who passed away peacefully on November 16th, at his residence, Pretoria Villa, Station Road, at the advanced age of 81 years. He had been a member of the Beccles company of change ringers practically all his life, and his father the same before him, having taken part in ringing a peal of Bob Royal in the Suffolk campanile when Queen Victoria ascended the throne in 1837. Mr. Henry Hopson was a member of the Norwich Diocesan Association from its formation, in 1877, and was secretary for the Beccles district from the beginning until January of this year, when he was obliged to relinquish the office on account of his advanced age. He was well known and greatly respected throughout the diocese, and it was very rarely that he had missed either a quarterly or half-yearly meeting for many years past. He was wonderfully interested, and glad when he knew that bells were being rehung and others added anywhere, but his crowning work was when he undertook to raise a fund to put in a new frame, re-hang the ten bells and recast three of them in his native tower at Beccles a few years back. They have been re-opened just three years, and it was through his persistent efforts that a sum of nearly £700 was raised in about six months for carrying out the work. It was more money than had been spent on any other tower in the diocese since the association had been formed. It gave him great joy in the evening of his days to think that the money was not only raised, but that his life was spared to see the work completed. Since the restoration of the bells he has taken part in several touches on them, at the light end. He was ringing for Divine service as late as the Sunday before he died, and on the Saturday (Mayor's Day), after a peal had been rung, he entertained about 15 ringers to tea at the Temperance Hotel, and enjoyed himself wonderfully. On the Monday he caught cold, which developed into bronchitis. With a weak heart he gradually got worse, and died on Saturday morning. He had rung only one peal since 1877, but he had rung two before that date. Mr. Hopson had been a teacher in the Sunday School for over 50 years, and superintendent for about 40 years of that time, while for many years he was also sidesman at the church.

The deceased was laid to rest on Wednesday, Nov. 20th, and ringers came to pay their last tribute of respect from Framlingham, Eye, Diss, Yarmouth, and Bungay, while very kind letters of sympathy were received from Ipswich, Halesworth, Leiston, the Pulhams, and other centres. A course of Grandsire Caters was rung at the graveside by: H. Reynolds 1—2, G. Baxter 3—4, G. E. Symonds 5—6, H. Ling 7—8, W. Spalding 9—10. All were members of the Beccles company except Mr. Symonds, who resides at Framlingham, but for ten years was a member of the Beccles company until three years ago. The tower bells of St. Michael's Church were rung fully muffled, half-muffled, and open, finishing with the ringers' farewell, after which the deceased's age was tolled on the tenor. The methods included Grandsire Caters and Bob Royal.

By a sad coincidence, Mr. Hopson's wife only survived him by one week. She passed away, after a long and painful illness, at the age of 73 years, and the funeral took place on Wednesday week.

At Chediston, Suffolk, on Sunday, November 24th, the bells of St. Mary's Church were rung half-muffled, to the memory of Mr. Hopson. Touches of Bob Minor and Grandsire were brought round by the local company, and ringers from the following towers in the Halesworth district also took part in the ringing: Halesworth, Wissett, Rumburgh and Huntingfield. The late Mr. Hopson was a subscriber to the Coronation Bell Fund, and took part in the opening touch rung on the bells last year at the dedication service, held by the Bishop of Norwich.

At Wissett, Suffolk, half-muffled touches were rung upon the bells of the Parish Church. Several 120's of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Minor being brought round by: Miss Garforth, Messrs. W. Kemp, A. Kemp, L. Kemp, A. Head, J. Nunn, F. Smith, H. Pratt, T. Crane and L. Hammond (conductor).

Muffled ringing also took place at Bungay, and, as recorded in our last issue, a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was rung at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Eastern district was held at Hertford, on Saturday, November 23rd, when a good number of ringers attended, and spent an enjoyable time with the two rings of eight and ten at their disposal. The methods rung were Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Treble Bob and Plain Bob Royal, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob Major, and Double Norwich.—Tea was partaken of in St. Nicolas' Hall kindly lent for the occasion by the Rector (the Rev. Killin Roberts), who honoured the gathering by his presence at tea, and the association to the town. He remarked how much he appreciated the services of ringers and choirmen, and considered them a great asset to the church.—Members were present from Hatfield, Kitchin, Bennington, Walthamstow, Broxbourne, Deptford, and some from the bands of All Saints' and St. Andrews'.

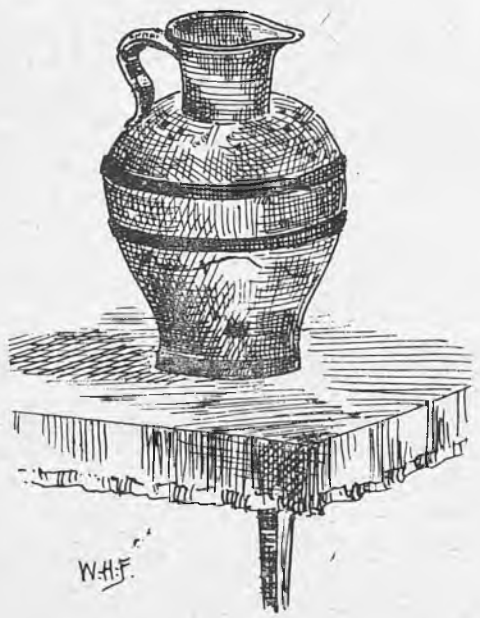
THE RINGERS' JUG AT WITNEY.

[By W. H. F.]

" Fill me, then kill me, but keep me clean,
" Don't spill me, but fill me, and eat well between."
—" Old Upton."

In the course of conversation with Mr. Monk, of Witney, I heard there was a Ringers' Jug in Witney, but that it would take careful negotiation to see it, Mr. Monk not having set eyes upon it for 30 years or more. Accordingly, Mr. Preston and I made a call upon the holder, Mr. Moses Fowler, of Church Green, Witney, and after much preamble on the doorstep the jug was kindly brought down from upstairs somewhere, and placed upon the footpath paving, to which the front door of the house abuts, without a garden or forecourt. This jug is of semi-glazed earthenware make, and was coated in cobwebs and dust. It looked quite the age it was stated to be—by hearsay, of the oldest local ringers, handed down for generations. It is reported to be now about 250 years old. It's total capacity is 16 quarts, the neck alone taking one, but how many human necks have taken one from it I cannot guess. At one time it was in serious jeopardy of destruction, concerning which there is a tale to tell, and I will try to set it down as I heard it.

" Fred Evans," so the story went, " was getting married—many years ago; he was one of the old bell ringers here, and he filled the pitcher. Charlie Nobes kept care of the jug then, and the band was: Bill and Harry Lambourne, Charles North, Robt. and Wm. Gould, Charles Nobes, Neville, H. Broome, T. Haley, Cuff Haley, Howell,



and " Hookey " Ball, the ringers' house being in Corn Street. After we had killed it, I noticed Charlie was a little tottery on his feet, when trying to step up the foot kerb, so for fear of accident, I carried it home, and it's never been out of my possession since."

" Was that when the jug was broken, Mr. Fowler?"

" Oh, no, Hookey Ball had charge of it then—he got his nick-name because he had a stump foot. He met with the accident to our pitcher, ' after a filling.' He tried to plead the lame foot, but we wouldn't have it, and he had to mend it, or be ' bunked the company.' Yes, he did it himself. He was a clever tinsmith, and he put the iron bands (3) round it, jointed the pieces, and rivetted them together with brass wire. It's always been sound and water-tight since."

" How do you know its the ringers' jug, Mr. Fowler?"

" Why, it was always kept in the belfry ever since anyone can remember, and would have been there now but for a bit of a game up there. It was like this: One day, Mr. Charles Clinch—the brewer—came up in the tower with a friend of his, while we were ringing for a wedding. Tom Haley was kneeling over the pitcher with clasped hands, as if in prayer. On being asked by the visitor what Haley was doing, he was informed by ' Hookey ' Ball that ' he was praying to have the jug filled.' Mr. Clinch then had it filled, but some little time after, the Vicar, Mr. Cunningham, heard what had happened, and at once ordered the jug to be removed, with strict orders that no one was to bring it into the churchyard even, on pain of instant dismissal. After that we had to appoint one of us to mind it, and a rough time it has had, too. Mr. Norris, who came after Mr. Cunningham, tried hard to get it back again for the tower (for preservation, as an object of local interest), but I won't let it go; its to go into the care of Evans or Broome, as I've promised 'em, if anything happens to me. For many years after I first kept it the old hands used to come here once a week and ring handbells with the old jug filled—nice and handy. The handbells were claimed by ' Hookey's ' father. I'm not a-going to let anybody claim this, there's a lot 'em would like to get it."

There is every probability that this means of " filling the pitcher " on ringing days, especially royal birthdays, etc., was often resorted to at Witney. I may add that Mr. Fowler has sung in the choir of the Parish Church for over 40 years. He is quite a character in his way, hard and determined—rather bitter with the new band of change ringers, under Mr. Monk—one of the few survivors of the old school, yet he inquired very heartily—" how Mr. Washbrook was getting on."

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last, a very successful meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. John's, Miles Platting.—The Rector (the Rev. A. Anderton) presided over the meeting, and gave a hearty welcome to the Association. Members were present from Manchester, Pendleton, Ashton-under-Lyne, Stockport, Reddish, West Didsbury, Middleton, etc. Mr. Denis Taylor, of Loughborough, also graced the meeting with his presence. The bells have recently been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co., and made into a lovely ring of eight. Ringing was indulged in till a late hour in the following methods: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Norwich, and Superlative.—A vote of thanks to the Rector, wardens and ringers brought to a close a very successful meeting.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the above Association was held at Easton Neston, on Saturday last. Touches of Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles and Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening on the fine peal of bells. An admirable tea was served in the Conservative Club, Towcester, and thoroughly enjoyed by about 40 members and friends. Ringers were present from Towcester, Milton, Green's Norton, Bradden, Cold Higham, Flore, Weston Favell, All Saints' and St. Giles', Northampton, and the local ringers.

A short business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. B. Sleight (Vicar of Towcester), supported by the Rev. E. A. Penson, Mr. James Slarke, Mr. Edwin Hunt, and the general secretary (Mr. Frank Causebrook).—It was resolved to hold the next quarterly meeting at Blakesley, some time in February.—Messrs. A. S. and W. Starmer, of Flore, were elected members of the Association.—A hearty vote of thanks was proposed to Mr. James Slarke for his kind hospitality in providing tea on that occasion, in celebration of his 71st birthday.—The proposition, having been carried unanimously, Mr. Slarke said it always gave him much pleasure to do what he could for the church and ringers. He hoped they had thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and thanked them most heartily for the kind words that had been said of him.—Mr. C. Tack (Milton) said that now they had a little balance in hand, he considered that some remuneration should be given to the secretary in recognition of the excellent way in which he had carried on the work, and it was agreed to bring the matter forward at the next annual meeting.—Mr. T. Law proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Misses Collins (daughters of the Vicar of Easton Neston), and to the other ladies for so kindly assisting with the tea.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, was also carried, and the Vicar, in reply, took the opportunity of congratulating the members who had rung the first peal on the Towcester church bells a short time before.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough district was held at Higham Ferrers, on Saturday last. Touches of plain courses of Bristol, London, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening on the fine peal of eight, and an admirable tea was served in the Parish Room by the local ringers and their wives. About 40 members were present, from Wellingborough, Irthlingborough, Finedon, Earl's Barton, Northampton, Rothwell, Thrapston, Bedford, Raunds, Rushden, and the local tower.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. H. K. Fry), supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. W. Perkins).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Irthlingborough.—The Rev. H. K. Fry was elected as hon. member; Mr. H. Coles, of Northampton, a ringing member; and Mr. G. N. Price of Watford, an out-county member.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and to those who had made the necessary arrangements, the Vicar and Mr. G. Randall replying.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Oct 8th, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, on the occasion of the marriage of the Rev. R. L. Hodson (late curate of St. Peter's) to Miss M. G. Corker, 359 Grandsire Caters, with 8, 10, 12 covering, and a course of Grandsire Cinques: F. Darrell 1, H. Farlow 2, J. Purser 3, W. Lawley 4, B. Clark 5, W. G. Hall 6, H. Knight 7, T. O'Connor 8, R. Cartwright 9, H. Mitchell 10, A. Little 11, E. Mitchell 12.

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THE HON. SECRETARY OF THE CHESTER GUILD.

The secretarial duties envolved in conducting the affairs of a large association are not light, nor, if the organisation is to be a success, can they be discharged in any perfunctory manner, but it falls to the lot of few of our ringing associations to have installed in the all-important office a man more capable of managing its business than has the Chester Guild, whose hon. secretary is the Rev. A. T. Beeston, of New Mills. Mr. Beeston brings to bear upon the work all the advantages of an early business training, and the prestige and dignity which an honoured position as a priest of the Church gives him. The Chester Guild is more than fortunate in possessing such an officer and one who is such an able ringer to boot.



THE REV. A. T. BEESTON.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston was born at Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on December 2nd, 1861, and his earliest recollection connected with ringing is of attending morning service at a village church in South Derbyshire when he was very young, certainly not ten, and being set to ring in company with three members of the tower. He bumped the bell very little, and rang through the whole time of ringing. This was really remarkable, for Mr. Beeston has no recollection of ever having been taught to handle a bell, and he often says he thinks he must have been born a ringer. Natural interest in ringing led him to voluntarily ring at his Parish Church. Often has he rung the Curfew bell, and chimed three bells for the 8 a.m. service. For the ordinary services the general rule was to chime, with occasional round ringing and call-changes, but his interest gradually left him under such conditions.

It was his original intention to follow a commercial career, which he did for five years at home, and in London after he was 19. He did no ringing, however, while in London—in fact, never thought of it, and never, as far as he can recollect, was reminded of it, though he regularly attended every Sunday once or twice either St. Michael's, Cornhill, or St. Paul's Cathedral. In 1888 he entered upon a three years' course of preparation for Holy Orders. Ordained at Advent, 1890, in Durham Cathedral, he served in the parish of St. John, Hebburn, for five years, and while there became acquainted with the late William Harrison, of Jarrow, as tune ringer on handbells. In his day he was, though Mr. Beeston knew it not, a well known heavy bell ringer.

In 1895 he moved to New Mills, and his interest in ringing was revived by a gift to the Parish Church of a ring of six bells in 1898, in connection with which he paid a visit to Loughborough, where his attention was drawn to change ringing by method. At the beginning of 1899 a company of seven commenced to learn change ringing unaided. Sir Arthur Heywood advised them to begin with Plain Bob, and they first tackled Bob Minimus with treble leading and tenor covering (which proved a good plan), and then went on to Minor. Mr. Beeston often marvels now that they stuck together as they did in face of the difficulties they met with. He seized all opportunities (and made a good many) of going ahead himself by visiting towers (distance was rarely considered) where there was a band of change ringers.

In October, 1900, they rang a 5000 in four Minor methods, Mr. Beeston having meanwhile rung his first peal —Bob Triples—at Wirksworth in the March previous, and his second, an 8288 Kent Treble Bob, at Bolsterstone in May. His first peal of Double Norwich followed in December of the same year; Stedman Triples and Superlative in 1901; Treble Bob Royal, Stedman Caters and Cambridge in 1902, and Yorkshire and London Surprise in 1903.

During these years Mr. Beeston went about a good bit, and became acquainted with some of the Masters of the Art at Chesterfield, Sheffield, Burton, Loughborough and Brighton, all of whom helped him much to make progress. It was in 1904, through Mr. A. T. King's kindness, that he first met Mr. W. Pye and rang a peal of London with him. Each year since he has joined in Mr. Pye's annual ringing tour, and rang his first peal of Bristol under his conductorship at Fenton, Staffs, during the 1906 tour. Previously to this Mr. Beeston had had no practical acquaintance with the method.

Mr. Beeston has taken part in the first peals of Yorkshire and Peterborough Surprise and Double Oxford Bob Triples ever rung, and in the first clerical peal of Superlative. He has always found the diagram the best way in which to learn a method.

Mr. Beeston was appointed Honorary Secretary of the Bowdon and Stockport branch of the Chester Diocesan Guild in 1904, and in recognition of his work the members this year presented him with a gold watch. He was appointed General Secretary of the Guild in 1907, and of the success of that appointment none know better than the members themselves. Mr. Beeston is also a member of the Midland Counties, Yorkshire, Lancashire, Devonshire, Salisbury, Sussex, Norwich, Lincolnshire, Durham and Newcastle, Gloucester and Bristol, Middlesex, Irish and Stoke Archidiaconal Associations, and the Ancient Society of College Youths.

Just recently Mr. Beeston completed his third century in

peals, and has now rung 301 out of 661 attempts which he has made. It is not everyone who scores such a large proportion of successes as this. The peals, which have been rung in 129 towers in 29 counties in England, Ireland and Wales, are made up as follow :—

Minor—	
Three Methods	1
Four Methods	1
Five Methods	1
Six Methods	1
Seven Methods	6
Ten Methods	1
Treble Bob Minor—	
Seven Methods	15
Eight Methods	1
Fourteen Methods	1
Surprise Minor—	
Seven Methods	1
Triples—	
Plain Bob	1
Grandsire	24
Oxford Bob	1
Double Oxford Bob	2
St. Clement's	1
Stedman	40
Major—	
Plain Bob	16
College Single	1
Double Bob	1
Double Norwich	25
Double Oxford Bob	1
Kent Treble Bob	42
Oxford Treble Bob	7
Forward	2
Duffield	1
Albion Treble Bob	1
Surprise Major—	
Superlative	26
Cambridge	5
London	19
Yorkshire	7
Peterborough	2
New Cambridge	4
Bristol	13
Caters—	
Grandsire	2
Stedman	16
Royal—	
Plain Bob	2
Double Norwich	1
Kent Treble Bob	7
Oxford Treble Bob	1
Cinques—	
Stedman	1
Total	301

CHEPSTOW TOWER KEEPER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that the Chepstow ringers have to announce the death, from paralysis, on Nov. 23rd, of their old tower keeper and foreman, Mr Jas. Morley, after nine years' illness. Mr. Morley, who was 66 years of age, was well known round the district, and, although not a great peal ringer, he was never so happy as when teaching a young band.

He was interred at Chepstow Cemetery, on Wednesday week, four of his brother ringers acting as bearers. In the evening, touches were rung at the Parish Church, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect by the Chepstow Parish Church ringers.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

We record elsewhere in this issue a remarkable peal performance—the first peal rung by children—the son and two daughters of Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, having rung 5040 Grandsire Doubles, called in ten different ways. Ellen, who rang 1-2, is 12 years of age; Joseph, who was the conductor and rang 3-4, is 13; while Ruth, who rang 5-6, is a maid of only ten summers.

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Ellen and Joseph, it may be recalled, rang a peal with their father a few months ago, and some question was raised as to the peal being admissible by the Association on account of the absence of umpires, although we believe the matter has been satisfactorily settled. There can be no question, however, about the peal rung by the children on Sunday. It is testified to by two competent umpires, and this young family will be warmly congratulated by the Exercise upon a splendid performance—congratulations which will be extended also to their father, who has taught them.

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In reference to the peal of Royal at Taunton Mr. J. Burge replies to Mr. J. H. B. Hesse that the band still claim it as the first peal of Royal by resident members of the Bath and Wells Association. As far as he could see there was scarcely one resident member in the Wrington peal of 1911. The footnote to the Taunton peal, he adds, should have read "First peal in the county and for the association by resident members of that county." This alteration of the footnote, we think, makes all the difference.

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There is great credit due to the band who rang the peal of Bob Minor at Wallasey, Cheshire, last Friday. The peal was rung on the first anniversary of the dedication of the bells, and was the first by all the band except the conductor (Mr. G. R. Newton). The band have learned their ringing during the past twelve months, and there are as many more attached to the tower who are equally proficient and only waiting for an opportunity to ring their first 5040.

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Another "name" peal was rung last Saturday, when ten Williams from the Midlands scored a peal of Grandsire Caters at Aston.

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Re-dedication of the bells at Stokes Poges, Bucks, lately re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, will take place during the morning service on Sunday, December 8th, when the Rev. Canon Eliot, Rural Dean of Slough, will dedicate the bells. Short touches will be rung after the service and during the afternoon.

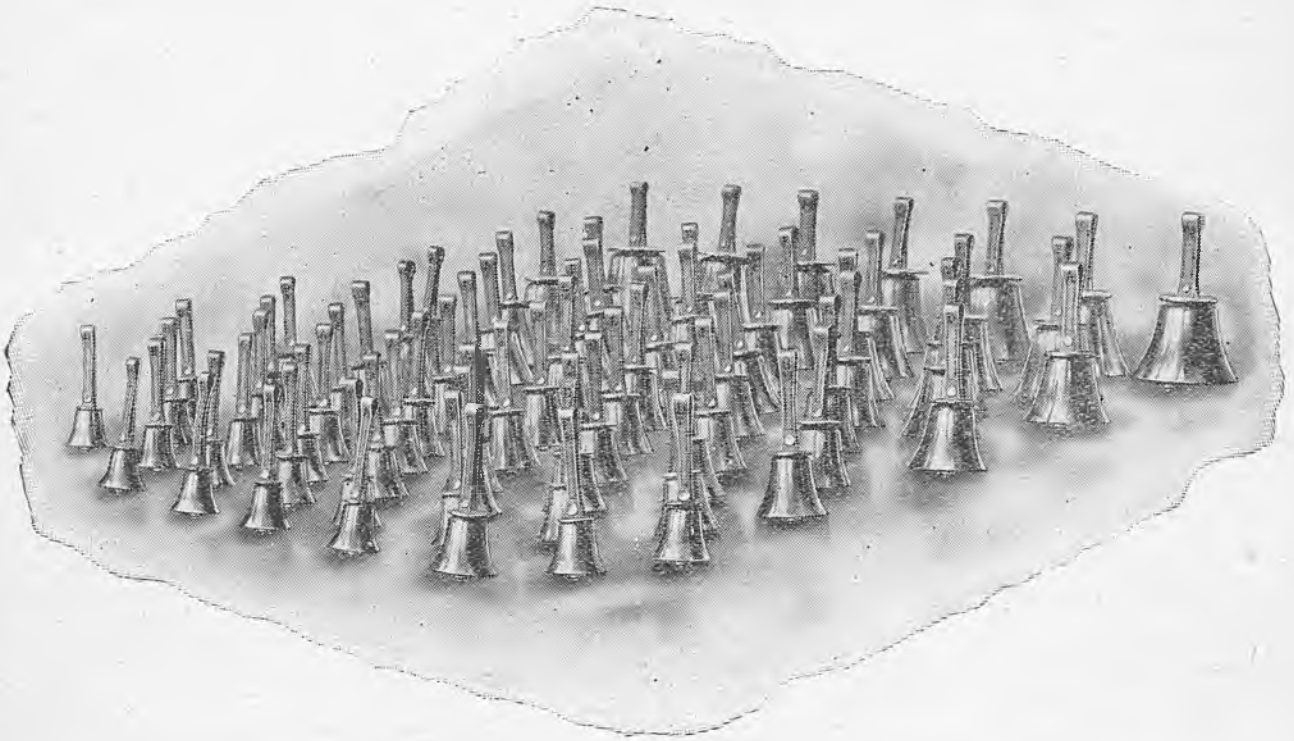
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The new peal of ten at St. Peter's, Croydon, also re-cast and re-hung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, will be dedicated by the Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, and ringers are invited to attend.

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We are pleased to hear that the Wisbech band are again ringing in their own tower, and trust they will make satisfactory progress under their new conductor, Mr. Horace Banham, who conducted his first 720 of Bob Minor last Sunday evening.

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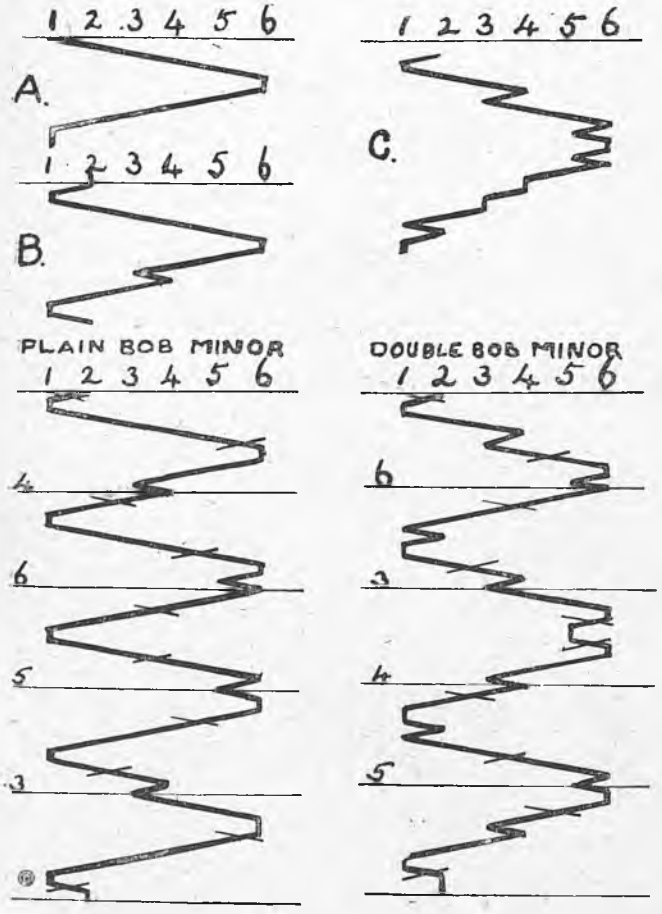
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

With this article we begin a series of illustrations of methods, which, we believe, will be of great service to ringers of all grades. The use of a diagram is one of the most effective ways of learning a fresh method, particularly when that method happens to be a very intricate one, envolving a more or less lengthy and obscure "table" if memorised in the ordinary way. Diagrams are adopted largely by ringers of Surprise methods, and they have considerable advantages over the old fashioned and more laborious task of committing a long tabulated statement to memory. For instance, a ringer can carry the illustration of a particular piece of work in his mind's eye, if he has seen it in a diagram. He can also observe at a glance how one piece links up with another; where one section is just the reverse of some other section; or where the place-making in one place is repeated in another. By the means of diagrams many ringers have rung peals in Surprise methods without ever seeing a single figure, and rung them with an ease and certainty which is not always secured when mere tables have been depended upon.

Before proceeding to give, as we propose to do, a series of methods, from Minor to Surprise Major, a few notes of explanation in order that beginners may understand the diagrams will, perhaps, be necessary.



First of all, at the top of a diagram we have the figures representing each place in the method. Plain hunting is shown by straight lines; place-making by a perpendicular line (under a figure), and dodging by the zizzag between two figures. A short line through the diagram shows where the path of the treble crosses. Fig. A represents plain hunting work. Fig. B is the work of the 2nd in the first lead of a course of Bob Minor. Fig. C shows a lead of Kent Treble Bob, with the place-making. The lines across the methods show the division of the leads, and the figures on the left the point at which the different bells start their work.

We hope from the series of diagrams we intend to give that ringers will be able to acquire many fresh methods and to put them successfully into practice.

The first methods we give are Plain Bob Minor, and Double Bob. Next week we shall illustrate Oxford Bob Minor and Double Oxford.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The fund for the peal tablet to record the first peal by ladies closed on Tuesday, and, as will be seen by the list below, now amounts to over £8. In addition to this representative sum Messrs. Caspar and Co., the famous "marblette" peal tablet makers, have generously offered to provide the tablet at half price, so that a memorial befitting the performance will be erected. We have to thank the subscribers to the scheme and all the secretaries who have kindly forwarded the contributions, for their interest and help in the matter.

The following amounts have been received: Already acknowledged, £6 3s.; St. John-the-Divine, Kennington, 1s. 4d.; St. Martin's, Birmingham, 1s.; Smethwick, 9d.; Carhampton, 8d.; Killamarsh, 6d.; St. Peter-at-Arches, Lincoln, 1s.; East Retford, 10d.; Widnes, 1s.; Bradfield, Berks, 9d.; St. Peter's, Liverpool, 4d.; Caerphilly, Glamorgan, 1s.; Lettenhall, 1s.; Beenham, 9d.; Rev. E. Hartley, Cubitt Town, 2s. 6d.; Cubitt Town ringers, 2s. 9d.; Raunds, 1s.; St. Mary's, Lewisham, 1s.; Mr. C. Crawford, Newton-on-Trent, 6d.; Rotherham (Parish Church and Eastwood), 1s. 6d.; Penwortham, 1s.; Winchester Cathedral, 2s.; per Mr. H. O. White, Rugby (Sidney C. Small, Salisbury, Rhodesia, South Africa, 1d.; Alcester ringers, 6d.; Silbourne, 10d.; Monk's Kirby, 7d.; Church Lawford, 4d.; Clifton-on-Dunsmore, 7d.; Newbold-on-Avon, 8d.; Churchover, 4d.; Brawnsover, 1d.), 4s.; All Saints' Guild, Newport, Mon., 1s. 3d.; per H. Scrivens, Stroud, 3d.; Dalton-in-Furness, 8d.; Goldhanger, Essex, 7d.; Cavendish, Suffolk, 6d.; Easton Neston, Northants, 1s.; St. John's Society, Leicester, 1s.; St. Ignatius Guild, Sunderland, 1s.; Ripley, Derbyshire, 1s.; Weston Favell, Northants, 8d.; Mr. J. H. Shepherd, Wolverhampton, 2s. 6d.; All Saints', Hull, ringers, 1s.; Scunthorpe, Lincs., 1s.

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DEATH OF AN ILMINSTER RINGER.

RESULT OF A GAS EXPLOSION.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Fred Baker, of Ilminster, who died on Sunday evening, November 24th, at the age of 39, as the result of a gas explosion, which took place about three weeks before. Deceased was a painter, and was working, with others, in the renovation of a house belonging to Mr. W. H. Sheppard. The house was locked up on the evening of October 31st, the gas being turned off. Next morning, when Baker went in and struck a light there was a loud explosion, which blew out the windows and caused a fire.

Deceased did not appear, at the time, to be much injured, and helped Mr. Sheppard to put out the fire. Dr. Munden attended him for the burns, which turned out to be worse than at first thought. He appeared to be making satisfactory progress till Wednesday, Nov. 20th, when erysipelas and blood poisoning supervened, and proved fatal.—A verdict of accidental death was returned at the inquest.

The funeral took place on Thursday, November 28th, four of the ringers acting as bearers, and the rest walking as mourners, as did a number of his fellow club members. Amongst other wreaths was one from his fellow ringers, expressing their sorrow at his loss. At the express wish of the widow, the muffled peal was not rung.

Deceased had been a member of the local band since 1892, and was a safe and steady ringer. Though he only scored one peal, it was not from want of ability nor the desire to ring peals, but solely from lack of opportunity. He was most regular in his attendance at both practices and Sunday ringing, and will be sadly missed in the tower. He leaves a widow and two children to mourn their loss.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD TOUR.

(Concluded from page 375).

BLEWBURY.

Saturday.—We breakfasted with bare train margin. Leaving Faringdon in bright sunshine, at 8 a.m., we changed at Uffington, the White Horse Hill just beginning to reveal the outline of the chalky quadruped carved upon its grassy slopes. Didcot we reached at 9.5 a.m., and a pre-arranged conveyance quickly delivered us at the old-world village of Blewbury, some 4½ miles across the Berkshire Downs.

If you were a stranger driving within a mile or two of the place, you would never believe that such a village existed amongst the clump of diminutive trees in the distance, yet there are about 300 inhabitants nestling is a rectrangular hollow of about a half-mile square. The place is honey-combed with footpaths and cartways, so that even a well-trained cockney would be lost in the day-time. Most of the houses are built of timber and wattle plastering, with tiles, and, in the majority of cases, old heavy thatching, for a roof. About six new houses have been erected in about a century, for when one falls down, or is too bad to occupy, it is seldom replaced. A coat worn by the Rev. Morgan Jones, who became known as the Blewbury Miser, is still existing. This gentleman was curate, 1781—1824, and had worn the coat in question for 43 years, dying worth £18,000. There is an inn here known as the "Load of Mischief," the only one of its name. The sign, beautifully painted many years since, some say by Hogarth, represents a woman and a monkey bound together upon a man's back. The church is exceptional, from an architectural point of view, and possesses a chained Bible of great age. Many years ago the place was famous for sheep fairs, which lasted a week sometimes, when several thousand head changed hands in the course of a single day.

A LUCKY NINTH.

After an hour's waiting with seven men, we gave up Buckland, learning afterwards that he was kicked over, machine and all, by a racehorse, while riding via Wantage, on the main road for Blewbury. There was no serious injury to man or motor bike, except to the carrier, but it was a narrow shave, and meant a severe shaking. During the wait, we spliced a rope or two, oiled the bells, and refilled some home-made lubricators, small inverted medicine bottles filled with oil, and arranged to drip on the gudgeons, and very effective they were, too. This gave me a chance to look at the inscriptions, that on the tenor serving as a very good motto for all peal ringers:—

"Nil Desperandum."

A Blewbury story says that one of the bells was cast in a blacksmith's shop at Cholsey. The local tenor man at last came to our rescue, and pulled off with us for a "touch" only, at last promising that he would not stop if we kept going, and thus we scored our lucky ninth peal at Blewbury—a heavy task for the backenders, as the bells are not going well. In the restoration of this peal, in 1906, the old frame was allowed to remain, and it's now giving way a bit. The tenor only was lowered for the clock hours to strike upon it at the finish, and its ringer (a tenor man who proved his worth all the time) just hooked up the rope-end to its usual nail on the wall, leaving the bell swinging while he put his coat on. He then steadied the sally to stop the bell dead, before freeing the clock hammer, when the whole rope came down about his feet, and he stood in astonishment, with the sally in his hand. I mention these two facts because the rolling stream of time was in our favour this day, whilst last Saturday a peal and a life were sadly cut short. The Catherine Wheel, kept by Mr. W. Grace, foreman of the ringers, provided us with a nicely served hot dinner, consisting of roast leg of mutton, making the fourth leg we had tackled during the week, and luckily for the band there was no sheep fair on.

THE LAST LAP.

I am on the last lap, and I hope, patient reader, you are not tired of all this medley of matter about our outing. It has been one of the most enjoyable I have ever attended, and whilst our Editor has enabled me to mention a number of friends who have, individually, in several ways, helped to make the outing so happy and successful, he has also enabled me to give to you something more than the bare particulars of the actual peals scored.

The last tower of our tour, Hagbourne, was two miles distant, and having been rejoined by Mr. Buckland, and, later, by Mr. Hibbert and the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, we arrived at the village ten strong, making the ringers' house—The Fleur de Lys, kept by one of the famous Napper family—our house of call. Here three of the first to part from us were the two well-known local scullers, Truss, of Marlow, and Preston, of Christchurch, and that ardent golfing cyclist, Mr. Bishop, of Swindon, whom we had to entice away from Frilford, a fine golf course in the neighbourhood.

Assembled in the belfry, Major was declined, as the back bells are not kind just now. Mr. T. East, captain of the Hagbourne Society, ably stood in, having previously done his best to put the bells in order for us. The old tenor bell appeared to open his mouth wider than ever, smiling with joy, when it was suggested that Tom Hibbert should call Thurstans' Four-part. Well, called it was—our tenth and last performance—and rung, rung to a finish, to our satisfaction, and to the credit of the Guild. An hour or so later, beneath the creeper-clad sign of the "Fleur de Lys," in the darkness of a country bye-way, was heard the farewells of our party, and upon their behalf I will conclude my report by saying to all those kind friends who helped our joyous round.—"THANK YOU."

W.H.F.

HEPTONSTALL BELLS.

DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL OF EIGHT.

The scheme for recasting, augmentation and rehanging of the bells of Heptonstall Parish Church has been carried to a successful consummation, and on Sunday week, the Rev. Dr. Burn, Vicar of Halifax, dedicated the fine and beautifully toned peal of eight, which have come from the Loughborough foundry. The work, which has cost between £500 and £600, has been carried out, as a result of the munificent offers of Messrs. Sutcliffe, solicitors, Hebden Bridge, to defray the cost of the two additional heavy bells in memory of their father and mother, William and Betty Sutcliffe, and also of their cousin, Henry Murgatroyd-Thomas, and also that of Mrs. Fruhe, Roys House, to bear the cost of the recasting of the fourth bell in memory of her father and mother, the Rev. T. Sutcliffe, M.A., former incumbent of the parish, and Mrs. Sutcliffe. A fund was opened towards the balance required, and met with most generous support, the extent of which places the committee somewhere near the amount required. The work necessitated the removal of the old peal of six bells to Loughborough, but Messrs. Taylor carried these preliminaries through in an expeditious manner, and a short period of about three months saw the renovated and augmented peal of eight bells successfully hung in the massive tower. Messrs. Taylor have imparted to the peal a full, rich and exquisite tone, and it affords one a musical treat to be within sound of their sweet, melodious notes.

The dedication service was attended by a large and representative congregation. The Rev. E. O. Williams, M.A., Vicar (to whose energies the movement owes much), and the Rev. J. F. L. Orton, M.A., officiated. The choir rendered the anthem, "Sing praises" (Gounod), and just after the anthem the dedication ceremony took place, when, the whole congregation devoutly kneeling, there was a procession of clergy and churchwardens and secretary and treasurer of the bell fund from the chancel to the foot of the tower, under the bells, where the specially prepared dedication prayers were said by Dr. Burn.

At the conclusion of the prayers, the bells pealed out while the procession returned to the chancel, and this was, perhaps, the most impressive moment of a very impressive ceremony. The ringing was done by T. Robertshaw (conductor) treble, J. Ingham 2, W. Ingham 3, J. Armstrong 4, F. Robertshaw 5, J. Nowell 6, R. Nowell 7, J. Robertshaw tenor. The ordinary service was then proceeded with, and the appropriate hymns were sung with much heartiness.—Dr. Burn preached a powerful sermon from the words, "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." He congratulated the parishioners upon the completion of the renovation scheme, although it came at a rather sad time when their Vicar was about to leave them, and go to fresh work in a new sphere. The bells, he continued, were interesting from a historical point of view. The parishioners would feel that, the old metal having been recast and the old inscriptions put upon the re-made bells—inscriptions beautiful in their quaintness and in the thoughts which they expressed—alongside these two new bells which had been so generously given for the service of the tower, they had a link with the past. If these were not exactly the same bells they were the metal of the same bells that rang out the old-time message which had again and again put into the people's hearts thoughts expressed by the text. One inscription spoke of the invitation which the bells gave to public worship, and another of the importance of making the service of bell-ringing a real bit of church work and work for the Master, instead of following it for the mere physical and intellectual pleasure to be derived from it. It was not from the scientific side of bell ringing that it was his duty to speak, though he might say it was most interesting from such a point of view, and he had for a long period taken a deep interest in it, so much so that he would be glad of the opportunity to bring the Halifax ringers up to Heptonstall. He would rather direct thought on that occasion to the personal message which the church bells gave out from childhood to old age. He instanced the occasions in individual and national life when the bells played their part, and, in conclusion, said one should be thankful for the opportunities of instruction which a church service afforded, but the great thought must be that one came to church to give to God what was due to Him—to praise Him. He advised them to carry away this thought of praise into their daily lives, and as a result serve Him more faithfully and rejoice more fully in the glad message which the beautiful bells would bring them from week to week and year to year.

As the congregation left the church, the bells again rang out merrily, and the dedication festival was continued during the afternoon and evening. Touches of Kent Treble Bob were rung during the day.

A VISIT TO SELLINGE.

The peal at Sellinge recorded last week has brought us a lengthy descriptive article of the outing from E.L., and we regret, owing to the pressure on our space, we are unable to give more than a few extracts from it. The party, who were cyclists, joined forces at Goudhurst, and then started on a 30-miles' ride, which was accomplished in safety, only to find that one of the band had not turned up. Eventually the missing man arrived, dripping wet, but just in time for tea, which had been very kindly provided at the Vicarage, the Vicar's wife attending to the wants of the visitors. Returning to the belfry, the band soon set the bells going to the tune of Oxford Bob, and from this they turned into Canterbury Pleasure. While this was in progress, says the writer of the story, in came the Vicar, and after a glance round, inquired of our "odd-man," who had seated himself in one of the pews, how long should we be ringing, as he had a service on. On being told that we should be some time yet, if we had good luck, he replied, "It is such beautiful ringing I can't think of stopping it." Now, there's a Vicar for you! But now, let me give you a little idea of my own feelings during this period. In the first place, none of us knew about any service, and the belfry is on the ground floor, and open to the church. To make matters worse, we had a "youngster" on the 2nd, but, luckily, he had his back to the whole proceedings, or disastrous consequences might have followed. During the Vicar's conversation with our odd-man, I happened to overhear the word service, and, thought I, there's a service on. Oh, dear, 30 miles for a peal of Minor, and then have it cut short (as I concluded it would be) like this, was enough to make one's heart break. But, no, the Vicar appeared in his surplice, went to the far end of the church, and quietly proceeded with the service. As I was conducting this peal, I thought I'd return the compliment by lowering my voice as much as possible, when making the necessary calls, and I sincerely hope my subdued tone did not disturb the reverend gentleman in his meditations.

The service did not last long, however, and we were soon left to our own resources, and were now sailing along very comfortably, and continued so till we were just over half-way through the sixth 720, when our "youngster" missed his sally, and forgot to make 3rd's place at the single. Just at this moment, too, one of the others must also lose himself, and a serious commotion ensued for a few pulls. A few sharp words from the conductor, coupled with the help of the others, who kept their heads cool, soon put them right, and in a minute up came the correct part end. When nearing the end of the peal in came the Vicar again. "He'll stop us now, sure enough," thought I, "it is just on nine o'clock, and he's had enough of it." But no, he stayed and listened, and in a few minutes, when the bells came round, "Beautiful, marvellous," he exclaimed. "It's glorious. I never heard such ringing. We must have a board for this," he added to his right-hand man (Mr. White). "a black and white one. You can do that, White?" "Yes, sir," "Very well, then, get on with it, I'll pay for it out of my own pocket." Well, upon my soul, here were we ringers, fairly gasping for breath in astonishment. Here's a Vicar actually ordering a peal board before we have lowered the bells. Talk about the clergy beginning to take interest in the bell ringers, why, this beats everything. But we had not finished yet. "Now," says he, "come along into the house and have some coffee and something to eat." So we lowered the bells, and made our way to the Vicarage once more.

There they stayed over coffee, cakes, and the fragrant weed, until past ten o'clock, and then with farewells and many thanks to the Vicar and his good lady, the cyclists went back to the belfry for their machines. There was a burst tyre before the start, sundry punctures on the 30 miles' journey home through the rain, and a lamp that caused trouble, until its reservoir was filled from a pond, which one of the party discovered by putting his foot into it to a depth of about six inches. At two o'clock in the morning they were struggling with a recalcitrant tyre some miles from home, but at 3.15 a.m. the cyclists reached the shelter of their respective roofs, after a journey full of incident.

Sellinge Church, says our correspondent, is a snug little building, and possesses a nice little ring of six, a little "tricky," perhaps, if you don't watch them. The Vicar is a right down good sort, and is anxious to have a band of change ringers of his own, and is doing all he can to get one. He tells me three or four young hands have just joined, and I'm certain that with a little help there would soon be a competent band at Sellinge. So now, you Ashford district men, buck up, and look after the young hands. They are worth it. It may be a little out of the way, perhaps, but you will be fully repaid for any little help you may give to the Sellinge party. And to the Vicar and the good lady of the house, we offer sincere thanks for the kind manner in which we were welcomed there.

TURVEY, BEDS.—The Bedfordshire Association.—At All Saints', on Oct. 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. Cockings 1, V. Cockings 2, H. Gayton 3, A. Stapleton 4, G. Allen 5, H. Stapleton 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, H. Robinson (longest length on eight bells) 8.

FRENSHAM ST. MARY'S.—On Oct. 10th, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: C. Edwards 1, Alb. Croucher (first in the method) 2, A. Chuter 3, Alf. Croucher 4, H. Chaffey (first 720 as conductor) 5, W. Horne 6.

NOTICES.

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THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 10th and 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th; and St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 10th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Blackburn, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Chorley Parish Church on Saturday, December 7th. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern Division.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, December 7th, at Great Waltham. Bells at 4 p.m. Short service at 5. Tea at the Six Bells 5.45. A conveyance will leave Chelmsford Station 3.15, fare 1s. return. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The next meeting of this branch will be held at Newton Longville on December 7th. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Holy Trinity, Bolton, on Saturday, December 7th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham, on Saturday, December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, business meeting at 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Wrington on December 7th. Service in the Parish Church at 3.15 p.m. Tea at Mrs. Young's Reading Room at 4.15. Meeting to follow.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, Taunton.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Northern district meeting on Saturday, December 7th. All ringers invited. Bells: St. George's, Jesmond, afternoon from 2.30 p.m., All Saints', Gosforth, evening till 8.30 p.m. Social concert after. Committee meeting after tea. Tea provided 5.30 p.m. at Gosforth for those notifying by Tuesday, 3rd prox. their intention to be present.—Robert W. Falconer, 22, Linden Road, Gosforth, District Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Willington on Saturday, December 7th. Bells available from 5 to 9 o'clock. All members invited. — F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Bury, on December 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — Wimborne Branch.—The annual meeting is to be held at St. James', Poole, on Saturday, December 7th. Ringing to commence at 2 p.m.; 4.15, service, address by Rector, Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips; 4.45, tea in schools, followed by business meeting. The Vestry will be open for handbell ringing from 2 to 9 (except 3.30 to 4.15). Lytchett Minster and Sturminster Marshall towers will also be open for ringing.—C. A. Phillips, Honorary Branch Secretary.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—A meeting of the association will be held at St. Augustine's, Kilburn, N.W., on Thursday next, December 12th. Tower open 8 p.m. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch,—There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th. at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30, for those who before the 12th send word to W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church Street, Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each, to those who let me know by Wednesday, December 11th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, bells ready at 4 p.m., tea 5.30, meeting at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON. — The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. John Hooke, 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

VISITORS TO BRISTOL will find every convenience and moderate charges at Mrs. Walker's, Admiral Duncan, Nicholas Street, Bristol Headquarters of the Bristol Ringers.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. H. White has removed to 72, Worting Road, Basingstoke. The address of Miss Alice White is now also 72, Worting Road.—Mr. F. A. Holden's address is now Depot R.M., Deal.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Situation Wanted as VERGER or CARETAKER, where carpenter's and joiner's business could be added. Would teach a band change ringing in Standard methods, 6, 8 or 10 bells.—C. R. L., Linley House, Cheddon Road, Taunton.

SITUATION WANTED as CARETAKER or SEXTON, or any place of trust; change ringer and conductor on 6, 8 or 10 bells; willing to teach a young band.—Henry J. Tucker, Bishop's Stortford, Herts.

FOR SALE.

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MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Oct. 12th, an attempt for a peal of Bob Major came to grief, owing to a shift, after ringing 2½ hrs.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, H. Charman 2, Miss E. K. Parker 3, R. Whittington 4, H. Tidy 5, W. Denyer 6, T. Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8.—On Oct. 13th, for the evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, W. Streeter 2, Miss Edith K. Parker (conductor) 3, A. Charman 4, C. Charman 5, R. Whittington 6, W. Charman 7, Miss Clara Beasley 8. The Misses Parker and Beasley hail from Enfield, and were paying a week-end visit to Mr. and Mrs. R. Whittington. They visited Ewhurst tower for the morning service, where 360 of Bob Minor was rung, and 120 Grandsire Doubles, with Miss Beasley on the tenor.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On Sept. 28th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Bob Major: A. Thorpe 1, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 2, G. Lambert 3, F. A. Poulson 4, W. Dent 5, T. Reed 6, A. Symonds 7, W. R. J. Poulson 8.

OXTON, CHESHIRE.—On Oct. 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Grant 3, J. Owens 4, R. Benhall 5, J. Evans 6, H. Martin (longest length in the method as conductor) 7, S. Mostyn 8. The conductor hails from Wolverley, Worcestershire, the rest belong to the local band.

EASTHAMPSTEAD, BERKS. — Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sept. 26th, 360 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 1, A. E. Reeves 2, J. Rance (conductor) 3, E. C. Lambert 4, F. Hopgood 5, A. W. Osborne 6. Also touches of Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles, with Messrs. A. Gough, W. Newton and A. Herrington taking part.—On Oct. 10th, for practice, 720 Double Court: H. Bungay 1, E. C. Lambert 2, A. Pierce 3, *W. Newton 4, *A. Gough 5, J. Rance (conductor) 6. * First 720 in the method. First 720 as conductor, also first 720 on the bells.

BARNES.—At St. Mary's Church, on Oct. 13th, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: M. Jacobs 1, H. Barrett 2, E. H. Cook 3, H. Stevens 4, R. Mackrill 5, B. Morris 6, C. F. W. Hunt (conductor) 7, J. Wilmott 8.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBRIDGE.—On Wednesday, August 7th, in the Old School, on handbells, 120 Bob Doubles: E. Diss 1—2, A. E. Austin 3—4, T. Finch (conductor) 5—6. This is the first 120 by T. Finch, the first in the method by E. Diss, and the first 120 double-handed by all. It is also believed to be the first 120 ever rung, double-handed, by residents of Stapleford.

BIRCH, LANCS.—On Oct. 13th, after evening service, for harvest thanksgiving, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Idle 1, W. Holbrook 2, J. W. Washbrook (conductor) 3, W. E. Ryder 4, H. Washbrook 5, J. Derbyshire 6, W. H. Idle 7, R. Davies 8.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—Worcestershire and Districts Association.—On Oct. 8th, on the occasion of the Vicar's return from his honeymoon, 1638 changes of Grandsire Triples, in 60 mins.: J. Brown 1, F. Willetts 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, S. Detheridge 8.

CALVERLEY, YORKS.—On Oct. 13th, at St. Wilfrid's Church, for evening service, a date touch of Rose of England Major (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins.: S. Wheatley 1, R. Child 2, W. Popplewell (conductor) 3, W. Stanhope 4, A. Farrer (longest length in any method) 5, S. Keighley 6, E. Wheater (longest length in the method) 7, F. Waller 8.

METHERINGHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE. — On Oct. 8th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. H. Cooke 1, W. Green 2, H. Green 3, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 4, J. Dawson 5, J. Foster 6. This is the first 720 by all except the conductor, and the first ever rung by a local band.—On Oct. 9th, on the occasion of the harvest festival, another 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung after evening service, the band standing as before.

CRANBROOK, KENT.—Kent Association.—At St. Dunstans' Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), on Tuesday, 8th Oct.: J. A. Lambert (conductor) 1, G. Billenness 2, F. Butchers 3, A. Marshall 4, J. Beech 5, W. H. Lambert 6, F. J. Lambert 7, T. Lambert 8. Rung after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Stedman, at Staplehurst.

STONE-IN-OXNEY, KENT.—Kent Association.—720 Kent Treble Bob and 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor for the harvest festival, on Wednesday, 9th October: C. Wenham 1, C. Tribe 2, H. Smith 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt 5, C. W. Player (conductor) 6. Also 360 Plain Bob Minor: C. W. Player 1, C. Wenham 2, G. J. Youngs 3, A. Daw 4, F. Burt (conductor) 5, C. Tribe 6.

IDEN, SUSSEX.—Sussex Association.—For the harvest festival, on October 9th, 360 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: E. T. Bryant 1, G. Kenward 2, W. Cloke 3, F. Wells 4, W. R. Wood 5, G. Billenness (conductor) 6. Also 120 Grandsire Doubles in same order, Mr. W. R. Wood conducting. 180 Bob Minor and several more 120's of Doubles were rung.

LLANFRECHFA, MON.—Llandaff Association.—On Oct. 11th, 720 Bob Minor: H. Holmes 1, F. Boulton 2, E. Davies 3, C. Davies 4, G. L. Stafford 5, W. Large (conductor) 6. Also Kent Treble Bob Minor, Stedman Doubles and Grandsire Doubles.

TREVETHIN, PONTYPOOL.—On Oct. 12th, 720 Bob Minor: D. Pinney 1, H. Pinney 2, S. Rogers 3, C. Davies 4, G. Large 5, W. Large (conductor) 6.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Sunday, Sept. 29th, for Communion service, 518 Grandsire Triples. Also 720 Bob Major. For morning service, 504 Stedman Triples. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Boswell 1, G. Ette 2, T. Wright 3, B. Fisher 4, W. Jacques 5, H. Pettit 6, W. Freeman (conductor) 7, R. Perkins 8. After evening service, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were conducted by W. Jacques. Messrs. Pettit and Ette hail from Wellingborough. Also their first quarter-peal of Stedman.

TAUNTON, SOMERSET.—At the Church of St. Mary Madgalen, on Sept. 24th, in honour of the home-coming of Mr. and Mrs. John Hare, 501 Stedman Caters: S. Wyatt (conductor) 1, C. R. Lilley 2, J. Routley 3, I. Creed 4, H. Moggridge 5, J. Fowler 6, F. Sadd 7, H. Reed 8, E. Wyatt 9, W. Knighter 10. Also 305 Grandsire Caters.—On Sept. 25th, in honour of Canon Corfield's anniversary of his wedding, and of his coming to Taunton; also in honour of Mr. J. Fowler's 50th birthday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 53 mins.: H. Moggridge 1, S. Wyatt 2, H. Reed 3, I. Creed 4, J. Routley 5, C. R. Lilley (conductor) 6, F. Sadd 7, J. Maddock 8, E. Wyatt 9, J. Fowler 10.

BATH.—On Oct. 1st, at St. Mary's Church, 1259 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Ten-part), in 46 mins.: W. H. Seers 1, A. E. Alexander (conductor) 2, W. Starr (longest in the method) 3, A. E. Seers 4, C. Densley 5, H. E. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins 7, R. Whatley 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On Oct. 1st, 720 Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: A. Wilson (first 720) 1, M. Harris 2, H. Hastings (first 720) 3, H. Kettle (first 720 with a bob bell) 4, J. White (conductor) 5, W. Brunsden 6.

HILLINGDON.—For the harvest festival evening service, at St. John's Church, 846 Grandsire Caters: W. Henley 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, J. J. Parker 3, W. Lawrence 4, W. H. Joiner 5, H. Waite 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, J. J. Jones 8, W. Smith 9, A. Harding 10. Messrs. Joiner and Smith hail from Mitcham.

WEST EALING.—On the festival of St. Michael, for evening service, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Lawrence (conductor) 1, T. Crocker 2, J. Harbour 3, A. Harding 4, W. Lidbetter (Brentford) 5, J. W. Kelley (Chiswick) 6, G. Spencer (Isleworth) 7, C. Edwards 8.

PORTISHEAD, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Watts 1, R. Williams 2, Miss Gillingham 3, E. Knight 4, A. W. Cadell 5, J. Nisbet 6, W. Gillingham (conductor) 7, A. G. Luke 8.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.—On Oct. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, C. Dilley 4, H. Cornwell 5, G. Maxim 6, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 7, H. Simpson 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, for morning service, 546 Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe (conductor) 4, H. Cornwell 5, G. Maxim 6, F. W. Elliott 7, D. Tucker 8. For the C.E.M.S. service, 168 Grandsire Triples, H. Cornwell, conductor.—On Oct. 20th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Simmons 1, G. Andrews 2, G. Maxim 3, H. Cornwell 4, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 5, R. Smith 6, C. Dilley 7, D. Tucker 8. This quarter-peal contains the 12 4—6's and 12 7—4's.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.—On Oct. 11th, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Minor, in 46 mins.: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Marshall 4, H. Price 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. — On Oct. 16th, 720 Double Oxford: J. Bailey 1, W. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, A. Relfe 4, A. Marshall (conductor) 5, H. Price 6. First 720 of Double Oxford on the bells.

HEMEL HEMPSTEAD. — At St. Mary's Church, on Oct 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples; on Oct. 6th, 350 Grandsire, 504 Oxford Bob Triples; on Oct. 9th, 720 Bob Minor.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, 360 Bob Major: F. Walker 1, G. Sells 2, C. Golding 3, A. Searle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, W. Floyd 7, H. Golding 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, 504 of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding 2, W. Floyd 3, C. Golding 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepheard 6, G. Sells 7, W. Charge 8. All conducted by H. Golding.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, at St. Giles' Church, 252 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship 2, N. Cox 3, C. Higgs 4, G. Goodship 5, Rev. G. F. Coleridge (Crowthorne) 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8. Also 168 in same method.—On Oct. 14th, 504 Stedman Triples: H. Osborne 1, Miss E. Goodship (first 500 as conductor) 2, G. Goodship 3, N. Cox 4, W. P. Routh 5, H. Tucker 6, A. W. Osborne 7, L. Smith 8. Also a course of Kent Treble Bob Major.

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: J. Wilkins 1, W. Austin 2, W. Parker 3, W. Sibley 4, G. Handscombe 5, J. Dean 6, A. Mawby (conductor) 7, W. Harris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 6th and tenor.

PLYMOUTH.—On Tuesday, Oct. 22nd, at Charles' Church, 324 Erin Caters, conducted by the Rev. E. S. Powell.

HULL.—On Oct. 24th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: J. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, F. Moulson 4, D. Meadley 5, A. B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8.—On Oct. 25th, at St. James' Sutton-on-Hull, a quarter-peal of Minor (720 Kent Treble Bob and 540 Bob Minor), in 42 mins.: L. Redmell 1, H. Redmell 2, J. S. Calvert 3, C. J. Johnston (Croydon) 4, C. Jackson (conductor) 5, A. E. West 6.

WOOD GREEN. — The Middlesex Association. — At St. Michael's Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 44 mins.: Bert Horton 1, E. Davidson 2, W. Radcliffe 3, W. Powell 4, C. Ross (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6—At St. Ann's Church, Stamford Hill, N., 720 Bob Minor (42 singles), in 25 mins.: F. A. Gerken 1, T. C. Ringrose 2, A. Howell 3, C. Ross 4, F. E. Ringrose 5, W. Powell (conductor) 6.

GOLDHANGER.—Essex Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Oct. 26th, 720 Plain Bob: J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 1, B. Howard (first 720 with bob bell) 2, H. Lewis 3, C. J. Mann 4, G. H. Neville 5, J. Owers 6. Also 720 Oxford Treble Bob: G. Southgate (first 720 Treble Bob) 1, H. Lewis 2, J. Owers 3, G. H. Neville 4, C. J. Mann 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6.

WRAXALL. — At the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 51 mins., with the bell muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. J. T. Vowles, some years churchwarden: J. Gould 1, C. Winstone 2, J. Yond 3, J. Harry 4, M. Hedges 5, J. Winser 6, J. Bishop (conductor) 7, S. Winser 8.

LUTTERWORTH.—At the Wycliffe Church of St. Mary, on Oct. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: T. Green 1, P. J. Rourke 2, S. Poole 3, A. J. Ross 4, F. J. Herbert 5, W. Williams (conductor) 6, E. W. Tipler 7, W. Tilcock 8. This is the longest touch by an entirely local band.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Oct. 27th, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, E. Brown 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—On Oct. 27th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins., being the first quarter of Mr. Walder's variation of Parker's Twelve-part: A. H. Bell 1, J. E. Clarke (conductor) 2, S. Hunt 3, S. Cox (first on inside bell) 4, J. Britchfield 5, G. H. Huddlestone 6, J. T. Willson 7, R. H. Baker (longest length) 8.

WRAYSBURY.—On Sunday, Oct. 27th, 630 Grandsire Triples, before evening service, and a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after service: W. E. Napper (longest length) 1, A. C. Fussell 2, T. Smith 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, W. Henley 6, W. Welling 7, A. Pither 8.

CHELSEA.—On Sunday, Oct. 27th, at St. Luke's Church, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 48 mins.: W. Essery 1, G. Watkin 2, H. Burton 3, F. A. Smith 4, E. A. Reeve 5, A. Newman 6, W. J. Barber 7, H. Manco (conductor) 8.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.—London County Association.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 27th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Goddard 1, Miss Alice White 2, C. Hughes 3, G. R. Fardon (conductor) 4, T. Beadle 5, C. F. Winney 6, F. Hardy 7, E. Cassell 8. Miss Alice White hails from Basingstoke, and this was her first visit to Isleworth.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE. — On Oct. 30th, at the Parish Church, 1376 Superlative Surprise Major: *F. E. Smith 1, T. Gore 2, *G. Davies 3, A. Craven 4, *C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 5, A. Knights 6, W. J. Thyng 7, B. A. Knights (conductor) 8. * First quarter-peal in the method.

GEDDINGTON. — Central Northamptonshire Association.—On Oct. 28th, 720 of Doubles (one six-score each of St. Simons, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Chase, and Grandsire): G. Black 1, C. Swan 2, C. Cooper, J. E. Reid 4, R. Black (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Geo. Black. First 720 in six methods by the local band.

BRAINTREE.—For evensong, on Sunday, within the octave of All Saints' Day, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1280 changes): H. Coote 1, C. H. Howard (conductor) 2, H. E. Hammond 3, R. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Eley 6, W. H. Hammond 7, E. Newman 8.

TARRINGTON, HEREFORD.—A quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes) was rung, in 43 mins., at the Church of St. Phillip and St. James', on the visit of the Guild instructor, Mr. Short (Clent): R. Griffiths 1, A. Vernall 2, J. Edwards 3, S. Bowen (conductor) 4, W. Short 5, J. Morris 6.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—On September 15th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Treble Bob Major: A. Allsopp 1, J. Jennings 2, B. Claydon 3, A. Oliver (Rugby) 4, T. Bloore 5, W. Allsopp 6, G. Roberts 7, B. Leedham (conductor) 8. For evening service the same day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Parr (first quarter with a bob bell) 1, G. Roberts 2, J. Jennings 3, B. Claydon (conductor) 4, A. Oliver 5, T. Bloore 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8.

BEDFORD.—At SS. Mary and Helena's, on Sept. 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: V. Cooper 1, Miss D. Steele 2, S. Hodd 3, Miss E. Steele 4, A. Steele 5, E. White (conductor) 6.

PLYMOUTH.—The Devon Guild. — At St. Andrew's Church, Plymouth, on October 6th, for the men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: G. Smith 1, J. Gluyas 2, C. F. Johnston (Croydon) 3, W. Davey 4, W. Hambly 5, W. H. Marsh (conductor) 6, H. Bennett 7, W. Linnell 8. Also 168, conducted by H. Bennett. — At Charles' Church, several touches of Grandsire Caters and Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, conducted by E. W. Marsh, and in which Mr. Johnston took part.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—The Midland Counties Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sept. 29th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 48 mins.: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Corrigan 5, J. Hopkin 6, P. O. Laflin 7, W. G. Ellis 8, W. Davis 9, C. Allen 10. After service, 647 Grandsire Caters, both conducted by W. G. Ellis. Rung to celebrate the 40th anniversary of Mr. J. Jones' wedding.

WALSOKEN.—At the Parish Church, for harvest thanksgiving, 720 of Bob Minor: T. Haines 1, J. Albins 2, S. Andrews 3, T. Blunt 4, R. Narborough 5, J. W. Storey (conductor) 6.

LINCOLN.—On Sunday evening, Oct. 6th, at St. Peter-at-Gowts, for harvest festival, 720 Grandsire Minor: W. Parnell 1, G. Collins 2, T. Greenwood 3, A. Andrews (of Billingboro') 4, R. H. Hurst 5, J. S. Betts (conductor) 6.

YATELEY, HANTS. — Winchester Diocesan Guild. — On Sunday, Sept. 22nd, for Divine service, in the morning, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Bunch 1, Miss B. Stilwell 2, W. G. Bunch 3, G. Butler 4, H. Tice (conductor) 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell 7, E. Denton 8. For evening service, 504 in the same method, C. Butler, treble.—On October 6th, for the harvest festival, 504 Grandsire Triples, for morning service, and 700 Grandsire Triples, for evening service: C. Butler 1, W. G. Bunch 2, A. Harmon 3, G. Butler 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

LITTLE HEATH, ESSEX.—At St. James' Church, on Sept. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles (1260 changes), each called differently: A. Pye (conductor) 1, C. Weaver (first quarter-peal inside) 2, L. Pye 3, A. Stroud 4, W. A. Pye 5.

WINFARTHING.—On October 6th, for afternoon service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob Minor: W. Mears 1, B. Manser 2, S. Anninson 3, H. Garnham 4, F. Roope 5, F. Burrows (conductor) 6. After service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fulcher 1, H. Garnham 2, F. Roope 3, W. Mears 4, F. Burrows (conductor) 5, G. Snelling 6. For evening service, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Fulcher 1, F. Burrows (conductor) 2, S. Anninson 3, G. Snelling 4, W. Mears 5, H. Garnham 6.

GREAT BARTON.—On Oct. 1st, a quarter peal of Minor (960 College Single and 300 Plain Bob): *P. Sturgeon 1, E. Sturgeon 2, E. W. Bishop 3, *W. J. Wright 4, *T. G. Foulger 5, H. W. Foulger (conductor) 6. * First quarter-peal.

SAMPFORD BRETT, SOMERSET.—On October 6th, for harvest festival evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Doubles (1912 changes), in 1 hr. 6 mins.: E. Perry 1, A. H. Jenkins 2, F. Gould 3, A. Cavill 4, W. Bennett (conductor) 5.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.—The Hertfordshire Association. — On Oct. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. H. Godman 1, A. W. Mansfield 2, J. A. Childs 3, W. Hewitt 4, G. Layzell 5, W. S. Inwood (conductor) 6, H. G. Rowe (Cheshunt) 7, T. Mead 8.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on October 2nd, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: Mrs. R. Whittington 1, George Farnfield 2, William Streeter 3, Robert Whittington 4, Harry Tidy 5, Horace Charman 6, Thomas Worsfold 7, W. Charman (conductor) 8. This was G. Farnfield's first quarter-peal of Major, and credit is due to him for his striking throughout the quarter, as he is so deaf that he cannot at any time hear the least sound of the bells.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—On Sept. 29th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Pink 1, J. W. Whiting 2, A. Cummings 3, H. Barry 4, J. Churcher 5, F. L. Tull 6, S. R. Churcher (conductor) 7, A. Dye 8.—On Monday, Sept. 30th, 720 of Plain Bob Minor: H. Pink 1, A. Cummings 2, H. Barry 3, F. L. Tull 4, S. R. Churcher 5, J. W. Whiting (conductor) 6.

FINCHLEY.—At St. Mary's Church, on October 6th, 720 Oxford Bob and 720 College Single: G. Webb 1, W. H. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

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JUVENILE RINGERS.

The development of the Art of change ringing in recent years has been marked in no department more than in that of the production of juvenile ringers. There are veritable prodigies in the Exercise in these days, and, like record breaking in other ways, it seems doubtful when the limit will be reached. The handbell peal by the Johnson children, at Hampton, near Evesham, is unquestionably a wonderful performance. We hear from time to time of very young folk ringing touches on handbells with the assistance of grown-ups, but for three children, whose average age is under 12 years, to score unaided a 5040, makes one gasp in amazement. That the three children should be all of them members of one family, and two of them girls, is no less remarkable. The aptitude for ringing must have been inherited by these young people.

Even the method, which was Grandsire Doubles, is not to be accounted as nothing. For ringers with a wide experience it may be simple, but for those who are beginners it has its difficulties, and Master Johnson must be very smart for his twelve years to be able to call the six-scores from the two working bells and in ten different ways. Writing of this peal, Mr. J. Hemming, one of the umpires, says: "I can assure you it was a very interesting sight to see those children ringing as though they had been in practice for years. The calling was perfect all through, and the striking good." It is not surprising that Mr. Johnson and his children have received numerous congratulations from all parts of England upon the performance. We feel certain that the photograph we give of the three young people on another page will be of much interest.

But it is not only with handbells that the juveniles are making strides. In the tower they are also taking their place with the grown-ups. To read of a youth of fifteen or sixteen ringing a peal was quite a wonder a few years ago. Nowadays children as young as thirteen not infrequently figure in the peal performances. Miss Hilda Willson, of Leicester, who is the youngest girl to ring a tower bell peal, is one of these, and her portrait also appears in this issue. Surely there is no form of recreation in which people of both sexes of so varied an age can take part as in bell ringing. Children of ten years, and veterans of 80 and more are engaged in the craft, and at all ages between these two extremes devotees are to be found who delight actively to participate in the ringing of bells, and the fascinations of our Art. An exercise in which brain as well as muscle are brought into play in a marked degree is one which, from the physical side alone, is worth encouraging, apart from the higher purposes that are to be served. It is good, therefore, to see the young people brought along.

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LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lbs.

BERTRAM PREWETT	*Treble*	*REUBEN SANDERS	7
GEORGE R. PYE	2	†WILLIAM J. NUDDS	8
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	ERNEST PYE	9
*WALTER S. WISE	4	FRANCIS E. DAWE	10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN	5	WILLIAM PYE	11
ALFRED W. GRIMES	6	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.	*Tenor.*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE.

* First peal of Maximus. †200th peal. First peal as conductor on 12 bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer of the Association, and to Mr. Cheesman (father of the ringer of the 5th), on attaining his 87th birthday. Mr. Cheesman, senr., sat in the tower during the peal, and entertained the band to a meat tea afterwards, which was greatly appreciated.

TEN BELL PEALS.

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On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

EDWIN GIBBS	*Treble*	HENRY SPRINGALL	6
THOMAS LANGDON	2	WILLIAM H. PASMORE	7
WILLIAM TRUSS	3	EMANUEL HALL	8
SAMUEL E. JOYCE	4	HERBERT LANGDON	9
JAMES SCHOLES	5	ALFRED B. PECK	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. E. Hall.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Five Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 7280 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY HEAP	*Treble*	BENJAMIN GILL	6
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	SAMUEL BOOTH	7
SAMUEL WOOD	3	ALBERT ADAMS	8
CHARLES BOWER	4	BENJAMIN THORP	9
JOSEPH MELLOR	5	JAMES GEORGE	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

This peal was rung on the 43rd anniversary of Mr. James George's connection with the L. & N.W. Railway Company.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

*ALBERT BOXALL, Junr.	*Treble*	WILLIAM S. SMITH	6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT	2	JAMES WIGNELL	7
ALBERT BOXALL, Senr.	3	WILLIAM GROVES	8
†JAMES TRAPPITT	4	ALFRED CLAYTON	9
FRANK HOLDER	5	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT	*Tenor*

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED CLAYTON.

*First peal of Caters. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Boxall, junr., whose first attempt it was for a peal of Caters. J. A. Lambert's 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Friday, November 29, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr.	*Treble*	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	LEONARD STILWELL	6
FRANK V. H. SINKINS	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
ARTHUR W. BLAKE	4	WILLIAM HENLEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by LEONARD STILWELL.

ARUNDEL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HENRY STALHAM	*Treble*	ALFRED W. GROVES	5
HARRY EVANS	2	*CHARLES BLACKMAN	6
GEORGE H. LEE	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP	7
GEORGE NORRIS	4	ARTHUR SWETMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

* First peal in the method. G. H. Lee was elected a member in the tower.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, GARSTON,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE WOODHALL	*Treble*	THOMAS MURRAY	5
THOMAS JENNION	2	WALTER HUGHES	6
GEORGE R. NEWTON	3	EDWIN BREEZE	7
HENRY FYLES	4	EDWARD CAUNCE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BROMLEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

GEORGE DURLING	*Treble*	WILLIAM HEWETT	5
FRANK BENNETT	2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
ISAAC EMERY	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

First peal of Bristol on the bells.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6¼ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT	*Treble*	HORACE F. E. STUBBS	5
ERNEST LESLIE	2	WILLIAM TRIGG	6
*HARRY WHITTLE	3	JOHN OLDHAM	7
WILLIAM SMITH	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

* 80th peal. Messrs. H. Whittle, W. Trigg and W. Thorley hail from Stanford-on-Soar, and J. Pagett from Derby. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Phyllis Elizabeth Whittle, daughter of the ringer of the third.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

FRED HAYES	*Treble*	ROBERT H. YOUNG	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE	2	JOHN EVANS	6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND	7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS	4	JOHN C. TRUSS	*Tenor*

Conducted by RICHARD BUCKLAND.

First peal in the method as conductor.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT	*Treble*	ALBERT GOLDSMITH	5
JOHN WYATT	2	WILLIAM H. CORBETT	6
JOHN HOYLE	3	GEORGE COOK	7
WILLIAM COOK	4	DAVID ANSCOMBE	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of a confirmation service held by the Bishop of Guildford in the above church. All the ringers belong to the local band.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 26 lbs., in G.

*OWEN H. GILES	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROWE, Senr.	5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
ALAN R. MACDONALD	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	7
GEORGE WILLIAMS	4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

* First peal of Major. Also the conductor's 100th peal. Rung on the eve of St. Nicolas' Day.

ALDENHAM, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH J. ALLEN	*Treble*	BERTRAM PREWETT	5
RICHARD DARLOW	2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	6
WALTER S. INWOOD	3	WILLIAM SEELEY	7
FRANCIS A. SMITH	4	WILLIAM HEWITT	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. A. Smith.

HACKINGTON, CANTERBURY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM H. WOOD	*Treble*	EDWIN G. BUESDEN	5
PERCY J. PAINE	2	EDWARD E. FOREMAN	6
REV. F. J. O. HELMORE	3	FREDERICK A. NUNN	7
CHARLES W. BRETT	4	GEORGE TAYLOR	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. G. BUESDEN.

This peal was arranged for F. A. Nunn, who is rehanging the bells at Chilham, for Messrs. Warner and Co.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 16¾ cwt.

Albert D. Stone	...*Treble*	George Ades	5
William C. Hart	2	Philip Allfrey	6
Richard Stredwick	3	Keith Hart	7
John Capp	4	William Jenner	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Keith Hart.

UPTON-ON-SEVERN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Western Branch).
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17½ cwt.

*William Niblett	...*Treble*	William Ranford	5
John Morris	2	Charles Camm	6
*Frederick Stanton	3	Edgar Manning	7
William Page	4	†Robert G. Knowles	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. Hopgood, and
Conducted by Robert G. Knowles.
* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Major as conductor.

BLETCHINGLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(Southern Branch.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

*Henry F. Ewins	...*Treble*	*Oscar Gilbey	5
*Arthur Holman	2	*William Cheesman	6
*Frederick Bashford	3	Oliver Sippetts	7
Albert Harman	4	*George F. Hoad	...*Tenor*

Composed by Arthur Knights, and
Conducted by G. F. Hoad.
* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob Major. The band wish to thank the vicar for the use of the bells.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*Horace Tulett	...*Treble*	John H. Paice	5
Benjamin Bassett	2	Arthur Arnell	6
Alfred W. Groves	3	Edmund H. Lindup	7
William Hillman	4	John Jervis	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. H. Lindup.
* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

GRESFORD, DENBIGHSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
J. J. Parker's Twelve-Part. Tenor 25 cwt.

Charles Price	...*Treble*	†Harry Vaughan	5
*George Williams	2	Alfred Lea	6
Robert Sperring	3	Richard Jones	7
Harry Moore, Junr.	4	James V. Wright	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Robert Sperring.
* First peal. † First peal in the method. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and G. Williams for making up the company and having everything ready. First peal by the Association on the belis.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Dr. A. B. Carpenter's Transposition of Thurstans' Four-Part.
Tenor 13 cwt.

Frank M. Butler	...*Treble*	John Luckey	5
Nathan J. Pitstow	2	Thomas J. Watts	6
Henry J. Tucker	3	William Watts	7
William T. Prior	4	Thomas Jordan	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank M. Butler.
Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Holt's Original.

Alfred J. Sargent	...*Treble*	John O'Neill	5
Frederick C. Lambert	2	John Larter	4
Walter E. Ayers	3	Harry Bartar	5
Francis W. Naunton	4	Edwin Goodwin	...*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Bartar.
Messrs. Larter and Naunton are attached to the Wrentham company, Messrs. Lambert and O'Neill to Halesworth; the rest are members of the local company.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. W. Wilde's Variation of Thurstans'.

Wm. Chapman	...*Treble*	H. Norman	5
H. J. Creed	2	A. J. Andrews	6
Robt. Scott	3	I. Creed	7
C. R. Lilley	4	Robt. Chapman	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. R. Lilley.
First peal of Stedman on the bells, and the first by the band, except the ringers of second and fourth. This is the first time the above peal has been rung by the Association in the county. The ringer of the tenor passed his 74th birthday a few days ago. H. J. Creed's 50th peal.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Thurstans' Four-Part.

Edgar Smith	...*Treble*	Albert Little	5
Herbert Knight	2	Benjamin Gough	6
George Hughes	3	William Fisher	7
Christopher Wallater	4	Samuel Baker	...*Tenor*

Conducted by William Fisher.
Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

QUEENSBURY, YORKS.
THE HALIFAX ASSOCIATION AND THE
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

Walter Idle	...*Treble*	Wm. Brearley	5
Ed. Crowther	2	F. Robinson	6
Wm. Clark	3	J. F. Clayton	7
Albert North	4	J. W. Wright	...*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by F. Robinson.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES IN THE FIELDS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

WILBY J. HAZELL ...	...*Treble*	EDWARD F. COLE	5
WALTER G. BOWDEN ...	2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	3	JAMES PARKER	7
GEORGE A. CARD	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN J. MAWBY	...*Treble*	WALTER PERKINS	5
JAMES GARRATT	2	WALTER J. GERMAN ...	6
JAMES T. WARD	3	JAMES HOUGHTON	7
J. HUBERT HORN	4	ANDERSON Y. TYLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by ANDERSON Y. TYLER.
Rung as a birthday compliment to James T. Ward.

LONDON.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN OF JERUSALEM, SOUTH, HACKNEY, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES...	*Treble*	FREDERICK J. HARDY ...	5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ...	2	ROBERT W. GREEN	6
HENRY C. ALFORD	3	ARTHUR D. BARKER... ...	7
HENRY T. GOWLETT... ...	4	JOSEPH BARRY	...*Tenor*

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

OSWESTRY, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

*THOMAS W. BELTON	...*Treble*	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE...	5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ...	2	ALFRED FULLICK	6
GEORGE J. TAYLOR... ...	3	THOMAS W. STEDMAN ...	7
FRED. W. TAYLOR	4	HERBERT JONES ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE J. TAYLOR.
* First peal. T. W. Belton formerly belonged to Barwell, Leicestershire.

HASTINGS, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CLEMENT,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt.

ROBERT J. DAWE	...*Treble*	FRANK BENNETT	5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ...	2	CHARLES TRIBE...	6
WILLIAM J. THOMAS ...	3	WALTER FRANKS	7
CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	4	ARCHIBALD ALLEN ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.
First peal on the bells, which were cast by Naylor, Vickers and Co., in 1860.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY CHAPMAN	...*Treble*	HENRY W. WILDE	5
GEORGE A. SMITH	2	*JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Jun.	6
*GEORGE G. TURNER ...	3	*WALTER R. WASHBROOK...	7
SAMUEL GREENHALGH ...	4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.
* First peal of Superlative. Messrs. Washbrook were elected members before starting.

EASTWOOD, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr., in E flat.

HENRY FLETCHER	...*Treble*	*PERCY J. POLLARD	5
JOSEPH HALL	2	*FREDERICK ROWLEY ...	6
*ISAAC HUFTON	3	EDWARD C. GOBEY	7
ALLAN HICKTON	4	*JOHN E. HOBBS ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.
* First peal of Stedman.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

JOSEPH B. FENTON ...	...*Treble*	FRED. WILFORD	5
*FREDK. H. DEXTER... ...	2	JOSEPH A. FENTON	6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ...	3	ALFRED J. HESSIAN ...	7
HARRY O. WHITE	4	JOHN W. CHANDLER	...*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JOSEPH B. FENTON.
* First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells.

OLVESTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;
Tenor 18 cwt.

WILLIAM WHITE	...*Treble*	FREDK. W. WADE	5
FRED G. MAY	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE... ...	6
ALFRED E. REEVES	3	HENRY T. HOWELL... ...	7
FRANK K. HOWELL	4	ISAAC LONG	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.
First peal on the bells.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND ST. NICHOLAS GUILD, BRISTOL.
On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,
A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED MAGGS	...*Treble*	ALBERT STOWELL	5
WILLIAM LANSDOWN... ...	2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE... ...	6
FRED G. MAY	3	ISAAC LONG...	7
ALFRED E. REEVES	4	HENRY T. HOWELL ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by FRED G. MAY.
First peal of Major on the bells. First peal of Oxford Treble Bob by all.

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

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

Alfred R. Glasscock	*Treble*	Norman A. Tomlinson	5
Alfred W. Grimes	2	Bertram Prewett	6
E. Maurice Atkins	3	John E. Miller	7
John Armstrong	4	Ernest Pye	*Tenor*

Composed by Charles Middleton, and Conducted by John Armstrong.

First peal of Cambridge as conductor.

SIX AND FIVE BELL PEALS.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(Northern Branch.)

On Sunday, November 24, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

Charles E. Perkins	*Treble*	Robert Matthews	4
William Shilvock	2	William Short	5
John Bass	3	Harry Martin	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. Martin.

This is the quarterly peal, and the first peal on the bells. It is also R. Matthews' 200th peal.

MAYFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Dunstan,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt.

*Frederick Pankhurst	*Treble*	†John Thurlow	4
William G. Paine	2	‡Arthur Groombridge	5
William J. Bagley	3	Arthur R. Miles	*Tenor*

Conducted by Arthur R. Miles.

*First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal on an inside bell. Rung by a local band in honour of the Induction of the new Vicar (the Rev. Cecil Ffolliott Eliot) which took place on the previous evening.

STANDON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 17 cwt.

Nathan Patmore	*Treble*	Arthur Phillips	4
Fred Williams	2	Arthur Woolston	5
William H. Lawrence	3	Barnard Patmore	*Tenor*

Conducted by Barnard Patmore.

KILNDOWN, KENT,
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 15 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs.

*Harry Blunt	*Treble*	*Frederick Foreman	4
*Kenneth Pattenden	2	Albert Relfe	5
Andrew Marshall	3	Frank Pattenden	*Tenor*

Conducted by Frank Pattenden.

* First peal.

HORTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(East Berks and South Bucks Branch.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two 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*	George H. Gutteridge	4
William Henley	2	Thomas E. Glanville	5
Leonard Stilwell	3	William Welling	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. Welling.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble.

FULBECK.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(Northern Branch.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of seven 720's Oxford Bob each called differently.
Tenor 12 cwt.

Albert Payne	*Treble*	Charles W. Baines	4
Charles W. Else	2	Caleb L. Simcock	5
Richard W. Porter	3	George Scott	*Tenor*

Conducted by George Scott.

Rung in honour of the Feast of St. Nicholas.

SIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, and St. Clement's.
Tenor 18¼ cwt.

William Clarke	*Treble*	Albert Catterwell	4
Louis Wiseman	2	*George Pannell	5
Olave Broyd	3	†Walter Nice	*Tenor*

Conducted by Olave Broyd.

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

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Old Oxford Modernised, College Bob IV, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

Richard Kilby	*Treble*	Walter G. Matthews	4
George M. Kilby	2	Thomas Langdon	5
Gabriel Chalkley	3	Harry Kilby	*Tenor*

Conducted by Harry Kilby.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Langdon.

FROYLE, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 College Single, two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Oxford Single Bob, and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

George Fisher	*Treble*	Hubert Chaffey	4
Thomas Upshall	2	George Upshall	5
Alfred Croucher	3	Charles Edwards	*Tenor*

Conducted by Charles Edwards.

First peal on the bells.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11¾ cwt.

JOHN PEEL ... ...*Treble*	J. F. PROCTOR 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 5
HARRY THORPE 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

HARRY HALL ... ...*Treble*	E. HOBART SMITH 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	JOHN HALL 5
WILLIAM BURGESS 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...*Tenor*

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

NORTON CANON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN PEMBER ... ...*Treble*	*HENRY PEAKE 3
J. P. HYETT 2	WILLIAM SHORT 4
*JOHN WARD ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells; also J. Ward, who kindly entertained them to tea after the peal.

CHURCH BROUGHTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.

F. WEEKS ... ...*Treble*	J. WOOLLEY 3
T. DUNSTAN 2	REV. E. A. SHRUBBS ... 4
P. MERRY ... ...*Tenor*	

Conducted by F. WEEKS.

* First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor were elected members before starting.

ALMELEY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob, 9 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 21 of Grandsire. Tenor 10 cwt.

*BRYCHAN JONES ... ...*Treble*	WILLIAM SHORT 3
LEONARD LEWIS 2	†EDGAR R. JONES 4
†J. P. HYETT ... ... *Tenor*	

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*RALPH COOK ... ...*Treble*	JAMES HEMMING 4
*JOSEPH ROBBINS... 2	*ARTHUR JORDAN 5
*EDMUND ROBBINS 3	FREDERICK JORDAN ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by FREDERICK JORDAN.

* First peal.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.
On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

LUKE VERRALL ... ...*Treble*	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN ... 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3	*JAMES H. COX ... ...*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 2, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... ... 1—2	GEORGE R. PYE ... ... 7—8
ERNEST PYE ... ... 3—4	JAMES HUNT ... ... 9—10
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires: W. J. NUDDS and T. KING.

This is A. W. Grimes' 100th peal this year. E. Pye has now rung each pair of bells to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)
On Tuesday, December 3, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

HARRY THORPE ... ... 1—2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3—4
SIDNEY PROCTOR ... ... 5—6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.
Umpires: W. H. PROCTOR and J. F. PROCTOR.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, December 4, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*JOHN THORPE... ... ... 1—2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ... ... 3—4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7—8

Composed by P. O. BIXBY, and
Conducted by JOHN THORPE.
Umpire: JOSEPH ATKIN.

* First handbell peal as conductor, and first attempt.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 5, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

*ARTHUR T. MORRIS	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD ...	5—6
*GEORGE THOMPSON	3—4	†TOWER TAYLOR	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.
Witness: MRS. A. T. MORRIS.

* First peal in the method on handbells. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method on handbells in the Borough of Harwich.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ...	1—2	THOMAS BERNARD	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON ...	3—4	TOWER TAYLOR	7—8

Composed by J. REEVES, and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.
Witness: MRS. A. T. MORRIS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

MAURICE SMITHER ...	1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ...	3—4	FRANK BLONDELL	7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

This was A. H. Pulling's 150th peal on handbells as conductor, and M. Smither's 50th peal this year.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ...	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD... ...	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...	7—8

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires: W. HEWETT, E. E. GRIMES, and T. KING.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. H. F. CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ...	1—2	GEORGE H. CROSS... ...	5—6
ALBERT G. WARNES ...	3—4	ALBERT ROUGHT	7—8
FREDERICK J. CROSS		9—10	

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE H. CROSS.
Umpire: FREDERICK BYLES.

First peal of Royal in hand by ringers of 3—4 and 7—8. This peal is in the tittum's position.

WITNEY.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At the Church of St. Mary, on October 13th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, T. Bull 4, G. Brooks 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8.—On Oct. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. R. Walker 1, A. Brooks 2, H. Hollis 3, N. Spindlow 4, E. Brown 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also another 504 by the same band, except T. Bull 6, J. Monk 7, and conducted by N. Spindlow. —On Oct. 20th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples, J. Monk, conductor; and for evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples.

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SALISBURY GUILD.

WEST DORSET BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING.

A more desolate and dreary day it would be almost impossible to imagine than Saturday last, when the annual meeting of the West Dorset Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Bradpole. From morning till night there was a heavy drizzle, accompanied by squalls of wind, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the members, that no less than 57 assembled at Bradpole on such a day. Some of these had to drive or cycle ten or twelve miles over very hilly country, whilst one party of seven, unable to charter a conveyance because the only public one in their parish was engaged, walked between six and seven miles to the rendezvous. Service was held in the handsomely decorated church. Besides the ringers, many of the parishioners showed their interest in the event by attending the service. This itself was of an unique character, for the whole of it was conducted by ringers. The form used was the new one adopted by the Guild, and here the writer would like to say that it is much better than the one formerly in use. The Rev. C. F. Langford, of Bradpole, intoned the service, which was fully choral. The lesson was read by the branch master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, while Mr. B. Elsworth ably presided at the organ. And what a feature the singing was! It did one good to hear the sonorous unison of close upon a hundred people, led by the choir, sending forth the well known strains of such tunes as Melcombe, Austria or St. Gertrude (Sullivan's "Onward, Christian Soldiers") sung to the words of ringers' hymns; or the words of the 150th Psalm to the Grand Chant. It was indeed a festival of praise, and not a mere recital of a service as a matter of form. This prepared the way for a most practical and helpful address given by the Rev. W. Jacob, Vicar of Lyme Regis, on "Moral Courage." With many a quaint phrase or apt anecdote, he forced upon his listeners some wholesome home truths.

Service over, the Forster Institute was visited, where a long course of "Knife and Fork Surprise," in the shape of a meat tea, was in readiness. This had been prepared under the supervision of a ringer's wife, Mrs. Beams, who knows and anticipates ringers' likes to a nicety. The whole room was in striking contrast to the gloom outside. Brightly lighted and gaily decorated with flags, etc., and with blazing fires at either end, it helped to emphasise the daintily laid tables, and afforded a warm welcome in more ways than one.

At the business meeting that followed, the accounts and report were both considered to be most satisfactory, and cordial thanks were accorded to the officers of the branch for their past year's work. So satisfied indeed were the members with their officials that they re-elected them en bloc, without discussion. A grant was made from the branch funds to the restoration of Powerstock bells, and quarterly meetings provisionally fixed for next year, while the committee were asked to arrange the bye meetings.—Votes of thanks to all who had in any way helped to make the meeting a success were carried with acclamation. Then more ringing was indulged in. Here one may remark that whereas Grandsire Doubles was the only change ringing done at the last annual meeting, one now heard several creditably struck touches of Grandsire Triples. In addition, several young hands (in change ringing—not in years) were assisted through their first six-score, and consequently went away in a happy and contented frame of mind.

The following towers were represented at the meeting: Beaminster, Bradpole, Bridport, Litton Cheney, Lyme Regis, Powerstock and Whitechurch Canonicorum.

The officers for the ensuing year are: Chairman, the Rev. C. F. Langford, Bradpole; Ringing Master, Mr. T. Hervey Beams, Bradpole; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. W. J. Zealley, Bridport; Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. F. Bugler, Beaminster.—Bridport tower being open, many availed themselves of the privilege of ringing there.

DEATH OF MR. J. HILTON, OF HECKENHAM.

The remains of the late John Hilton, for many years a ringer and member of the church choir at Heckington, Lincs., were interred on Monday, December 2nd. The deceased, who was in his 76th year, was well known and respected in the village.

He commenced ringing on the old peal about 50 years ago, but only "stoney" was practised in those days, and even when the bells were augmented to eight it was some time before change ringing was established. This was due to the efforts of the deceased, and Mr. Skinner, now residing at Ewerby. Neither of them knew anything about change ringing, but obtaining a book on the subject, persevered and taught the others in the band, and, finally, Heckington bells were going in the four Standard methods and Double Norwich. As far as can be ascertained he had rung about a dozen peals, including the first peal of Stedman in Lincolnshire by a resident band.

Such is his ringing career, small as compared with our noted campanologists, but yet cherished by those who belong to the company as one who helped to lay the foundation stone of change ringing in a village, where difficulties are many in keeping a band together. He was about 50 years old when he commenced change ringing scientifically. Four of his ringing comrades bore him to the last resting place, and others followed the cortege. A muffled touch of Grandsire was rung directly after the funeral, and in the evening a peal of Bob Major, which was recorded in our last issue.

A DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE GATHERING.

A practice meeting, the first of its kind held to encourage the art of change ringing by the Northern District of the Durham and Newcastle Association, took place on Saturday. Though many were prevented from getting to the meeting by the North Eastern Railway strike, there was a large gathering, and it was gratifying to see ringers from as far away as Darlington supporting the gathering by their presence. A company of 24 were entertained to tea at Gosforth by Mr. C. L. Routledge, President of the Association, and they were afterwards joined in the belfry of All Saints' Church, Gosforth, by others who were unable to be present earlier. During the evening, much valuable instruction was given to learners, and between whiles several touches of Bob Major, Stedman, and Double Norwich were successfully brought round. A pleasant afternoon was spent at St. George's, Jesmond, where some converts to change ringing were made, and several scored their first really good touches. The afternoon was all too short for the work to be done, the attendance being large, but everyone had " a shot " at something, and some nice Stedman was scored at intervals before leaving for Gosforth.

Immediately following tea, letters of regret at absence were read from the Rev. E. Williams, Bamburgh, in which he stated that there were shortly to be two new bells placed in the Bamburgh tower; the Rev. W. H. Ainger, Gosforth; Messrs. C. O. Sayer, Sunderland; and Jas. Baxter, Darlington. An expression of regret came from Canon Boot, St. George's, who was unexpectedly prevented from coming, as also was Mr. T. T. Gofton, vice-president of the Northern District.

Ringing in the towers being over for the day, at 8.45 p.m., the company adjourned to the Parish Hall, where round a good fire, with a cup of coffee and a smoke, they enjoyed a programme of music provided by Dr. Paige, churchwarden of All Saints', and Messrs. Crawford, A. Gofton, Routledge, Payne, Story, Todd, Gibson and Falconer. The stories with which Dr. Paige entertained the company during the interval were full of delightful humour, and a vote of thanks accorded to him for playing the accompaniments during the evening was heartily carried.—The meeting concluded with Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. C. L. Routledge, and seconded by Mr. Payne, to the Vicar and churchwardens of All Saints', Gosworth, for the use of the bells and Parish Hall, and the Vicar and churchwardens of St. George's, Jesmond, for the use of the bells, was responded to by Mr. F. Matthews, churchwarden, Gosforth.—Mr. Story proposed thanks to Mr. C. L. Routledge for providing tea.—Mr. Todd proposed thanks to the ringers of both churches, particularly Messrs. Crawford, Richardson and Bird, for having all in readiness, and to Mr. Falconer for making the arrangements for the meeting.

A committee meeting was held during the evening, at which it was provisionally decided to hold the next Northern District combined practices in January, at towers to be named later, on the evenings of the 8th and 25th.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The November meeting of the Burton-on-Trent District was held at Repton, when a fair number of ringers were present from Derby, Etwall, Newhall, Rolleston, Horninglow, St. Modwen's, and St. Paul's, Burton.—The Vicar of Repton (the Rev. J. J. Selwyn) took part in the ringing, and was afterwards elected an honorary member of the Association. The Vicar also provided an excellent tea for those present, and presided at the business meeting that followed, giving a hearty welcome to the visitors.—It was decided that the annual meeting of the district be held at St. Modwen's, Burton, some time in January.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for presiding at the meeting, and for providing tea, brought the meeting to a close.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS AT OSWESTRY.

On Saturday, members of the Salop Guild, from Shrewsbury, attempted a peal of Grandsire Triples upon the bells of St. Oswald, Oswestry. All arrangements were in the hands of Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, of Darrington, Shrewsbury, who was to take part in the peal, but, unfortunately, met with an accident when returning home last week, after ringing at St. Alkmund's, Shrewsbury, through his bicycle skidding from under him, and causing slight injuries to his shoulder. Still, Mr. Corbett did not fail in paying a visit to Oswestry, for he accompanied the ringers there, and found a substitute in Mr. T. W. Stedman. On arriving at Oswestry, the party were met by Mr. Whitfield, Ringing Master, and the rest of the ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome A start was made for the peal at 3.55, and the bells came into rounds at 6.55. The local ringers congratulated the visitors upon their well-struck peal.—Afterwards they were entertained to an excellent meat tea, at the kind invitation of Mr. Corbett, at the Oswestry Castle.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Oswestry ringers for the kind way in which they received the party, and for having everything in readiness, also to Mr. Corbett for his kindness in providing tea.—On the return journey to Shrewsbury an attempt was made for a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by: E. R. T. Corbett 1—2, G. J. Taylor 3—4, W. J. Taylor 5—6, A. Tullick 7—8 (conductor, G. J. Taylor), but it came to a full stop, through a big bass voice shouting, " Tickets, please," after ringing about 709 changes.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD

TO BE REPRESENTED ON THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

Upwards of 40 members attended the quarterly meeting of the Dudley and District Guild, at Coseley, on Saturday week. The bells, a fine ring of eight, were at the disposal of the members, and the beautiful service of the Guild was sung in church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Price), assisted by the curate (the Rev. S. Floyd).—The address was given by the Rev. A. T. Bennett, of Cannock, who came at the special invitation of the Vicar. The reverend gentleman laid great stress upon the work of bell ringers, and upon the good opportunities lost by them in not attending the services of the church, after giving stirring invitations to others to come and worship.

At the close of the service, a bountiful tea was served in the Schoolroom, and the Vicar welcomed the Guild, remarking that at any future time they cared to come to Coseley his church and his services were at their disposal. He proposed that their best thanks be given to the Rev. A. T. Bennett for so readily and kindly coming to give the address.—This was seconded by Mr. Lloyd, and carried unanimously, the reverend gentleman briefly replying.

After tea, the usual business meeting was held, the Vicar presiding. —A discussion arose as to the question of sending a delegate to the Central Council. It was unanimously decided that Mr. W. R. Small be elected as the first representative of the society.—Mr. Small thanked the members for the honour thus conferred upon him.

In connection with the election of new members, a striking feature was the election of the whole of the company of St. Leonards, Bilston, Staffs, who were heartily welcomed by the secretary as fellow-workers for the good old Church.—Several peals were arranged to be rung during the quarter, in addition to those that were not attempted last quarter.

The annual meeting is to be held at Dudley, in February next, and it is hoped that all members will keep the date open.—On the proposition of the Vicar, seconded by Mr. Spittle, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the ladies for preparing and serving the tea, and also to the donors.—The Rev. S. Floyd suitably replied.—Mr. Spittle proposed, and Mr. Small seconded, that the best thanks of this Guild be given to the Vicar for the service in church, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the schoolroom, tower, and bells; to the Rev. S. Floyd, the organist, the choir, and all who had assisted in any way to make the service so bright. The vote also included thanks to the local company, especially Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. B. Gough, for making the necessary arrangements to ensure the success of the meeting.—Touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Oxford Bob Triples and Bob Major were rung during the evening.

CLYST HYDON BELLS RESTORED.

The little Devonshire village of Clyst Hydon has had the six bells in its ancient parish church restored, and the work has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury. The old frame was cleared out, and a new one of oak substituted, with new beams and floor. The old ringing chamber has been dispensed with, and arrangements made for the bells to be rung from the ground floor, which provides more room, better light, and a better circle for the ropes. The Rector has provided the timber for the restoration, and Messrs. Stokes carried out the work to the satisfaction of all concerned.

There were four bells at Clyst Hydon as long ago as 1552, and of the present peal the earliest bell is the tenor, which is 11 cwt., and bears the date 1616, and the name of Byrdan as founder. The fourth (1670) and the second (1713) are the castings of Pennington, the third (1715) and fifth (1788) the productions of Bilbie, of Collumpton, while the treble (1890) is by Messrs. Llewellins and James, of Bristol. It is rather curious that none of the bells bears any inscription, beyond the names of the churchwardens, the initials of the founders and dates.

For the dedication and opening ceremony, visiting ringers from Payhembury, Falaton, Ottery St. Mary, Clyst St. Lawrence, Plymptree and Exeter, were present, and were entertained to luncheon in the Rectory Hall by the Rector (the Rev. C. Sherwin) and Mrs. Sherwin, whose kindness was acknowledged in a speech by the Rev. C. L. James. The dedication service followed, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Exeter, who also preached an appropriate sermon.

Ringing took place afterwards, the party from Exeter, comprising Messrs. F. J. Davey, W. H. Webber, W. Vickery, J. Lock, A. Monkley, and G. Betts, ringing some touches of Grandsire and Stedman and Bob Minor.

Tea was subsequently provided at the Schoolroom, where opportunity was taken to present Mr. Thomas Pook, the captain of the local band, with a silver tea service, in appreciation of his services. With the exception of twice, Mr. Pook has not missed ringing on a Sunday for over 20 years.

THE PEAL AT ELSTREE, HERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to point out to the band that rang the 5040 at Elstree, Herts, on Nov. 23rd last, that a peal in seven methods was rung at this place a few years ago, conducted by Mr. G. N. Price, of Oxhey. I cannot remember the exact date; probably someone more conversant with the performance will inform us, but I think it was seven or eight years ago.—Yours faithfully,

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association.
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Stedman Cinques by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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JUVENILE RINGERS.



The top photograph is of the three Johnson children who rang the peal on handbells at Hampton on Sunday week—Ellen, aged 12, who rang 1—2; Joseph, aged 13, the conductor, who rang 3—4; Ruth, aged 10, who rang 5—6. Joseph has been largely responsible for the tuition of his sister Ruth.

The lower picture is of Miss Hilda Willson, the youngest girl as yet to ring a peal in the tower. She can ring an inside bell in Triples, and has rung her first touch of Sedman.

The marriage of Miss K. Routledge (sister of the president of the Durham and Newcastle Association) with Mr. Jos Grey, of Low Fell, Gateshead, has been solemnised at Newcastle, and to celebrate the event 756 Erin Caters was rung at the Cathedral by C. L. Routledge 1, W. H. Barber (conductor) 2, G. T. Potter 3, W. Story 4, W. E. Baskill 5, B. C. Dixon 6, A. F. Hillier 7, J. E. Keen 8, R. Richards 9, J. Foreman 10.

ODD CHANGES.

There is more than one noteworthy fact about the peal of Stedman Cinques at Haggerston on December 2nd. To begin with, it was the 100th peal this year by mine host of the George IV. Only once before has anyone rung a hundred peals in a year, and that was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, who, over 20 years ago, at the height of his ringing career, scored 127 in the twelve months. This is a record which Mr. Grimes is hardly likely to beat in 1912, but to pass a century within a year is a great performance. Mr. W. Pye once rang 98 in one year, and at the close had such bad luck that several attempts were lost.

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The Haggerston peal was also of interest from the fact that Mr. Ernest Pye, by ringing 3-4, has now rung every pair of handbells to Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, and is the first to accomplish this feat. The conductor of the peal (Mr. W. Shepherd) did not know of the peal until about 5.45 in the evening, when he received a telephone message at Putney. However, he hastened to Haggerston, and the peal was completed a few minutes after ten o'clock.

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A Birkenhead correspondent inquires whether a County, Borough, Urban, or Rural Council can stop the ringing of church bells. We do not pose as an authority upon legal matters, but so far as our knowledge goes no such power is invested in a local authority. The only way for outside persons to stop the ringing of bells, we imagine, would be by injunction after proof of legal nuisance.

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It is not often that a man rings his first peal of Stedman at the age of 69 years, and Mr. Charles Blackman, of Arundel, is to be congratulated upon this performance.

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Mr. J. Clark, of Ross, writes: I have made inquiries respecting the peal of Treble Bob at Ross, and find that the Birmingham band rang a peal of Stedman Triples here on August 3rd, 1885, and not a peal of Treble Bob as my friend, Mr. Edwin Barnett, thinks. So we claim ours to be the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells.

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On November 21st, on the occasion of the annual service of the Stroud and District Federation of the C.E.M.S. at the Stroud Parish Church, eight members of the Stroud and Painswick branches of the C.E.M.S. rang, for the service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples in 46 minutes: H. Scrivens (conductor) 1, E. Tribe 2, A. Wright 3, H. Smith 4, W. Hale 5, W. Hastings 6, E. Paul 7, W. Ireland 8.

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At the Church of St. Clement, Hastings, there is a peal of steel bells cast in 1860 by Naylor, Vickers and Co. The first peal was rung on them last Saturday! Needless to say the bells are not a very musical lot, but, we believe, this performance fulfils a cherished ambition of Mr. R. J. Dawe, who has now rung a peal in every eight-bell tower in his native county of Sussex, and there are about 45 of them.

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It was Mr. Albert W. Coles, and not Mr. H. Coles, of Northampton, who was elected a member of the Central Northants Association, at the meeting at Higham Ferrers.

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Owing to the great pressure on our space this week, several reports, etc., are unavoidably held over.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am surprised, and I might add disappointed, with Mr. Lindoff's replies to the letter published in " The Ringing World " of the 8th ulto.

The question at issue is: Are the peals of New Cambridge Royal original compositions, or, as we allege, extracts from compositions published many years previously? We emphatically adhere to our contention as set out in our joint letter of the 8th ulto, and maintain that the peals of New Cambridge Royal referred to are abstracts from the 6048's of Superlative Surprise Major, and not original compositions, and no quibbling or raising of irrelevant matter can get away from that fact. You, sir, have on two different occasions made reference in your editorial column to the length of time that has elapsed before the originality of the compositions has been disputed, and to this remark (although I consider it outside the argument) I may reply that until a short time ago the figures of the peals of New Cambridge Royal had not come under our notice.—Yours faithfully,

N. J. PITSTOW.

Saffron Walden, Dec. 8th, 1912.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The December meeting of this society was held on Saturday, at Dronfield, and was the first which the society has held there, the Dronfield company having only recently joined. The Parish Church of St. John-the-Baptist is an interesting old building, containing some fine architectural points. The nave dates back to at least the middle of the 13th century, from which date there is an interesting list of Vicars and Rectors down to the present time. At the beginning of the 15th century, the control passed into the hands of the Beauchief Abbey community, who, as was often the case in those times, installed a Vicar at, it is said, £40 per year, drawing the remainder of the rich living themselves. They, however, built the very fine chancel, which contains some beautifully traced windows, and is very similar to some parts of the now ruined Abbey of Beauchief; in fact, it is considered that the same builder probably worked on both. The date of the tower and spire is somewhat uncertain, but they are certainly very ancient, and the tower contains a musical ring of six bells (tenor 15cwt.), with ample room for eight, which are all of some antiquity.

RINGERS IN DIFFICULTIES.

The inclement weather prevented a large muster, but about 16 ringers were present from Dore, Dronfield, Chesterfield, Bolsover, Killamarsh, and Ranmoor. The bells were raised about 4 p.m., and some difficulty was at first experienced by the strangers in handling them, owing to the action of the damp upon the ropes and wheels, and to the fact that the ropes run from left to right instead of the usual way. However, after some abortive attempts, a few good touches of Plain Bob and Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor were brought round.

A short business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. J. P. Tarlton (North Wingfield) taking the chair.—Four new members were elected, viz., Messrs. R. H. Bartram (Melton Mowbray), R. A. Hickton (Long Eaton), W. G. Christian and F. Davies (Chesterfield).

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar (who had hoped to be present, but was prevented by a cold) for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. A. Knights (Chesterfield), who welcomed the Dronfield company to the society, and expressed a hope that they would attend the various meetings, where they would be assured of a helping hand and encouragement in the Art.—Several of the local men, in reply, expressed a determination to attend the meetings, and to make progress in eight-bell ringing.—This closed the proceedings.

ST. BENET'S, CAMBRIDGE.

NEGLECT OF A FAMOUS TOWER.

On Thursday, December 4th, a visit was paid to this historic tower by members of the Cambridge University and Ely Diocesan Guilds. The bells were found to be in a disgraceful state of neglect and almost unringable; a great pity, as St. Benet's is one of the most interesting of church towers, from a change ringers' point of view, as change ringing was first practised here by Fabian Stedman and his band. A 720 of Bob Minor was with some difficulty brought round, by: J. B. Williamson 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Taylor 3, W. D. James (conductor) 4, J. H. R. Freeborne 5, F. E. Kempton 6. A six-score of Stedman Doubles was then rung with the singles half-way and end, made by the bells in the slow, as was the practise when the College Youths first rang the method in this tower in 1677. Those taking part in the ringing were: Messrs. J. H. R. Freeborne, A. F. P. Cheetham, J. B. Williamson and W. D. James, of the University Guild, and T. R. Dennis, W. B. Kempton, F. E. Kempton and P. Taylor, of the Cambridge Youths

FIRST PEAL BY A LADY IN CHESHIRE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Mr. Bibby is quite right in drawing attention to the error contained in the footnote to the peal rung at Reddish. Though so recent, I must confess to having quite overlooked the Frodsham peal, a lapse of memory for which I apologise.—Yours truly, A. BARNES.

PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT EGHAM.

In the tower of St. John's Church, Egham, on Thursday week, the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. Nicholson) unveiled a peal board recording the first peal on the bells since they have been augmented and rehung. A numerous company was present, including the curate and both churchwardens.—In unveiling the board, the Vicar remarked that he was pleased to know that ringers from various parts were present that evening, and he thanked the band that scored the peal most heartily for giving the board.—Messrs. Hopkins and Hill (churchwardens) also spoke.—Mr. W. Shepherd, who conducted the peal, in thanking the Vicar and churchwardens for their presence, remarked that it was always a pleasure to visit Egham for ringing, because they always found a hearty welcome awaiting them.—After three short touches on the bells, the whole of the ringers were entertained by the churchwardens, and when the time for parting came, Mr. J. H. B. Hesse, in a few well-chosen words, thanked them on behalf of the company for their kindness.

The peal board, which records a peal of Stedman rung last April, was made by Mr. Harry Walter, of Shepperton. Great credit is due to him for the manner in which he carried out his work, thus proving that change ringing is not the only thing he can do thoroughly.

BELLS FOR CANADA.

Mr. Robert Warner, of the firm of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, has just returned from Canada, after a journey of over 9,000 miles. He has secured two important contracts for the Spitalfields Foundry. One is the installation of a chime of 15 bells for Federation Cathedral, New Brunswick. The chime, which will cost about £2,000, is based upon a 40 cwt. tenor, and the total weight will be about nine tons. It is the generous gift of a former resident in Fredericton.

The other contract is at Winnipeg, where, in this city of the prairie, Messrs. John Warner and Sons are to provide a chime of 16 bells, of a total weight of about 12 tons, based upon a 50 cwt. tenor. The bells, which will cost nearly £2,500, are being given to the church by a lady, in memory of her husband and son, who perished at the sinking of the " Titanic."

DEATH OF AN OLD WEDNESBURY RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. Joseph Lawton, who passed away in his 75th year, on November 27th, at his residence, Pleck Road, near Wednesbury, after only a short illness. The deceased was interred at Nyecroft Cemetery on Monday week, amidst many manifestations of sympathy from his fellow ringers. The service was conducted by the Rev. L. A. Pritchard, M.A., Vicar of Wednesbury, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside by Messrs. W. Street, H. Belcher, E. Unitt, and W. Smith. The same evening, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes) was rung at the Parish Church, with the bells muffled, by: S. Summerhill 1, T. Burkitt 2, T. Hughes 3, W. E. Brittan 4, E. Unitt 5, W. Smith 6, A. Blundell 7, G. Hughes (conductor) 8, H. Belcher 9, T. Myatt 10.

The deceased began his ringing career very early in life, and rang in many peals in the Standard methods. His last peal was one of Bob Royal, in which he rang the tenor on August 27th, 1907, and this was rung on the 50th anniversary of his first peal. There are only two more ringers of the old school left who still ring, namely: Mr. J. Bates, who is 82 years of age, and Mr. W. R. Small, who is so well known among the Black Country ringers.—On Sunday morning last, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) was rung: S. Summerhill 1, T. Burkitt 2, S. Hughes 3, J. H. Jones 4, J. Bates (82 years of age) 5, W. E. Brittan 6, H. Belcher (conductor) 7, T. Myatt 8. In the evening, the deceased's relatives visited the ringing chamber, and thanked the ringers for their sympathy. Mr. W. R. Small was present.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

MR. J. A. LAMBERT'S 100 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 4; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 57, conducted, 21; Stedman Caters, 2; Grandsire Caters, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1; Superlative Superior Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 11; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted, 1; Bob Major, 3, conducted, 2; Canterbury Major, 1, conducted, 1; Minor in one method, 2, conducted, 1; Minor in seven methods, 1; total, 100; conducted, 26. Rung in two counties; 98 for the Surrey, and two for the Kent Associations.

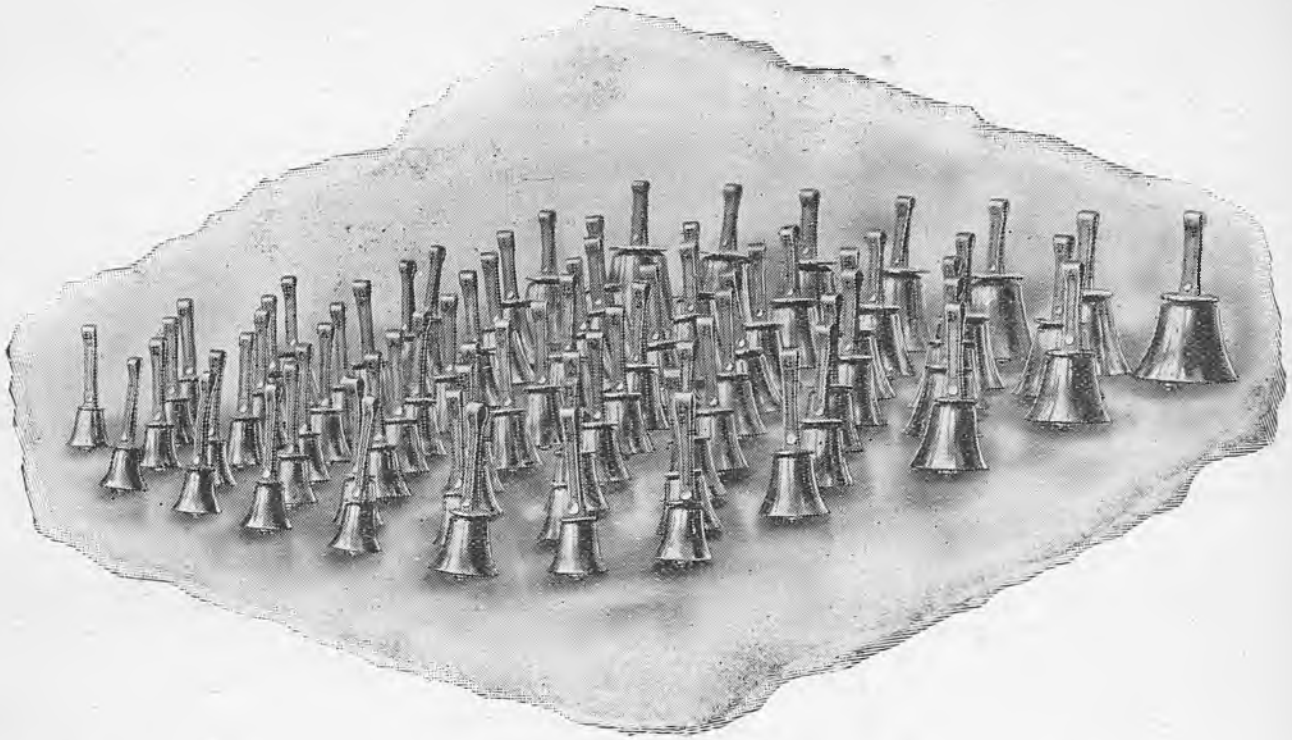
W. T. TUCKER'S 100 PEALS.

Doubles, 1, conducted, 1; Bob Minor, 5, conducted, 3; three Minor methods, 1, conducted, 1; seven Minor methods, 6; Grandsire Triples, 14; Stedman Triples, 25; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Major, 8, conducted, 2; Kent Major, 20, conducted, 1; Double Norwich Major, 18; Superlative, 1; total, 100; conducted, 8.

H. J. CREED'S 50 PEALS.

Treble Bob Minor in ten methods, 11 (including 7,200); in seven methods, 9; in four methods, 1 (including 5,760); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Kent, 2; Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Minor, 3; Doubles, 3 (including 7,440); Stedman Triples, 2; Caters, 1; Grandsire Caters, 1; Triples, 4; Doubles, 9 (including 6,120 and 8,060); total, 50. Rung in 14 towers.

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NEW BELLS AT LONGSTANTON.

Five new bells have been added at Longstanton, Cambs., to make a light peal of eight, and the work has been carried out at the Loughborough foundry, with characteristic thoroughness. At the Dedication service, the Rev. W. C. Cooke, Rural Dean of North Stowe, performed the dedication ceremony, and the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Vicar of Great St. Mary's Church and Master of the Cambridge University Guild, preached a sermon. At the second evensong, held in the evening, the preacher was the Rev. Dr. B. W. Randolph, Canon of Ely. The tower was open during the evening, and members of the Ely Diocesan Association availed themselves of the opportunity of ringing the new bells.

Of the three old bells the second has been recast. Their founder, according to an inscription, was Miles Graie, and they were hung in 1665. The weights of the eight bells, which are rather light, are as follow: Treble, 1 cwt. 3 qr. 13 lb.; 2nd, 2 cwt. 10 lb.; 3rd, 2 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lb.; 4th, 3 cwt. 24 lb.; 5th, 4 cwt. 20 lb.; 6th, 4 cwt. 2 qr. 16 lb.; 7th, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lb.; tenor, 6 cwt. 3 qr. 6lb., in A. They are hung in an iron frame in place of the previous one of timber. Each of the bells bears an inscription, that on the fifth being particularly interesting. It is in the nature of a chronogram, all those letters which are also Roman numerals being raised, so that by adding up the figures the date 1912 is obtained. The inscription reads:—"ChorDas "CeLestes terrestrIs MVsICa soLVat."

This is the work of Prebendary Cecil Deeds, of Chichester. The other inscriptions are:—1st, "Gloria in Excelsis"; 2nd, "In terra pax"; 3rd, "The Lord is King"; 4th, "All His Saints shall praise Him"; 6th, "Recast by J. Warner and Son, 1903"; 7th, "Miles Graie fecit, 1637; recast 1712"; tenor, "Miles Graie fecit, 1665."

The tower has been pointed inside; the first floor has been lowered, and another has been put in. The total cost of the bells and tower restoration is about £330, of which a large sum remains to be cleared off. The bells are a great addition to the beautiful old church, which is built in decorative style, and contains a magnificent monument and many wall tablets to the memory of the now extinct Hatton family, who were once lords of the manor.

The afternoon service was conducted by the Vicar, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, and the Rev. D. Peskett, Rector of Longstanton St. Michael's. The Rev. H. G. Hooton, Vicar of Oakington, read the first lesson, and the Rev. C. H. Crossley, Rector of Willingham, the second. There were also present: The Rev. R. P. Moline (Cottenham), the Rev. T. Beckett (Over), the Rev. Evelyn Wood (Fen Drayton), and the Rev. H. L. James (Surfleet, Lincs.).

The Rev. W. C. Cooke (Rural Dean of North Stowe) pronounced the sentences and prayers of dedication, and the bells were opened by a touch of Grandsire Triples by members of C.U.G.C.R. and Ely Diocesan Association, the following being at the ropes: Mr. F. Pitstow, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Mr. J. Taylor (founder), Mr. T. R. Dennis (hon. sec. Ely Association), the Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, Mr. W. B. Kempton, Mr. T. F. Barker, and Mr. F. E. Kempton.

The sermon was preached by the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, who took as his text, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (1 Corinthians xiv., 10). These words told them that of all the things that were in the world nothing was voiceless. Some of the voices they heard were those of the world itself, such as the voices of self gratification and self advancement. They must beware how they listened to these. More nearly in unison with Divine harmony were the voices of nature. They could not go out without seeing the great works of God, and not one of these works was voiceless. Everyone had a heart, soul and spirit and each of these had a voice. There was a voice which was the instinct to worship. That instinct might be guided by things without—their churches, such a one as that, with its beauty and historic memorials. There were voices in its stone and wood and glass which called them to worship. Those bells that had just been dedicated to the service of the church had many voices. Sometimes the voice of joy when they celebrated a wedding, victory or national thanksgiving. Sometimes they had a voice of deepest sorrow when they were muffled to remind them of some brother or sister who had passed away. To him there was nothing quite so pathetic in all sounds as the sound of muffled bells. The most customary voice of the bells was the call to join in worship. He concluded by congratulaitng and commending them for having got the bells.

After the service, a touch of Stedman Triples was rung by the Rev. H. Law James, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, Mr. J. Taylor, Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. F. J. Pitstow, Mr. A. F. James, and the Rev. H. B. Woolley (Vicar).

Following this was a good touch of Cambridge Surprise, by: Rev. W. C. Pearson, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, F. Pitstow, Rev. H. Law James, Rev. H. B. Tyrwhitt Drake, F. J. Pitstow, A. F. James, and A. G. Rivers. After this, Double Norwich and Stedman were rung until time for the second evensong.

THE LADIES' PEAL TABLET.

The following additional subscriptions have been received: Woodstock, 1s.: St. Matthew's, Holbeck, Leeds, 6d.: Barnet, 1s.: St. Alphege Greenwich, 1s.; Ambleside, 9d.; total amount received, £9 0s. 4d.

NOTICES.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch,—There will be a meeting on Saturday, December 14th, at Frodsham (8 bells). All ringers welcome. Bells ready at 3. Service at 6. Tea (6d. each), will be provided at 4.30.—W. Bibby, Tower Secretary, Church St., Frodsham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Rochester District.—A quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chatham, on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Tower open 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m.—Edward A. G. Allen, Hon. District Secretary.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday, December 14th, 1912. Ringing at the Parish Church. Business meeting at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.30 p.m.—Rev. H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Henfield on Saturday, December 14th. Tower open 3 till 9. Service at 6. Tea 4.45, at Parish Room, 6d. each.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Garston on Saturday, December 14th, bells ready at 4 p.m., tea 5.30, meeting at 6. Members intending to be present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON. — The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. John Hooke, 23, Birdhurst Rise, Croydon, not later than Tuesday, December 17th.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at Southwark Cathedral on December 31st; St. John's, Hackney, on the 24th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 19th. All at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. The subscription of 1s. 8d., which entitles members to vote on matters of finance, is now due, and should be paid before February 28th—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Bramley on December 21st, instead of the 14th, as stated on circular. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the Cardigan Arms at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Thursday, December 26th, 1912. Bells available from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. (Business meeting to elect Officers at 3 o'clock).—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

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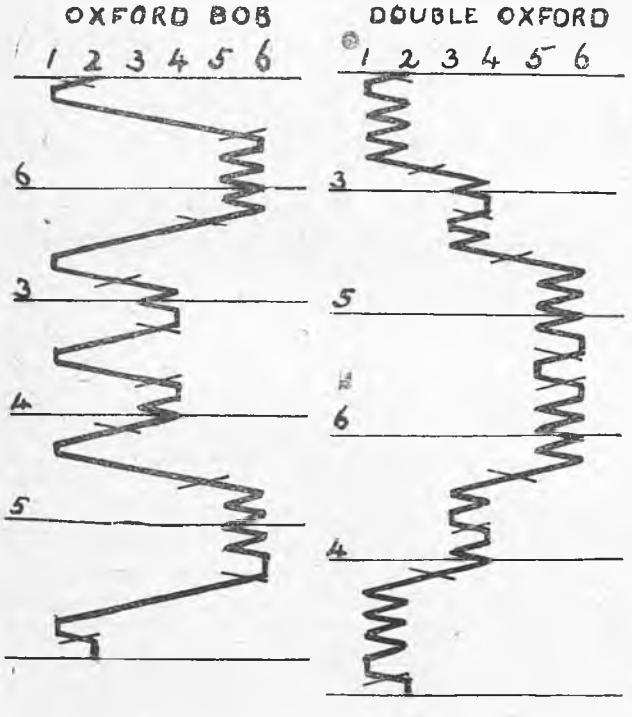
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

The second of the series of diagrams is given below, and illustrates Oxford Bob and Double Oxford Minor. The figures at the left show the starting place of each bell and the short cross lines indicate where the path of the treble crosses.



THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the South Eastern District of this Association was held at Great Waltham, on Saturday. The bells, the heaviest ring of eight in the county, were kept going in the afternoon and evening.—A short service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Nanson), assisted by the Rev. J. H. Barrow (Chelmsford), who gave an instructive address based on the words. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord" (Colossians iii, 17).—Tea was served at the Six Bells, 29 members sitting down, representing Baddow, Boreham, Braintree, Bocking, Chelmsford, Coggeshall, Felstead, Fryerning, Great Totham, Writtle, and the local company.—At the business meeting, the Rev. J. H. Baddow presided, Mr. C. H. Howard, Master of the Association, and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre, general secretary, being also present.—Mr. Edwards as District Master, and Mr. Cooper as secretary, were both unanimously re-elected, and acknowledged their appointment.—One ringer from Boreham and six of the local company were elected members.—Great Baddow was selected for the next meeting place.—The Rev. H. T. W. Eyre proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. C. Nanson for conducting the service, to the Rev. J. H. Barrow for his excellent address, and for acting as chairman of the meeting, in the absence of the Vicar.—Mr. Howard seconded, and the Rev. Barrow replied.—Thanks were accorded to the organist and choir boys, who led the singing at the service, and Mr. Davis, the local steeple keeper, also came in for a vote of thanks for having the bells ready.—In replying, Mr. Davis said he hoped, with the able assistance of Mr. Edwards, that the newly-elected members would soon be able to ring a peal.—During the afternoon and evening, touches on the tower and handbells were brought round in the methods of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob and Double Norwich.

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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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Christmas is upon us, and ringers will be busy on Wednesday in the steeples of England, heralding the day, which, above all others, is a day of "peace and goodwill," and proclaiming the great feast through the brazen throats that from the towers send forth the message over hill and dale. Christmas is the festival of bells. Without bells half the charm of the Christmas spirit would be absent. From time immemorial the bells of our churches have played a great part in the celebration of the dawn of the Christmas era. Christmas bells have been a favourite theme with poets and writers, and there is no occasion when the pealing from the church towers is more appreciated by the public than at this festive season. There are those who lament the passing of the old spirit of Christmas. In some respects, perhaps, it is changing with the times, and we seldom now seem to get that picturesque setting for it which we are taught to associate with Yuletide—a snow covered country or the sparkle of a frosty landscape. But whatever we may lack in other directions, the bells remain with us, and ever as the years roll on peal out over the land on Christmas Day their message of "Peace on earth, goodwill to men."

"The time draws near the birth of Christ
The moon is hid; the night is still;
The Christmas bells from hill to hill
Answer each other in the mist."

Thus Tennyson records the part which the bells play in reminding Christendom of the Church's great festival. Ringers need not to be informed that apart from the opportunity of engaging in the Art they love so dearly which Christmas affords, they have, after all, a not unimportant part to play. Their duty it is to proclaim the festival, let them see to it that they perform the task worthily. An English Christmas without bells would be unthinkable. As well think of it without the plum pudding as without bells. Ask a man, who has spent his days abroad, what he most missed on Christmas Day, and he would in nineteen cases out of twenty say the church bells. Ringers who are in the habit of ringing Sunday by Sunday and upon the Church's festivals often do not fully appreciate the spirit which the sound of the bells awakens. Familiarity with the sonorous notes pealing forth from the steeple above them, may, perhaps, have blunted the keenness of feeling, but, to the public outside, Christmas bells convey a very special message. They stir the emotions, they awaken memories, and do as much to symbolise the spirit of the day as anything that can affect the feelings of the multitude. Thus we ringers have a duty beyond the expression of our own feelings. We ring at Christmas for the delight of others. Let us do it well.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

DUDLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.	...*Treble*	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
HERBERT SHEPPARD	2	HARRY GOODMAN	7
SAMUEL SPITTLE	3	JOHN SMITH	8
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	5	BENJAMIN FULLWOOD	...*Tenor*

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

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Samuel Spittle, the esteemed master of the above Guild, the band congratulating him on attaining his 77th birthday. It is also the 50th peal by John Goodman, Junr., and Ben Gough.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5055 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT ...	...*Treble*	JOHN H. B. HESSE... ...	6
ISAAC G. SHADE	2	WILLIAM THEOBALD ...	7
WILLIAM MILLER	3	WILLIAM J. NUDDS	8
REUBEN SANDERS	4	WILLIAM PYE	9
JOHN ARMSTRONG	5	ALFRED W. GRIMES	...*Tenor*

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

EWERBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES...	...*Treble*	FREDERICK W. STOKES ...	6
HARRY THORPE	2	WILLIAM DICKINSON ...	7
J. FRANK PROCTOR	3	SIDNEY PROCTOR	8
JOHN T. HOLMES	4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	9
WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	5	*WALTER H. WOOD	...*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains 5 and 6 their extent behind the 9th in the tittums position.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX...	...*Treble*	FRANK HALLSWORTH, Junr.	6
THOMAS H. REEVES	2	JOHN C. ADAMS...	7
REV. E. V. COX	3	FREDERICK J. COPE	8
HERBERT KNIGHT	4	JAMES H. SHEPHERD ...	9
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	5	EDGAR T. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to T. H. Reeves. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BEXHILL-ON-SEA.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt.	
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr.	*Treble*	JOSEPH SHARP	5
WALTER ALCOCK	2	GEORGE WATSON	6
ARTHUR GOWER	3	KEITH HART	7
ERNEST GOWER	4	GEORGE H. HOWSE	*Tenor*

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LOW MOOR, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE DRAKE	*Treble*	JOHN WM. CUNDALL	5
JAMES COTTERELL	2	FRED SALMONS	6
JAMES MAWSON	3	JOSEPH BROADLEY	7
JOSEPH HARDCASTLE	4	*HERBERT SIMPSON	*Tenor*

Composed by J. W. REEVES, and
Conducted by H. SIMPSON.

* First peal as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late J. W. Ackroyd, of Low Moor.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*GEORGE TWITCHEN	*Treble*	WILLIAM PHIPPS	5
JAMES W. WILKINS	2	RICHARD BUCKLAND	6
RALPH COLES	3	JOHN EVANS	7
ARTHUR G. JANES	4	ARTHUR HOING	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Stedman.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 14½ cwt.

FREDK. R. BORRETT	*Treble*	CHARLES BAKER	5
ERNEST WHITING	2	EDWIN WHITING	6
WILLIAM ROOPE	3	CHARLES ROOPE	7
JOHN HERROD	4	FREDK. ROOPE	*Tenor*

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

JOHN YATES, Junr.	*Treble*	JOHN YATES, Senr.	5
JOHN OLDHAM	2	WILLIAM TRIGG	6
HARRY WHITTLE	3	EDWARD READER	7
WILLIAM SMITH	4	WILLIAM THORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MATFELON, WHITECHAPEL, E.,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
REUBEN SANDERS	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS	2	JAMES E. DAVIS	6
BERTRAM PREWETT	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	ERNEST PYE	*Tenor*

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING	*Treble*	WILLIAM ROOPE	5
CHARLES BAKER	2	JOHN HERROD	6
HENRY GARNHAM	3	CHARLES ROOPE	7
FREDK. ROOPE	4	ERNEST WHITING	*Tenor*

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

BIRMINGHAM.
ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF
BIRMINGHAM.
On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL.
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

PERCY O. LAFLIN	*Treble*	SAMUEL GROVE	5
ERNEST T. ALLAWAY	2	JOHN NEAL	6
*THOMAS H. REEVES	3	A. PADDON SMITH	7
JOHN CARTER	4	THOMAS MILLER	*Tenor*

Composed by PAUL CASHMORE, and
Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major. The ringer of the 7th is the grandson of the composer of this famous composition, and the composer was also the conductor's late employer.

AMBLESIDE, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 32 cwt. 2 qr. 2 lbs., in D flat.

JOHN FAIRCLOUGH	*Treble*	WILLIAM PRICKETT	5
ALFRED NEWTON	2	THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	6
GORDON WHITTAM	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	7
ERIC L. BENNETT	4	ROGER SATTERTHWAITE	*Tenor*

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

First peal of Triples by all except the ringers of the 2nd and 7th. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Elizabeth Marjory Gaddum, daughter of Mr. Wm. Gaddum, of Brockhole, Windermere, to Mr. John Jasper Payne, son of the late Sir Salusbury Payne, of Blunham, Bedfordshire.

OSPRINGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 17¼ cwt.	
*JOHN W. LANE	*Treble*	*GEORGE BEEBY	5
*TOM E. EADES	2	SAMUEL R. GARNER	6
FREDERICK HUNT	3	HERBERT BAKER	7
EDWARD TRENDELL	4	*GEORGE E. H. COVENEY	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal.

LONG STANTON, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
Tenor 6½ cwt.

REV. H. LAW JAMES	*Treble*	T. REGINALD DENNIS	5
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	2	WILLIAM B. KEMPTON	6
REV. W. C. PEARSON	3	FREDERICK PITSTOW	7
WILLIAM D. JAMES	4	†REV. H. B. WORLEY	*Tenor*

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by REV. H. L. JAMES.

† First peal. This was the Rev. W. C. Pearson's 200th peal. First peal on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;
Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS	*Treble*	FRANK R. COPEMAN	5
ALFRED FUNNELL	2	GEORGE POYNTZ	6
JOHN F. WILSON	3	WILLIAM STEELE	7
RICHARD BALDRY	4	JOHN ALDIS, Junr.	*Tenor*

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
WILLIAM ASHDOWN	*Treble*	ALFRED TOMSETT	5
GEORGE TOMSETT	2	THOMAS STRINGER	6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH	3	HERBERT TOMSETT	7
HENRY J. GRAVETT	4	EDMUND PATCHING	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE TOMSETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Stringer and Gravett.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.	
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr.	*Treble*	JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Junr.	5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL	2	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE	6
*THOMAS SMITH	3	WILLIAM WELLING	7
LEONARD STILWELL	4	WILLIAM E. NAPPER	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal away from the treble. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Guttridge, Senr., and T. Smith.

OTLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON	*Treble*	JAMES HORNER	5
GEORGE THORNTON	2	JOHN B. JACKSON	6
THOMAS HATHAWAY	3	†JOHN L. PHILLIPS	7
*WILLIAM B. SMITH	4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH	*Tenor*

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal as conductor from a non-observation bell. † First peal of Major. This peal contains the full combination of the 4th, 5th and 6th in 5-6 with the 2nd and 3rd, only four courses each in ths and never in 6ths.

HERNHILL, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 10 cwt.	
CLARENCE HADLOW	*Treble*	FRANK ELSEY	5
*IVO HADLOW	2	SIDNEY FOX	6
ALFRED T. W. BONES	3	EDWARD TRENDELL	7
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	4	†PERCY J. PRICE	*Tenor*

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

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

HADLOW, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;
H. HUBBARD'S NO. 1 FIVE-PART.

HENRY RABBITT	*Treble*	THOMAS SMITHERS	5
TOM SAUNDERS	2	ROBERT VANNS	6
LEONARD S. PARIS	3	ARTHUR H. READER	7
ERNEST HOOK	4	GEORGE W. MANSER	*Tenor*

Conducted by ARTHUR H. READER.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;
Tenor 16½ cwt.

GEORGE HARDY	*Treble*	*JAMES M. BAILEY	5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY	2	ERNEST S. BAILEY	6
EDGAR H. BAILEY	3	CHARLES SAMPSON	7
WILLIAM DREW	4	CHARLES F. BAILEY	*Tenor*

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* 100th peal.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRAM,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.		Tenor 32 cwt.	
*ARTHUR DRURY	*Treble*	FRED TURNER	5
ARTHUR MACKEARS	2	JOSEPH LORD	6
*REGINALD SCOTT	3	SAM BAKER	7
ARTHUR W. WARD	4	THOMAS H. HALL	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. A. W. Ward and S. Baker were elected members before starting.

CRAYFORD, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,
A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES:
Tenor 12¾ cwt., in F.

*REGINALD BROUGH	*Treble*	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
ISAAC EMERY	2	FRANK BENNETT	6
*EDWIN F. PIKE	3	*EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.	7
WILLIAM J NEVARD	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	*Tenor*

Composed by H. WHITTLE, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of New Cambridge. Also first of New Cambridge on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt.

GEORGE A. CARD ...	...*Treble*	CHARLES T. COLES ...	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER...	2	WILBY J. HAZELL	6
GEORGE RADLEY	3	JAMES PARKER	7
*E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	4	GEORGE PAICE	...*Tenor*

Composed by FREDK. DENCH, and Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

WILLIAM HOLBROOK ...	...*Treble*	HARRY CHAPMAN	5
HAROLD ECKERSALL	2	J. DERBYSHIRE	6
JOSEPH RIDYARD...	3	W. H. IDLE	7
J. T. BOTTRELL	4	R. DAVIES	...*Tenor*

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Margaret B. Idle, daughter of the conductor.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY & ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY ...	...*Treble*	FRANK JACOBS	5
THOMAS W. GORE	2	ARTHUR KNIGHTS	6
*GEORGE LEWIS	3	GEORGE A. THOMPSON ...	7
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	4	BART MITCHELL ...	...*Tenor*

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

* First peal in the method. This was the conductor's 100th peal on the bells.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY, CAVERSHAM.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANGES;

Tenor 23½ cwt.

HARRY MILES	...*Treble*	ERNEST W. MENDAY ...	5
GEORGE ESSEX	2	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN...	6
ALBERT D. CULLUM ...	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN	7
JOSEPH HANDS	4	RICHARD T. HIBBERT	...*Tenor*

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and Conducted by R. T. HIBBERT.

First Surprise peal on the bells. The band wish to tender their heartiest thanks to the Rev. A. C. R. and Mrs. Freeborn for their hospitality before the peal, and to Mr. F. Webb for having everything in readiness.

PENSHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

JAMES HEASMAN	...*Treble*	ELGAR KING	5
GEORGE MALYAN	2	ERNEST EVEREST	6
SIDNEY HUNTLEY	3	HARRY SEAL	7
HARRY HARRINGTON	4	HARRY COOMBER ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST EVEREST.

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

FREDERICK C. BURROWS ...	*Treble*	THOMAS FITZJOHN	5
FREDERICK A. POULSON ...	2	WILLIAM EVERETT	6
FREDERICK A. SALTER ...	3	*WILLIAM MEARS	7
ALFRED NEWSON	4	CHARLES CARTER ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. CROSS, and Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal of Major. Rung to commemorate the wedding of Mr Robert Hutton.

RAUNDS, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*ARTHUR FAIRY	...*Treble*	HORACE COPERWHEAT ...	5
WILLIAM J. GILBERT ...	2	FRED STUBBS	6
FRANK KIRK	3	HENRY STUBBS	7
WALTER GILBERT	4	CHARLES W. CLARKE	...*Tenor*

Composed by G. HUGHES, and Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

*WILLIAM H. JOINER...	...*Treble*	ALBERT CALVER	5
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... ...	2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD	6
*BENJAMIN MORRISS	3	*ALFRED CLAYTON	7
*FRANK HOLDER	4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ...	...*Tenor*

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

HERSHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minute

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 8¼ cwt., in G sharp.

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

Composed by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, and Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method away from the treble. Rung in honour of Prince Albert's birthday. This is the first peal in the method at Hersham by all local men, and was rung at the first attempt.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

HERBERT C. FENTIMAN ...	*Treble*	GEORGE H. BARKER ...	5
WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ...	2	JOSEPH LADLEY	6
HENRY J. TUCKER	3	BARNARD PATMORE	7
HENRY C. INGLE	4	HENRY S. REEVES ...	...*Tenor*

Conducted by HENRY J. TUCKER.

This peal was rung as a farewell to Mr. H. C. Ingle, who is leaving the town for Worthing, and was his first peal.

HIGHWORTH, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(SWINDON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

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

Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs.

*JOHN H. ODEY	...*Treble*	*GEORGE LANCASTER	5
ALFRED LAWRENCE	2	*HENRY W. L. WELLS	6
ROBERT W. HYNER	3	CHARLES J. GARDINER	7
*GEORGE W. TOWNSEND	4	ERNEST BISHOP	...*Tenor*

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by ERNEST BISHOP.

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

MOTTRAM-IN-LONGDENDALE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-five and a half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM	...*Treble*	FRANK HALL	5
JOSEPH GODDARD	2	BENJAMIN GODDARD	6
WILLIAM HENRY BRADLEY	3	JOHN HARROP	7
ROBERT WALKER	4	THOMAS BRADDOCK	...*Tenor*

Composed by THOMAS SOTTANSTALL, and Conducted by I. SIDEBOTHAM.

J. Goddard has now rung peals on all the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NASKETON.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, November 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Kent, Oxford and Woodbine, Treble Bob and 720 of Bob Minor. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

CHARLES ABLITT, Junr.	...*Treble*	GEORGE ABLITT	4
HENRY BURCH	2	WILLIAM KING	5
DAVID LEGGETT	3	CHARLES KING	...*Tenor*

Conducted by C. KING.

CHURCH LENCH.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Comprising two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob and two of Grandsire each called differently.

H. J. PHIPPS	...*Treble*	F. JORDAN	4
H. JORDAN	2	F. JOHNSON	5
J. HEMMING	3	H. MIDDLETON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. HEMMING.

This was the quarterly peal by the Southern Branch, and first peal of Minor on the bells. After the peal the band were entertained to tea at the Rectory by Miss Smith, to whom a vote of thanks was passed for her kind hospitality.

SURFLEET, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Single Court, Double Court, Cambridge Surprise Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

R. HUGH RICHARDSON	...*Treble*	ARTHUR I. HOLMES	4
JOHN W. LAKE	2	WILLIAM RICHARDSON	5
JAMES OSBORN	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Rung in honour of the christening of the son of the ringer of the 5th.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12 cwt.

*GEORGE POPNELL	...*Treble*	*CHARLES SHERRIF	4
WILLIAM BOUGHTON	2	JOHN BARBER, Senr.	5
CHARLES BOUGHTON	3	*JOHN BARBER, Junr.	...*Tenor*

Conducted by J. BARBER, Senr.

* First peal. First peal of Grandsire Doubles by all.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 12, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 8 cwt.

ERNEST E. BARBER	...*Treble*	ERNEST GIBBS	4
CHARLES LAYTON	2	CHARLES L. SADLER	5
CHARLES WEOBLEY	3	GEORGE JORDAN	...*Tenor*

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

HENRY WEBBER	...*Treble*	ERNEST WILKINS	4
THOMAS J. SMITH	2	JAMES CLARKE	5
ARTHUR SYMONS	3	PERCY MERSON	...*Tenor*

Conducted by P. MERSON.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. P. Merson.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JOHN TAYLOR	...*Treble*	ROBERT GREEN	4
ALFRED WILSON	2	GEORGE H. KETTLE	5
HARRY HASTINGS	3	CHARLES AYLETT	...*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE H. KETTLE.

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

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES COLLINS	...*Treble*	†OLIVER COLLINS	4
*CHARLES BRETT	2	†GEORGE A. TAYLOR	5
*HARRY BROOK	3	WILFRED BOOTH	...*Tenor*

Conducted by WILFRED BOOTH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor on the bells and by the local band.

GROBY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PHILIP AND JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 9¾ cwt.

FRED BALL	...*Treble*	ERNEST MORRIS	4
GEORGE H. GEARY	2	ARTHUR MEASEY	5
WILLIAM SMITH	3	JOSIAH MORRIS	...*Tenor*

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

First peal with all Oxford Treble Bob on the bells and by all. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Victor Geary (of the local band) to Miss Ethel Barrett.

BRATHAY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's of Oxford, three of Kent and one of Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt.

ROGER SATTERTHWAITE	*Treble*	ERIC L. BENNETT	4
THOMAS F. HEWERTSON	2	JOHN HOLME	5
*GORDON WHITTAM	3	WILLIAM ROBINSON	*Tenor*

Conducted by ROGER SATTERTHWAITE.

* First peal in three methods.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, Canterbury, and Plain Bob.
Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr.

ROBERT G. BLACK	*Treble*	GEORGE HOLLAND	4
EDWARD CHAPMAN	2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT	5
PERCY J. LENTON	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN	*Tenor*

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Friday, December 6, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
WILLIAM W. KEMP	3—4	*HORACE FOULGER	7—8

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: HARRY A. TURNER.

* First peal double-handed.

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

On Sunday, December 8, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE, CEMETERY ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

TAYLOR'S.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	T. H. BERNARD	5—6
ARTHUR E. MOORE	3—4	HARRY A. TURNER	7—8

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.
Umpire: FRANK J. LEVITT.

This peal was arranged for T. H. Bernard, of Harwich, and was his first peal of Grandsire.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 9, 1912, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

MERVYN DUCK	1—2	*CHARLES WATSON	3—4
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER	5—6		

Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.
Umpire: GEORGE WELLBURN.

* First peal on handbells.

RETFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in One Hour and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT ALMA VILLA, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of 720 each of Single Court, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure, and two each of Double Bob and Plain Bob was tapped on handbells by
JOHN SEGER, Junr.
Umpires: L. BLAGG, J. SEGER, Senr., and J. WOOD.

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

On Wednesday, December 11, 1912, in Two Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
WILLIAM W. KEMP	3—4	*CHARLES WOODCOCK	7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.
Umpire: ALFRED ELY.

* First peal of Major "in hand."

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

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

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANGES;

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	1—2	MAURICE SMITHER	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD	7—8

FRANK BLONDELL 9—10

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Umpire: THOMAS W. RADFORD.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair and first attempt.

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

On Friday, December 13, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT THE ABBOTT ANSLEM INSTITUTE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

WILLIAM W. KEMP	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
HARRY A. TURNER	3—4	*ALFRED ELY	7—8

Composed by J. P. BURTON, and
Conducted by FRANK J. LEVITT.
Umpire: FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 120, CROYLAND ROAD, EDMONTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

*MISS E. K. PARKER	1—2	*JOHN THOMAS	5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS	3—4	*WILBY J. HAZELL	7—8

Composed by J. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method in hand. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on handbells in which a lady has taken part.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD	1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING	3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD	7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LONDON.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY	1—2	HERBERT LANGDON	5—6
WALTER S. WISE	3—4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	7—8

Conducted by CHALLIS F. WINNEY.
Umpire: FREDERICK J. HARDY.

The peal at Stansted, Essex, rung on December 7th should have been credited to the Essex Association, and not to the Ely.

The ringer of the 5th at Gresford on December 7th was George Vaughan.

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Stedman Cinques by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
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ODD CHANGES.

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS" to all our readers.

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That clever young man, Mr. J. Seger, junr., of Retford Notts, has succeeded in tapping another peal of Minor this time in five methods. These are wonderful performances, even in these days of marvels. Next week we hope to give Mr. Seger's portrait.

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Mr. James George writes:—"I changed my residence nearly a year ago, and, as many communications are still being sent to my old address, I shall be glad if ringers will kindly note that my present address is 50, Craven Road, Rugby."

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Mr. J. Slarke of Towcester, who gave a new bell to Easton Neston Church, and is a most enthusiastic ringer, has just celebrated his 71st birthday. To mark the event he entertained the members of the Towcester and District Association to tea.

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There were two veterans in the peal of Grandsire Caters at Dudley on Saturday. It was rung as a compliment to Mr. W. Spittle on his 77th birthday, and Mr. W. Rock Small, who also took part in it, is 73 years of age. They are wonderful ringers for men well past the allotted span, but they seem game for a good deal more yet.

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The history and uses of church bells have always an interest for the general public, and many writers have endeavoured to provide articles of interest for the readers of newspapers and magazines. It is, however, astonishing how much at sea these authors get when they come to the technical side of ringing. A by no means uninteresting story of bells appeared last week in the "Manchester Evening News," but it is marred by the following, which displays a somewhat woeful ignorance of the art of ringing. The writer says:—

> No particular skill is required to ring a peal of bells in regular order from treble to bass, but to "ring the changes" on a large peal requires skill, muscle, and physical endurance. The greater the number of bells the greater are the number of changes possible. A "Round" of three bells only admits of six changes, a "Double" or "Grandsire" of five bells consists of 220 changes, a "Bob Minor" of six bells (720 changes), a "Bob Major" of eight bells (40,320 changes). There are altogether ten grades of peals culminating in a "Bob Maximus" comprising no less than 479,001,600 changes. Of course no one is capable of this supreme effort. A "Triple" of seven bells takes three and a half hours to ring, and a "Bob Major" twenty-eight hours. A "Bob Maximus" would take ninety-one years to ring at the rate of ten strokes a second. A clergyman recently died, who had many times rung all the different grades up to the "Bob Major," and had even achieved that Herculean task more than once.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Owing to the Christmas holidays falling in the middle of next week, it will be essential for "The Ringing World" to go to press much earlier than usual. Reports of Saturday's peals and events should therefore be posted to us the same night. Secretaries and others should bear in mind that notices of meetings, etc., must reach this office by FIRST POST MONDAY MORNING. "The Ringing World" will be on sale on Friday as usual.

THE CHESTER GUILD.

On Saturday, the annual meeting of the Runcorn Branch of the Chester Guild was held at Frodsham. The two towers of the Branch (Runcorn and Frodsham) were well represented, visitors also attending from Grappenhall, Eccleston, Widnes, and Wearnham. Good touches of Grandsire Triples and Bob Major were rung, these being the methods most practised at Frodsham since the new trebles were added a year ago, and in which the locals have made excellent progress. At tea, which had been prepared in the Schoolroom, the ringers were joined by the Rev. W. M. Myers (Vicar of Frodsham) and Mrs. Myers, who, with Mrs. Garrett and Mrs. E. H. Lewis, presided at the tables, the Rev. H. V. Pigott (Chairman of the Grappenhall Branch of the Chester Guild), the Rev. R. L. Mann (Curate of Frodsham), and the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Guild), who took this opportunity of paying his annual visit to the branch.—The Vicar expressed his delight in welcoming the ringers and visitors to Frodsham, and at the business meeting, which followed, a good number of new members were elected—an excellent sign of progress.—The Rev. A. T. Beeston expressed his pleasure at attending such an enthusiastic meeting, and also congratulated the secretary and other officers on the way in which they conducted the work of the branch. The ringers afterwards attended evensong, for which the bells were rung, and after service the ringing chamber was again visited, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major, Stedman Triples, Oxford Bob Triples rung, a number of ringers calling their first touches in these methods.

UPTON CHURCH BELLS RENOVATED.

After being silent for six months for necessary repairs, the peal of beautiful bells in the Church of St. Mary Magdalene, Upton, Torquay, were joyously rung on Saturday. For four hours in the afternoon a series of call changes were rung by the regular band of Upton ringers, assisted by members of the Mid-Devon Ringers' Association, the parishes represented being St. Marychurch, Babbacombe, Paignton, Newton Abbot, Highweek, Kingskerswell and Stoke-in-Teignhead. The ringers, numbering about sixty, were afterwards entertained at a bountiful tea provided by the hospitality of the Rector and Mrs. Gregg, and they then adjourned to the church, where a short service was held, and an address on bells was given by the Rector, who dedicated the bells to their renewed work, and asked for a blessing upon them, the ringers, and the parish generally. Of the heavy expense of renovation, the sum of about £15 is still needed. Inasmuch as the bells are often devoted to the service of the town generally, it is hoped that many outside Upton parish will be ready to respond to the appeal which has been issued. The work of restoration has been ably carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, Ltd., of the Spitalfields Foundry, London.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

The Romney Marsh and District Guild of change ringers concluded their series of meetings for the current year on Monday in last week, when they assembled at Tenterden. As was anticipated, the meeting was wonderfully well attended, for campanologists eagerly make use of opportunities to ring on Tenterden's famous peal of bells. Members attended from Appledore, Benenden, Iden, Lyminge, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, and the local tower. The ringing consisted of Grandsire Triples and Stedman Triples. Many short touches were brought round in praiseworthy manner, under the conductorship of Messrs. G. Billenness, R. Edwards, and W. E. Pitman.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness) presided at the business meeting.—It was decided to hold the annual meeting at Appledore on the third Saturday in January, when it is hoped that the tower will be opened from three o'clock till half-past five. A service will be held in the church, after which the annual dinner and meeting will take place at the Swan Hotel, with the president (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), Vicar of Appledore, in the chair.—The Hon. Secreatry (Mr. G. J. Youngs) reported that the Guild was in a most satisfactory condition financially, and it was resolved, on the proposition of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. W. H. Lambert, that the Guild pay half the expenses in connection with the annual dinner.

The question of attempting peals at Rolvenden and Appledore was discussed, and eventually it was left to the Secretary to arrange them at any date he might think suitable.

ST. IGNATIUS, SUNDERLAND.

The ring of six bells at St. Ignatius, Sunderland, is shortly to be increased to eight, Messrs. Taylor and Co. having two trebles in hand to complete the octave. These are the gift of Mr. S. M. Ritson, a former churchwarden, in memory of his mother.

The ring originally consisted of five bells, dedicated on Easter Day, 1898, and since that time change ringing has been constantly practised. The band was well grounded in the rudiments of the Art by such capable instructors as Mr. T. Hudson and his two sons, of Bishopwearmouth. Consistent progress has been made, the Guild having won first place in its Association for Sunday service ringing for the last two years, and it is confidently expected that the ringers will be able to do justice to their augmented ring.

The first 720 (Grandsire Doubles) was scored on the bells on Dec. 12th, 1898, by three members, assisted by Messrs. T. Hudson, senr., and R. Hudson, in honour of the marriage of a member of the Guild. The 14th anniversary of this day coinciding with a practice, 720 true changes were rung to celebrate the occasion. The 720 consisted of 360 each of York and Durham Surprise, the band including Messrs. Robt. L. Patterson and Joseph W. Parker, two of the members who rang in the first 720, the third, Mr. W. H. Denteth, being now in Australia.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON'S 200 PEALS.

Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 5; Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 4; London Surprise Major (treble), 1; Cambridge Surprise Major, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 15; Double Norwich Major, 39; Kent Treble Bob Major, 48; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 18; Forward Major, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Bob Major, 13; Stedman Triples, 29; Grandsire Triples, 12; in three methods of Minor, 4; in four methods of Doubles, 1; total, 200. Rung in sixty-four different towers in eight different counties, and ninety-three of them upon the bells of his own Parish Church.

MR. W. STEELE'S 100 PEALS.

On six bells, 8, conducted, 4; Grandsire Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 9, conducted, 7; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 22, conducted, 16; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 17, conducted, 9; Double Norwich Major, 22, conducted, 5; Duffield Major, 1, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 10, conducted, 1; New Cambridge Surprise, 1; Norfolk Surprise, 1; total, 100, conducted, 48. Rung in 36 towers, in the counties of Norfolk, Suffolk and Essex.

MR. J. M. BAILEY'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 1; Bob Major, 7; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13 (including 7008); Oxford Treble Bob Major, 9; Double Oxford Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 13 (including 11,040); Superlative Surprise Major, 27; Cambridge Surprise Major, 13; New Cambridge Surprise Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 1. On handbells: Kent Treble Bob Major, 4; Bob Major, 5; total, 100.

MR. B. A. KNIGHT'S 100 PEALS ON CHESTERFIELD PARISH CHURCH BELLS.

Grandsire Triples, 4; Caters, 6; Stedman Triples, 5 (conducted 3); Caters, 18 (11); Bob Major, 2, (1); Royal, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (4); Royal, 27 (11); Oxford Major, 1; Royal, 5 (3); Double Norwich Major, 6 (3); Royal, 4 (1); Forward Royal, 1 (1); Superlative Surprise Major, 6 (2); New Cambridge, 1; Yorkshire, 3; Peterborough, 1; London, 2; total, 100 (conducted 40). Including the first peal of Stedman Triples, Oxford Major and Royal, Double Norwich Major and Royal, Forward Royal, Superlative, New Cambridge, Yorkshire, Peterborough and London—on the bells.

DEATH OF MR. F. S. PERCIVAL, PORTMADOC.

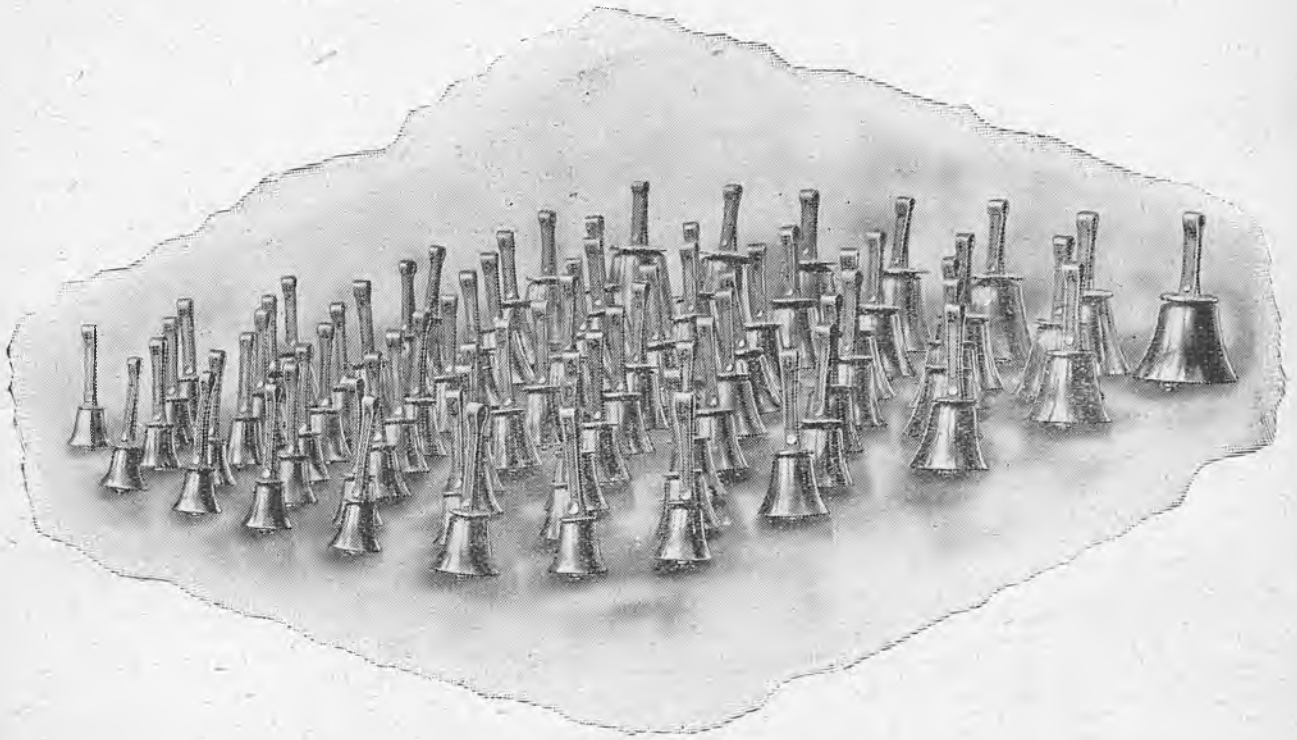
The Portmadoc bellringers have sustained a very great loss, through the death of their president, Mr. F. S. Percival, Bodawen, Portmadoc, who died after a long illness. The deceased, who was in his 84th year, was one of the most liberal benefactors of St. John's Church, his gifts including the Church tower and peal of eight bells, and vestry. He was the bellringers' greatest friend, his beneficence and generosity to them at all times being unsurpassed. The burial took place at the family vault at Llanbedrog. The bells were rung fully muffled on the two subsequent Sundays, and also on the day of the funeral.

An attempt was made on Wednesday, Dec. 11th, to ring a memorial peal of Grandsire Triples, fully muffled, but it came to grief after two hours and five minutes' splendid ringing.

THE LATE MR. A. JACOB.

The amounts received on behalf of the widow of the late Mr. A. Jacob are as follow: The Rev. B. Spink, £1 1s.; Mr. F. Sherlock, £2 2s.; members of the Hornsey Ringers' Guild and friends, £1 7s.; from his fellow workers, £2 2s.; anonymous, £2 2s.; Mr. Edward F. Cole, £1 1s.; Mr. J. H. Cheesman, 5s.; Mr. R. K. Knight, 3s.; G. F. M., 2s.; total, £10 5s. Subscriptions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Rev. B. Spink, The Rectory, Hornsey; Mr. E. Robins, 12, Church Lane, Hornsey; Mr. F. Sherlock, The Ferns, Priory Road, Hornsey.

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STOKE POGES BELLS.

RE-DEDICATION OF A NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The old six bells of the famous Church of St. Giles', Stoke Poges, which have been in an unringable state for some time, have now been recast and rehung in an entirely new iron and steel frame, at a total cost of £244. The work was completed about the middle of last month, and the same evening the bells were rung for a short time to see that all was right.

The old bells were sadly out of tune with each other, and as it was desirable to lay the foundation for a useful and musical peal of eight, it was decided to recast the whole peal, as it would give important advantages. In spreading out the metal of the old bells it enabled the bell-founders to increase the weight of the tenor, while in tuning the new bells they could be brought into perfect harmony with each other. The weight of the tenor has been increased from 12 cwt. to 13 cwt. 2 qrs. 3 lbs., while the weight of the smaller bells has been slightly reduced. The bells have been tuned on Simpson's five tone principle. The whole work has been most successfully carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, to whom great credit is due.

The re-dedication of the bells took place during the morning service, on Sunday week, when a large congregation attended.—The Rev. Canon Barnett, Vicar of Stoke Poges, took the first part of the service, and after the second lesson, the Rev. Canon Eliot (Rural Dean and Rector of Slough), ascended to the belfry and re-dedicated the bells to the glory of God. At the conclusion of the prayers, a few rounds followed by 60 changes of Grandsire Doubles were rung. After the hymn, "The Church's one Foundation," had been sung, Canon Eliot gave a very interesting and appropriate address on the uses of Church bells. During the hymn, "When morning gilds the skies," a collection was made, which will go towards extinguishing the remaining debt of £30.

At the conclusion of the morning service, six members of the Oxford Guild rang a favourite 720 of Oxford Bob Minor (5th observation): Messrs. J. J. Parker, G. Gutteridge, C. Garbett, F. Bateman, W. Bateman and W. Henley (conductor). While the ringing was in progress, the Vicar, the two churchwardens and the organist visited the belfry, and expressed their keen delight at the charming tone of the bells, and as the congregation passed through the churchyard on their way home, one heard nothing but expressions of delight on all sides. The church stands in Stoke Park, and the surrounding trees add greatly to the charm of the bells.

With regard to the "go" of the bells, it would seem that nothing has been omitted that would ensure complete success. The parishioners of Stoke Poges and the whole neighbourhood owe a debt of gratitude to the churchwardens, Mr. E. H. Parry and Mr. W. A. Judd, and especially Mr. Parry, without whose energy and perseverance the recasting of the bells would not have been carried through.

Appended are the inscriptions on the bells and their weights:—

		cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble.	T. Mears, of London. Fecit, 1824	3	2	13
	John Edson, Churchwarden.			
2.	John Fenmore, John Slaughter, Churchwardens...	4	2	6
	Thos. Swain. Fecit, 1772.			
3.	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728	5	2	22
4.	Thos. Hunt, John Slaughter, Churchwardens	6	1	23
	Thos. Swain made mee 1773.			
5.	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728	8	2	6
6.	The Reverend Mr. Tho. Dolphin, Vicar	13	2	3
	Messrs. Wm. Godfrey, Joseph Hewet, Churchwardens.			
	R. Phelps. Fecit, 1728.			

KENT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Rochester District was held on Saturday, at Chatham Parish Church. There was ringing during the afternoon, and a service was held in the small chapel, conducted by the Rector, who gave a short but instructive address.

The business meeting was held in the vestry, and was presided over by the Rector, who welcomed the Association to the parish, and wished it prosperity.—One new member was elected, belonging to the Milton-next-Gravesend band.—Milton-next-Gravesend and Tunstall were suggested for the half-yearly meeting, and Tunstall was selected by a majority of six. The meeting will be held about the second Saturday in March.—The Hon. Secretary proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding at the meeting, and for his address, and a similar compliment was passed to the secretary for presiding at the organ.

The towers represented were: Swanscombe, Gravesend, Milton-next-Gravesend, Meopham, Rochester, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenboro', and the local band. Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, and one of his men, who are at work on the Gillingham bells, were present in the evening. The methods rung were: Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and Double Norwich.

CONGRATULATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. F. J. Johnson, of Hinton, near Evesham, writes: Will you allow me, through the medium of your paper, to thank the many members of the Exercise who have so kindly sent congratulations to myself and children on their scoring the handbell peal of Grandsire Doubles, and to assure them that we shall not be content until we have a peal of Triples to our credit.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held on Saturday, at Edington and Bratton, and although the weather was most unfavourable, a fairly good number of ringers assembled. Ringing was kept up in various methods during the afternoon, and the party then adjourned to the Monastery Gardens close to the grand old Church of Edington, where 22 sat down to a good substantial tea, supplied by Mr. Marsh, of Bratton.—A short business meeting followed, the Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington) occupying the chair, supported by the Rev. E. C. Alexander (Vicar of Edington), and Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. secretary of the branch), and ringers from Bratton, Market Lavington, Edington, Seend, Southbroom, and Great Cheverell. Three new members from Southbroom, nine from Enford and 12 from Bratton were elected.—A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of Edington and Bratton for the use of the bells at their respective churches was unanimously carried.—A little practice with the handbells, and more ringing at the churches brought the day's pleasant proceedings to a termination.

MORE INTEREST WANTED IN MARLBOROUGH BRANCH.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the annual meeting of the Marlborough branch, on Saturday, was very poorly attended. Ringing began at St. Mary's, Marlborough, at 3 p.m., and the Guild service was held in the church at 4.30. A very practical and appropriate address was delivered by the Rev. A. E. G. Peters, chairman of the branch. The members afterwards sat down to tea, and a short business meeting followed. The report for the year showed an average attendance of 14 at the monthly meetings. The membership of the branch showed an increase from 61 to 74, nine of the new members being change ringers. The secretary was obliged to report that several attempts to establish change ringing in various towers had apparently met with failure. Very little progress could be acknowledged in the way of restoration, which was so sorely needed in the district.

The report was approved, and the officers were re-elected for next year. The meeting over, some more ringing was indulged in until late in the evening. It is hoped that next year may show fruit in the improvement of the ringing, and this hope must be the keynote of the work for the year.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

NORTH FOREST BRANCH'S SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The second annual meeting of the North Forest Branch was held at St. Mary's Parish Church, Newent, on Saturday week. Although the weather was very wet and dreary, some 30 members were present, representing Newent, Corse, Hasfield, Redmarley, Staunton, Churcham, and Westbury-on-Severn. The bells, a heavy peal of six, were available during afternoon and evening, and the special service, conducted by the Rev. Canon Connor (chairman), was well attended. The members afterwards adjourned to the Parish Rooms, where an excellent tea was provided by the chairman, who also presided at the business meeting.—The secretary's report showed that eight towers had been affiliated, making a total of 12, and 37 new members elected, including three honorary, making a total of 55. Ten meetings had been held, the average attendance being 18.—The Chairman complimented the secretary upon being able to present such a successful report, which, with the financial statement, was adopted.—The Chairman was unanimously re-elected, as also was the hon. secretary (Mr. W. J. Roberts). Mr. T. H. Hayes was re-elected as representative on the committee of management, and a branch committee was formed, consisting of one member from each tower, viz.: Messrs. C. E. Merchant (Hasfield), A. Martin (Newent), G. Parsons (Corse), T. H. Hayes (Staunton), E. J. Stephens (Churcham), E. Robinson (Redmarley), and C. Heath (Blaisdon).—Blaisdon tower was affiliated to the branch, and five new members elected.—Tirley was suggested as the next meeting place.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for his kindness, and, in responding, he welcomed the ringers to the parish, and wished the branch every success.

A smoking concert was afterwards held, at which songs were contributed by Dr. A. Higgins, Messrs. W. S. Hankins, G. H. Berkley, C. Heath, C. Tunnicliffe, A. Dobbins and W. Tyler, and selections on the handbells were given by the local band.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. J. J. Clark (churchwarden), who presided at the concert, and to the gentlemen who had kindly assisted.

RINGER'S GOLDEN WEDDING.

On November 20th, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Mitchell, of Barwood, Gloucester, celebrated their golden wedding, having been married at Brockworth Church, near Gloucester, on November 20th, 1862, by the Rev. G. Watts. In honour of the event, for evening service, on Sunday, Nov. 24th, at St. Lawrence's Church, Barnwood, a 720 Bob Minor was rung, by: A. E. Waite 1, A. A. Waite 2, G. A. Smith 3, A. G. Waite 4, H. Mitchell 5, J. A. Waite 6. This touch was conducted by Mr. H. Mitchell, who is 77 years of age, and has been a member of the Barnwood band of ringers since 1853. The Vicar and his fellow ringers offered him their hearty congratulations, and presented him with a gold-lined sugar basin and sifter, which the recipient suitably acknowledged.

LUTTERWORTH RINGERS' DINNER.

The date of the peal at Lutterworth, recorded last week, coincided with the annual dinner of the local band, who very kindly invited the peal ringers to join them. A sumptuous spread was partaken of at the Denbigh Hotel, and amongst those sitting down were Messrs. Wilford, of Northampton; Fowler and Dexter, of Leicester; five members of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby; the local band; and a few of their friends. A social evening was afterwards spent under the able chairmanship of Mr. A. J Ross, who proposed the loyal toast. The first item of a splendid musical programme was a selection on the handbells (" The Retreat March ") by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White, of the Rugby company, which was followed by a humorous song by Mr. Mills. Mr. Fred Wilford then proved himself to be a superlative singer as well as a Superlative ringer, with a well-rendered song, " Off to Philadelphia."—Mr. Peter Rourke, in proposing " The Visitors," said how pleased he was to see such a representative gathering. He coupled with the toast the names of Messrs. Wilford and Smy, and previous to those gentlemen responding, a well-struck course of Grandsire Caters was rung by Messrs. Chandler, Fenton, senr., Hessian, Fenton, junr., and White, of the Rugby company. After another humorous contribution by Mr. Mills, " The song that reached my heart " was given with much taste by Mr. Prentice, following which was a well executed cornet solo by Mr. Herbert, a member of the local band, and a selection on the handbells, " Caller Herrin," by Messrs. Chandler, Hessian and White. " The St. Andrew's Society, Rugby," was proposed from the chair, and in the course of his remarks, Mr. Ross said how much the Lutterworth ringers were indebted to the members of the St. Andrew's Society for the help and instruction they had given them. The names of Messrs. Fenton, senr., and White, master and hon. secretary respectively of the St. Andrew's Society, were coupled with the toast, and Mr. Fenton, in replying, thanked Mr. Ross for his remarks, and also the local ringers for their kindness in inviting them to the dinner.—Mr. White also replied, and said that any help they might require would be gladly given by the Rugby company.—Messrs. Wilford and Kimpton Smith next obliged with songs, and then the toast of the evening, " Success to the St. Mary's Society, Lutterworth," was submitted by Mr. Fenton.—Mr. Williams, the Ringing Master, in replying, thanked the company for the kind way in which they had received the toast, and his name.—After a couple of songs had been given by Messrs. Prentice and Mills, another selection on the handbells was contributed by Messrs. Fenton, junr., Hessian and White, and a cornet solo by Mr. Herbert, all of which were much appreciated.—The concluding toast, " Our Chairman," submitted by Mr. S. Poole, was accorded musical honours, the company being thanked by Mr. Ross for the enthusiastic way in which they had received his name An ever-popular item of these gatherings is a mirth-making duet by Messrs. Peter Rourke and Kimpton Smith, entitled " Come with me down Regent Street," and after this had been given in their inimitable style, an evening which will long be remembered by those present was brought to a close.

The writer wishes, through the medium of " The Ringing World," and on behalf of those taking part in the peal, to thank the Lutterworth ringers for their kindness in granting permission to attempt the peal, and also for the invitation to join them at dinner. It is their earnest hope that they may on some future occasion be able in some slight way to return the kindness shown to them on this and many past occasions.—A. J. H.

DEDICATION OF BELLS AT SEEND.

On Saturday week, a large congregation attended the grand old country Church of the Holy Cross, Seend, for the dedication of the bells, after restoration. The tenor has been recast and the bells rehung in a new iron frame.—The Bishop of Salisbury performed the ceremony, and there were present the Vicar of Seend (Canon Thynne, R.D.), Canon Wyld (Vicar of Melksham), the Rev. G. A. King (Vicar of Easterton), the Rev. W. H. Kewley, R.D. (Vicar of Potterne), and the Rev. W. H. Weekes (Chaplain at H.M. Prison, Devizes). Mr. R. Roberts, of Seend, presided at the organ (which, by the way, is a very fine one).—The Bishop delivered an excellent address, and after the dedicatory prayers had been said, a few rounds were rung by the local ringers. At the conclusion of the service, a short touch of 240 Grandsire Doubles was well rung by a band of ringers from St. James' Church, Trowbridge: W. Butcher 1, C. Raison 2, J. Francis 3, A. K. Harrison 4, S. Hector (conductor) 5, W. Baxter 6. Afterwards, the local ringers, assisted by Mr. H. Brownlee West, of Devizes (hon. branch secretary), and Mr. Thos. Weeks, of Southbroom, rang another short touch, and the bells were kept going until the evening.

The work has been most satisfactorily done by Messrs. John Taylor and Sons, the noted Loughborough founders, and the " go " of the bells is excellent. The weights of them are as follow: Treble, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 9 lbs., D; 2, 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 1 lb., C; 3, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., B flat; 4, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 16 lbs., A; 5, 8 cwt. 2 qrs. 2 lbs., G; 6, 14 cwt. 2 qrs. 5 lbs., F. The cost of recasting the tenor (between £80 and £90) was generously defrayed by Mr. W. Heward Bell (High Sheriff of Wilts), who was present at the opening ceremony. The remainder of the cost was provided by the parish, amounting in all to about £250. Seend is now in possession of a splendid old church, a fine organ, and a capital ring of bells.

THE PEAL AT ELSTREE, HERTS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The first 5040 on Elstree bells was conducted by Mr. C. H. Martin, under the auspices of the then Middlesex County Association. Our peal, mentioned by Mr. G. R. Newton in your last issue, was subsequent to this There have been, therefore, two peals on these bells previous to that on 23rd November last. Incidentally, all three peals have been claimed as the first on the bells.—Yours faithfully,

Watford. G. N. PRICE.

DEATH OF A BOLNEY RINGER.

The death occurred on the 9th inst., somewhat suddenly, of Wm. Hy. Packham, of Bolney. The deceased was engaged as under-gamekeeper on the Wykehurst Estate, and had complained at times for some weeks of not feeling well, but attributed his condition to indigestion. On Saturday, the 7th, during the afternoon, he complained of not feeling so well as usual, and, therefore, went home. On Sunday morning he felt much better, and did his usual morning rounds, and after returning home, expressed his intention of going to the church (a distance of over two miles) to assist in the ringing for evening service. During the afternoon, however, he was taken suddenly worse, and a doctor was summoned. He was removed to the Hayward's Heath Cottage Hospital the following morning, and an operation for gastric ulcer was performed, but the patient passed away during the night from collapse. He leaves a widow and one son to mourn their loss.

The deceased had been for many years a valued member of the local band of ringers, his perfect good nature having won the respect of all. He has taken part in several peals of Grandsire Triples with the local ringers.

The funeral took place at the Parish Church, on Saturday, amid every manifestation of respect and sympathy. The Vicar, the Rev. E. W. Michell (who is also a ringer), officiated, and six of his brother ringers acted as bearers. The ringers were fully represented, and were seated by request of the Vicar in the choir stalls. The hymn, " O God, our help, in ages past," was sung during the service, Mr. C. J. Brightling (organist) presiding at the organ, and rendering appropriate music while the congregation were assembling, and on the funeral procession leaving the church.

After the funeral, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was rung with the bells half-muffled, by: A. Absolam 1, W. Wheeler 2, J. Newman 3, W. Vincent (conductor) 4, T. Gasson 5, G. Lewry 6, W. Walder 7, G. Packham 8, followed by 504 in the same method, in which C. Starley and F. Stoner took part.

HEPTONSTALL'S NEW BELLS.

" Ringer's Day " at Heptonstall, Lincs., where a new peal of eight have just been hung, was a great success. A large number of ringers responded to the invitation of the local men, and representatives were present from Newchurch, Lindley, Waterfoot, St. Saviour's and Christ Church (Bacup), Hamer Bottom, Todmorden Parish Church and Unitarians, Cross Stone, Mytholmroyd, Ripponden, Halifax Parish Church and All Souls', Lightcliffe, Brighouse, Birstall, Sowerby, Guiseley, and Lincoln Cathedral. The ringing commenced at 3 p.m., and went on until 9 p.m. A meat tea was provided in the schoolroom, to which the company, numbering about 100, sat down. The ringers expressed great admiration for the rich tone of the bells, and of their excellent " go." Mr. Taylor, of Messrs. Taylor and Co., Loughborough (the firm which has so successfully carried out the work), was present, and was naturally pleased that the work gave such entire satisfaction. Touches in various methods were rung during the day.

Messrs. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas, J.P., and J. T. Sutcliffe, of Mayroyd, and Mr. W. H. Sutcliffe, Brearley, the donors of the two heavy bells in connection with the augmentation of the peal at Heptonstall, Lancs., generously entertained the members of the Bells Committee and past ringers, together with a few friends, numbering about 40, to dinner at the Cross Inn on Saturday week. The committee comprised the clergy, wardens, sidesmen, ringers, and other representatives, and their work has been no easy task, but, thanks to a dogged perseverance, it has been carried to a thoroughly successful issue, and for this the committee have earned the gratitude of the parishioners.—The Rev. E. O. Williams, M.A., who presided, made an apology for the absence of Mr. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas, who had fully intended being present, but was unavoidably prevented. Neither of the two other brothers were present.—After an excellent dinner, the Rev. E. O. Williams, in proposing the toast, " Mr. J. Sutcliffe-Thomas and Messrs. J. T. and W. H. Sutcliffe," made a neat little speech, in which he eulogised the generosity of the donors, who had enabled them to bring about such an improvement in the belfry. — The toast was accorded musical honours.

The evening was afterwards spent in a social manner, being presided over by Mr. L. Ashworth, the energetic secretary of the committee. Mr. W. Sunderland was at the piano, and also gave solos and songs.—Other contributors to the programme were the Rev. J. F. L. Orton, Messrs. J. Armstrong, W. Ingham and H. Uttley. Some dancing was also indulged in. The whole affair was of a thoroughly enjoyable character.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr and Mrs. Fletcher, the host and hostess, for their excellent catering.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting was held at Wrington on Saturday week, when 42 members put in an appearance representing twelve towers. Service was held in the Parish Church, the Rector (the Rev. G. M. Ashdown) officiating, and giving a very suitable address.—Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, the Rev. C. C. Parker (Master of the Association) presiding, supported by the Rev. G. M. Ashdown (Wrington), Mr. J. Stagg (Long Ashton), and others. After tea, the business meeting was held. —The Master first moved a vote of sympathy with Mr. Nipper, the captain of the Wrington band, who had that day buried his father.—The motion was passed in silence, the members standing.—Eight new members were elected, and Ilminster was chosen for the next place of meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. G. M. Ashdown for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services.—Mr. Ashdown suitably replied.—A move was then made to the tower, which holds a fine peal of ten bells (recently rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank), and touches of Grandsire Caters, Triples and Doubles were rung.

A RINGERS' INDUCTION SERVICE.

A service of induction for ringers is a rather unusual occurrence, but one such was held at Biggleswade on Advent Sunday. It took place in the tower. A short service with prayers was conducted by the Vicar, after which a touch was rung on the bells by Messrs. E. Hussey, H. Rowlett, F. Blood, E. Stratton, H. P. Smith, L. C. Franklin, F. Thompson, and Allen Franklin. Following this, the rules of the Biggleswade Society were signed by the Vicar, the churchwardens, and the following ringers: Mr. F. Blood (captain), Mr. E. Hussey (vice-captain), Mr. H. Rowlett (secretary), Messrs. F. Thompson, E. Stratton, Allen Franklin, R. M. Spong, L. C. Franklin, H. B. Smith, R. Olney, C. A. Pratt, and M. G. Walker.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held on Saturday week, at St. Mark's, Glodwich, Oldham. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, and the business meeting was presided over by Mr. W. Crabtree. One new member was elected, and Whitworth Parish Church was selected for the next meeting. Members were present from Glodwich, Oldham Parish, Moorside, Middleton, Balderstone, St. Albans, Todmorden Parish and Todmorden Unitarian. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

THETFORD, NORFOLK.—On Oct. 15th, 672 Bob Major: A. Macro 1, F. Salter 2, F. A. Poulson 3, Lou Dickerson 4, T. Fitzjohn (conductor) 5, G. Flatt 6, W. Everett 7, C. Carter 8. 518, with H. Hawes 4. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for Mr. John Decks, who had been a member of the above company for twelve years, and was very much respected by all. He was 49 years of age, and died suddenly, from pneumonia.

BECCLES.—At St. Michael's Church, on Oct. 16th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Hopson 2, F. Beckett 3, G. Baxter 4, C. Parnell 5, E. Etteridge 6, H. Ling 7, R. Freestone 8.

OATELEY BRIDGE.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 17th, 720 Bob Minor, on six bells: Ted Richmond (first 720) 1, H. Nicholson 2, J. Sargison 3, F. Sherwood 4, Lawson Holt (first 720 with a bob bell) 5, Jos. Summersall 6.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—On Oct. 17th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Mead 1, H. Sear (conductor) 2, T. Best 3, J. Mead 4, L. Meager 5, E. Masks 6, W. Scar 7, V. Sear 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Thomas Houghton, who has been a member of St. Mary's choir for over 40 years, and was interred in Bletchley Churchyard on the above date.

SOUTHWARK.—On Oct. 17th, at the Church of St. George-the-Martyr, with the bells half-muffled, the whole pull and stand was rung on the occasion of the funeral of the late Mrs. T. A. Lamprell, wife of the senior churchwarden: T. H. Taffender 1, C. H. Hughes 2, H. T. Gowlett 3, T. Walker 4, C. W. R. Grimwood 5, G. Woodage, senr., 6, W. Davies 7, F. J. Hardy 8. Afterwards touches of Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, etc., in which Messrs. Bennington, E. J. Edwards, and G. Runham also took part. W. Davies hails from St. Nicholas', Liverpool.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for evening service, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 48 mins.: T. Walker (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 1, T. H. Taffender (conductor) 2, C. H. Hughes 3, F. J. Hardy 4, R. W. Green 5, R. W. C. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. Martin (first quarter-peal) 8.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—On Oct. 17th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Attwell 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, H. J. Ellis 3, J. Allford 4, G. Luff 5, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Attwell.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for the harvest festival, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (taken from Holt's Original), in 44 mins.: C. Remnant 1, W. G. Brockhurst 2, T. Luff (first in the method with a bob bell) 3, G. Luff 4, J. Allford 5, T. Attwell 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, J. Gardiner 8. Also 280 Grandsiro Triples, conducted by W. G. Brockhurst.

NOTICES.

ST. PETER'S, CROYDON. — The new ring of ten bells will be dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Croydon on Saturday, December 21st, at 3.30 p.m. The bells will be open for ringing from 4.30 to 8.30. Visiting ringers will be welcome.

WHITCHURCH, OXON (near Reading; Pangbourne Station under half a mile).—Parish Church of St. Mary the Virgin. The bells (a peal of 6), which have been recast and rehung in a new frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, Croydon, will be dedicated by the Venerable the Archdeacon of Oxford at a special service on Monday, December 23rd, at 6.30 p.m. Ringing will take place after the service, from 7.30 to 9, when visitors will be able to take part.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION, BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.—The Annual Meeting will be held at St. Andrew's, Biggleswade, on Thursday, December 26th, 1912. Bells available from 1 o'clock to 6 o'clock. (Business meeting to elect Officers at 3 o'clock).—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in St. John's Schoolroom on Thursday, December 26th, at 4 o'clock. Important business. Bells (10) available.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—A meeting will be held at All Saints', Kempston (six bells), on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 6 to 9 p.m.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Stamford on December 26th at the Church of St. Martin. Service 4.30, meeting after. Bells: St. Martin's (6), St. Michael's (6) and All Saints' (6) available afternoon and evening.—F. T. Cooke, Honorary Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Thursday, December 26th. Outstanding subscriptions for the present year should now be paid without delay.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting of the association will take place on January 6th, 1913, at Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, S.E. Tower open from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Reports can be had at the meeting on payment of current subscription; Life Members on application. Bells ready at 4 p m. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the society's rules will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 7th next, at 8.30 p.m., when the balance sheet will be presented. Will members please note that all subscriptions are payable at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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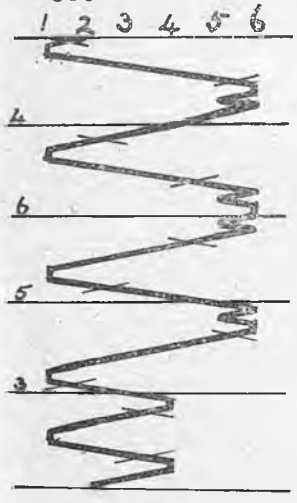
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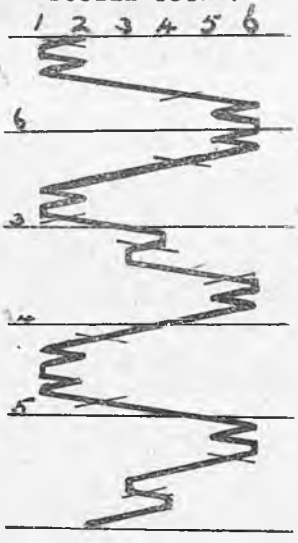
RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

We give this week the diagrams for Court Bob Minor and Double Court. The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell and the small line intersecting the diagrams the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell.

COURT BOB MINOR.



DOUBLE COURT.



LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

At a Grimsby District meeting, at Thornton Curtis, members were present from Waltham, Grimsby St. James' and St. Andrew's, Barrow, and the local men, the afternoon being spent in practice of a most valuable kind, those who were only able to ring a bell having an opportunity as well as those who rang in the higher methods. The Thornton Curtis ringers very generously provided tea for the visitors, about 36 members sitting down.—A short business meeting followed, the Vicar (Rev. C. B. Goodacre) presiding, supported by the Rev. H. Mawson, Vicar of Ulceby.—Mr. P. Sellars was elected a member, and a discussion took place as to the best means of raising funds for another bell at Ulceby (three miles away), where at present there are only five bells. A collection at the meeting resulted in £1 17s. being received.—The Secretary, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar for his welcome, remarked that since the last meeting at Thornton Curtis they had made headway with their bells by having them increased from five to six. This was due to the generosity of the Rev. Goodacre. And not only had they got the bells, but they had got men who could ring them; which was very gratifying.—The Vicar replied, and the Rev. Mawson also thanked the members for the collection. Mr. Atkinson and the local men received the best thanks of the meeting for the way they had worked to provide tea, and to make the meeting the success it was.—The members then adjourned to the church, where a short service was held, and afterwards to the belfry for more ringing.

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Gentlemen,

The re-casting of the peal of ten bells with the addition of two new ones in the tower of St. Peter's Collegiate Church, Wolverhampton, recently carried out by you has proved most successful, and given general satisfaction.

I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

RINGING IN 1912.

A few more days, and the year 1912 will be but a memory, and so far as the annals of ringing are concerned it will rank as a memorable one. It has been marked by progress all along the line; for the exercise has continued steadily to advance. Change ringing has made its way into corners where hitherto it had been unknown, and evidence of extended interest has been constantly before us by the almost unparalleled amount of restoration and augmentation of bells which have been carried out during the year. The roots have spread, and correspondingly there has been a greater harvest reaped in the results attained.

Peal ringing is, after all, one of the great guides by which the progress of the Art may be judged. It is the key note, for only a general advance both in interest and practice could be marked by substantial progress in peal ringing, and there never was a year in which peal ringing made greater strides. A few weeks ago we commented upon it, and our anticipation then has been more than fulfilled by events. For the first time in history the number of peals rung in one year has been over two thousand—a prodigious crop indeed. And not only have the numbers far surpassed any previous record, but the quality of the methods has been well maintained; all of which goes to prove that while the Art is spreading around the foundations, those at the top are in no wise slackening their efforts.

Next week we hope to be able to give some interesting statistics as to what has been done in the way of peal ringing, but here we would like to say that while this department has advanced by leaps and bounds, there has been an equally gratifying recognition by ringers of their responsibility as church workers. Let them continue to go forward putting the service of the Church first and all will be well. No one knows what the future may hold, but we believe that the Exercise has not yet reached its zenith. Full of hope and aspiration, let us go on with determination, and on the threshold of 1913 set our minds upon advancing our Art to still wider spheres, remembering that it can best be done by giving a helping hand to others rather than by adhering to selfish motives which have no thought for the future or those less happily placed. We have to thank our many thousands of readers for their kindly support throughout 1912, and we take this opportunity of extending to them the old, but none the less sincere, wish for "A happy and prosperous New Year."

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EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM PYE	*Treble*	WILLIAM J. NEVARD... ...	5
EDWARD T. WIGG	2	HAROLD W. CLARK	6
THOMAS CRANFIELD	3	REUBEN SANDERS	7
ISAAC G. SHADE...	4	DALBY HODGSON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector (the Rev. E. Hartley).

REDDISH, LANCASHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

ALFRED BARNES	*Treble*	TOM WILDE	5
HAROLD JACKSON	2	HARRY CHAPMAN	6
JOHN T. BOTTRILL	3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK ...	7
REV. A. T. BEESTON ...	4	GEORGE D. WARBURTON	*Tenor*

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SHIPWAY'S SIX-PART.

*MISS MAUD PIGOTT ...	*Treble*	†J. HERBERT BENFIELD ...	5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT... ...	2	WALTER PIGOTT	6
†HORACE HOWELL	3	GEORGE PIGOTT	7
JOSEPH PIGOTT	4	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT	*Tenor*

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method inside. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the second.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ...	*Treble*	JAMES HUNT	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	FRANK I. HAIRS	6
FRANK BENNETT	3	JAMES E. DAVIS	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	ALFRED W. GRIMES	*Tenor*

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal in the method as conductor.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. No. 3. Tenor 18½ cwt.

GEORGE WELLBURN ...	*Treble*	WILLIAM R. KNAGGS ...	5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON ...	2	JOHN T. WATERS	6
GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ...	3	ALBERT COATES...	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	JOHN W. LOWTHER ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by WILLIAM A. BRECKON.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 19½ cwt.

*LEONARD A. PYE ...	*Treble*	GEORGE R. PYE	5
*WILLIAM A. PYE	2	ALFRED PYE	6
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ...	3	ERNEST PYE	7
JOHN DALE	4	†CHARLES BARLOW ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal. Leonard Pye, who is only 13 years of age, is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring a peal of Stedman.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS.

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE	*Treble*	JOHN ARMSTRONG	5
BERTRAM PREWETT	2	ERNEST PYE	6
GEORGE R. PYE...	3	ALFRED W. GRIMES... ...	7
CHARLES T. COLES	4	WILLIAM PYE	*Tenor*

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

SIX BELL PEALS.

MINCHINHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(STROUD & DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 13 cwt.

ERNEST HARRIS	*Treble*	FRANK PONTING	4
EDWARD JEFFERIES	2	GEORGE PACKER	5
HARRY CLEVERLY	3	ALBERT WRIGHT ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

First peal of Bob Minor by all except the conductor, and the first peal of Minor on the bells.

NETTLEHAM, LINCOLN.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

JAMES S. BETTS	*Treble*	GEORGE CHESTER	4
RICHARD T. SHARPE	2	*JOHN H. BELLAMY	5
ROBERT H. HURST	3	WILLIAM CLARKE ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

* First peal.

BURGHFIELD, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, December 15, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 1 qr.

HARRY TUCKER	*Treble*	JOHN BOWER	4
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH	2	JAMES ABERY	5
GEORGE PARSON	3	GEORGE ABERY ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob.
Tenor 16 cwt.

HARRY W. CATTERWELL ...	*Treble*	OLAVE E. BROYD	4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	2	WALTER NICE	5
HARRY CANSELL...	3	GEORGE PANNELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First peal by local band. First peal by the ringer of 3rd, who was elected a member previous to starting.

EYNESBURY, HUNTS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 of Single Court, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN IRONS	*Treble*	SYDNEY PECK	4
GEORGE D. COLEMAN ...	2	EDMUND C. CHASTY ...	5
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN... ...	3	HERBERT FIELDS ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

BOBBING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD ...	*Treble*	THOMAS JULL	4
*HARRY JERVIS	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ...	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal with a bob bell. Mr. Jervis kindly took a rope after the band had met one short.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Grandsire, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE	*Treble*	EDWARD SUMMERS	4
CHARLES L. SADLER	2	JOHN CLARK	5
JOHN GWYNNE	3	WILLIAM POSTON ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. POSTON.

SUTTON-ON-HULL.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 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 Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.
Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE DOWLING ...	*Treble*	ROBERT RODMELL	5
CHARLES JACKSON	2	HARRY RODMELL	4
*JAS. SWIFT CALVERT ...	3	LEONARD RODMELL ...	*Tenor*

Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal. Arranged and rung as a compliment to Mr. Arthur E. West (an esteemed member of the local company) on the occasion of his wedding at the above church, the ringers wishing him every happiness.

MOULTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH.)
On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN B. HALLIFAX	*Treble*	*GEORGE SIMPSON	4
GEORGE R. TRUSS	2	*JOHN TAYLOR	5
ARTHUR J. FARR	3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	*Tenor*

* First peal of Minor. This is the first peal of Minor on the bells.

NEWINGTON NEXT SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD	*Treble*	WILLIAM NYE	4
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ...	2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ...	5
THOMAS JULL	3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS	*Tenor*

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.
On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH, FULHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	LOUIS ATTWATER	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	FRANK I. HAIRS	7—8

JAMES W. DRIVER ... ... 9—10

Composed by the late EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpires: A. F. SHEPHERD, W. J. S. KNIGHTS, and A. W. DARLINGTON.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY	1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY ...	3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ...	7—8

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: CHARLES SAMSON.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE GEORGE IV, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT	1—2	ERNEST PYE	5—6
GEORGE R. PYE	3—4	JAMES HUNT	7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.
Umpire: T. KING.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN	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 is No. 13 on the Broadsheet.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. GRIMES, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5031 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... ...	1—2	JAMES HUNT	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	7—8

ALFRED W. GRIMES... ... 9—10

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: THOMAS KING.

All the above company have each scored over 50 peals during the present year.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS... ...	1—2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ...	5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON.... ...	3—4	TOWER TAYLOR	7—8

Composed by the late J. REEVES, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.
Witness: WILLIAM BARWOOD.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, December 22, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT 28, MANOR STREET, CLAPHAM, S.W.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor, size 12 in F.

FRANK I. HAIRS	1—2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ...	5—6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ...	3—4	*ALFRED E. FLUCK... ...	7—8

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT. Witness: MISS NORAH HAIRS.

* First handbell peal and first peal with a bob bell.

A SPANISH RECORD.

To the Editor.

SIR,—A few weeks ago, the question was raised in your columns, whether any set of ringers could show a record of Sunday ringing equal to that of the ringers at Wool, in Dorset. I think that at Street, near Glastonbury, it is the custom to ring four times a Sunday, but it would be difficult to produce anything approaching the record of the ringers at Seville Cathedral, who ring six times every day in the year, except Maunday Thursday, and Good Friday, and on Saturdays and Festivals and their Eves eight, nine or ten times. To the best of my knowledge this practice has continued for centuries. In addition, the Curfew and Angelus are always rung, and there is a little chiming at midnight, which on Festivals, including Sundays, gives place to ringing. There are 24 bells.—Yours truly,

Sevilla, Spain, Dec. 10th, 1912. F. Ll. EDWARDS.

"The Churchman's Year Book" for 1913, published by Messrs. A. R. Mowbray and Co., Ltd., of London and Oxford, is an encyclopedia of Church affairs which should be in the hands of all who need a ready reference to any matters appertaining to the Church of England throughout the world. This annual has been described as "a what's-what and a who's-who in one," and no phrase could more aptly sum up its contents and its purpose. It is published at 1s.; in cloth 1s. 6d.

LIVERPOOL.—Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, at St. Nicholas' Church, in 27 mins., 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. Webster 1, E. Webster 2, A. Sparks 3, J. Griffin (conductor) 4, Thomas Rogers 5, J. Greasly 6. This is the first 720 by the local band on the bells.

SALISBURY DIOCESIAN GUILD.

GRATIFYING PROGRESS OF WIMBORNE BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Wimborne branch was held at St. James', Poole. A party from the north of the branch drove out straight to Lytchett Minster, where they enjoyed a pull, while ringing commenced at St. James' about 3 p.m. Half-an-hour later Mr. Hack motored in the Milton and Hilton party, having called at Lytchett on the way, and friends from Bournemouth and Christchurch began to pour in. The service, at 4.15, was taken by the Rev. Canon Mansel-Pleydell, chairman of the branch, and an excellent address was given by the Rector, Rev. H. Lawrence Phillips. Afterwards, in the Schools, some 60 sat down to tea, among whom were the Chairman, the Master, the Rector, the Rev. A. D. Allan (Wimborne), the Secretary (the Rev. C. A. Phillips), Mr. C. H. Jennings (Secretary of the Dorchester branch), Mr. Hughes D'Aeth (Buckhorn Weston), Mr. L. Wiffen, late of Ipswich, and members from Bournemouth, St. Peter's and St. John's, Branksome, Christchurch, Hilton, Milton Abbey, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingston, Sturminster Marshall, Sturminster Newton, Swanage, Wimborne, Wyke Regis, etc.

The balance sheet showed a balance of over £11, of which £5 was voted for instruction. The main features of the report were the good and keen start in change ringing made at Wimborne, and its importance in the future life of the branch; the progress of the Poole Company, who have just rung their first quarter-peal of Grandsire, besides touches of Stedman and Plain Bob; and the touches rung all over the branch in honour of the Master's wedding. The membership keeps up over the unwieldy number of 150, new members filling up the gap that will be made by the Milton Abbey and Hilton companies, who, with mutual regret, are leaving this branch, and joining the Dorchester one, the meetings there being much more accessible.

The Chairman, after commenting on the report, thanked the Rector for his ever cordial welcome and his address, and congratulated the Master on his wedding.

The officers were then re-elected, and the following centres chosen for next year's metings: Warham, January 25th; Buckhorn Weston, March 29th or April 5th; Wimborne Minster (annual meeting of the whole Guild, if confirmed by the Central Committee), early in May; Bryanston, early in September; Poole, December 1st or 8th.

During the afternoon and evening the bells were kept busily at work in Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Stedman, and the following of the Poole men gave a fine course of Grandsire Caters on handbells: A. James 1-2, H. Baverstock 3-4, F. W. Townsend 5-6, G. H. James 7-8, F. C. Case 9-10.

The next handbell peal that is recorded for the Guild is more likely to be rung here than anywhere else by resident members.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

QUESTION OF THE MOVABLE ANNUAL FESTIVAL DISCUSSED.

An interesting presentation took place at the quarterly meeting of the North Bucks branch of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, held at Newton Longville. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Guild) was supported by the Rev. J. R. Vincent (President of the branch), the Rev. Alan Matheson, the Rev. E. P. Baverstock, and ringers from Old Wolverton, Bradwell, Calverton, Shenley, Emberton, Newport Pagnell, Olney, Linsdale, Bletchley and Fenny Stratford.

At the commencement of the meeting the Master presented a silver inkstand to the late secretary, Mr. F. W. Booth, of Emberton, and expressed the thanks of the branch for the very excellent way in which Mr. Booth had carried out his duties as secretary during the last six years. At the time of his appointment Mr. Booth found the branch in a very sad condition, and it was owing to his untiring efforts that it was now in such a flourishing state.

The Rev. F. W. Bennitt, of Bletchley, raised the question of the advisability of approaching the committee of the Guild with a view to getting the annual meeting held at Oxford each year, as the cost of getting to some of the towns at which the annual meeting had been held had been so great that ringers generally were debarred the pleasure of attending.—Some considerable discussion followed, and it was eventually decided to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. A. Matheson for allowing the branch to hold its meeting at Newton Longville was unanimously passed.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. E. P. Baverstock for his very excellent address at the service concluded the meeting.—The bells were kept going to touches of Double Norwich, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples, etc., until late in the evening.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Southern District held a meeting for practice and business on Saturday week at St. Cuthbert's, Darlington, members attending from Hurworth, Shildon and Darlington. A series of future meetings was arranged, and good practice was obtained in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major. The next district meeting for practice is to be held at Shildon on Saturday, January 18th, 1913.

BELL RESTORATION AT KIRTON, LANCS.

SOME QUAINT INSCRIPTIONS.

In the latter part of July of this year, the eight bells of Kirton, Lincs., were dismantled and sent to Messrs. John Warner and Sons' Spitalfields Foundry, London, for the purpose of recasting the fourth and seventh, which were cracked in the crown, and for the re-tuning of the remaining six. The cost of the operations was born by Mr. J. Speak, the churchwarden. Last week the bells were sent back to their usual habitation, and on Tuesday the Bishop of Lincoln (Dr. Hicks) solemnly dedicated them to the use of the Church. The proceedings opened with a short service in the room under the belfry, only the clergy and choir being present. The sound of the celebrations came faintly into the Church, the voice of the Bishop heard in the dedicating prayers being very impressive. An interval of silence followed, and then the choir sang the 150th Psalm to the Grand Chant, while the Bishop and the Vicar (the Rev. E. S. Palmer, M.A.) ascended to the belfry, where the former blessed and consecrated the bells. Again a silence, which was presently broken by the tolling of the fourth and seventh of the newly hung bells. The ringing was done by little Samuel Cyril Flatters, the son of the foreman ringer, Mr. Isaac C. Flatters, and by a workman employed by the bell founders. The tolling was continued until the Bishop and Vicar had descended from the upper regions of the belfry, after which a procession was formed, and to the hymn, "O God, our help, in ages past," it moved slowly up the aisle.

The service which followed was conducted by the Vicar, and the lessons were read by Canon J. E. Griffin. The hymns were: "Creator of the stormy height," "Praise my soul," and "When morning gilds the sky." The Bishop of Lincoln took for his text, Psalm 81, verses 1 and 2, "Sing we merrily unto God our strength: make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob. Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret; the merry harp with the lute." He gave an interesting account of the introduction of bells into the service of the church, and spoke of the effect of their sound upon those who heard them.

THE BELLS.

The bells were originally hung in the year 1806, and consequently have been rung for 106 years. Several of the present ringers are decendants of the old-time campanologists, records of whose change ringing feats hang to-day in the belfry. The inscriptions on the bells, with the weights of each, are as follows:—

Treble (5½ cwt.).

"In sweetest tones let each its note revel;
Mine shall be first to lead the dulcet peal."

Second (6 cwt.).

"When female virtue weds a manly worth;
We catch the rapture and we spread it forth."

Third (6¾ cwt.).

"Should battles rage and sanguine foe contend;
We hail the victor when he's Britain's friend."

Fourth (7¾ cwt.).

"Here let us pause, and now with one accord
Salute the Church triumphant in the Lord."

Recast in memory of the parents of John Speak, of Kirton, 1912. John Warner and Sons, Founders, London.

Fifth (8½ cwt.).

"May George long reign he now the sceptre sways;
And British valour ever rule the seas."

Sixth (10 cwt.).

"May peace return to bless Britannia's shore;
And faction fail to raise her head no more."

Seventh (12¾ cwt.).

"Mankind, alas! like us are often found:
A tinkling cymbal, but in empty sound."

The ring of eight bells was rehung in memory of the parents of John Speak, of Kirton, 1912. Recast by John Warner and and Sons, Founders, London.

Tenor (17 cwt.).

"May all whom I shall summon to the grave;
The blessing of a well-spent life receive."

The rhyme is rather indefinite in some places, but the truth of some of the sayings are undeniable, particularly that of the seventh. The patriotic couplets were no doubt inspired by the stirring times of the early 19th century.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting was held at Garston on Saturday week, members attending from Liverpool, Woolton, Port Sunlight, Grassendale, Widnes and the local tower. Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar in the Institute, about 25 sitting down. The Vicar presided over the business meeting, at which one new member was elected.—The monthly meetings for 1913 were approved of, St. Nicholas, Liverpool, being chosen for January.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the tea and for the use of the bells.—In replying, he welcomed the members to Garston, and said he was glad to see so many from the other towers in the district. He was sorry to hear that the bells of St. John, Tuebrook, were silent owing to the ringers not attending the services. He thought, however, that force was not the way to get ringers to attend church.—The methods rung during the day were Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples.

BOB MAJOR.

ORIGINALITY IN COMPOSITION.

BY J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

There are two ways in which you can judge a composition. Either you can consider the difficulties of the problem which the composer has set himself, and the skill he has shown in overcoming them; or you can consider the composition as a peal to be rung. Excellence in one respect does not necessarily mean excellence in the other; for there are many fine peals from a composer's point of view that are quite unsuitable for ringing; and there are many peals which are of the best from a conductor's point of view that have taken very little skill in their composition. When a peal has both excellencies, as Holt's Ten-part and Thurstans' Four-part have, then you get the masterpieces.

But there are many other compositions continually being produced which from neither one point of view nor the other are remarkable. They are of no value as compositions, and, although they are not by any means unfit for ringing, they are not such that a conductor would, as a rule, select. The output of these peals seems unlimited, and frequently one is asked to say whether such a one is original. A by no means easy question to answer by simple "Yes" or "No."

It depends on your standard of originality. If you mean, does such a peal give us anything we have not had before, or does it contain anything that has not been done dozens of times already, the answer is emphatically "No." But if you mean has that particular set of course ends and bobs appeared in print in identically the same order, the answer would probably be "It has not." I am afraid that a majority of composers are content with this lower standard, and, until the general standard is raised, I suppose we must not dispute too hotly the right of a young man to put his name to these peals. But I would point out this, that the peals that survive are the few best out of a large majority. The rest have gone to the scrap heap; and there is little credit due to the man who rediscovers an old and worthless peal.

I sometimes wonder when I see a peal what aim its author had in view. Did he set himself a task which he has not quite done, or were the course ends blindly put down at haphazard? And I particularly notice the notes that are appended. They are often illuminating; frequently, unfortunately, of the fog that is in the composer's mind. Attached to one of the compositions which are in this article is a note, and I quote it not in any unkind way, but as typical of many such notes. It is a peal of Bob Maximus, and the composer tells us that the second is only once above fourth's place. I am tempted to rejoin: "Suppose it isn't, what good does it do?" It would be just as true, and just as useful to say that 5-6 are never together in 3-4 at a course end. I am afraid that composers do not sufficiently consider the reality of the musical qualities they talk so much about. Take that well known and much abused note "The second and third never in sixth's place." It seems a regular fetish in many people's ideas; but few, I suspect, have stopped to discover what its merits and what its limitations are. It may be interesting if I relate the history of this note.

"SECOND AND THIRD NEVER IN SIXTH'S."

From the first days of composition down to about thirty years ago, that is from the days of Annable and Reeves to Harrison and Thorpe and Henry Johnson, the aim of the composer was to get the sixth the extent each way, right and wrong. In Major methods practically they were confined to Plain Bob and Treble Bob. If you look through the old books on ringing, down to and including Snowdon's works, I don't think you will find a single peal given as a musical peal which has not this feature. When they had exhausted the course ends with the sixth in 5-6 they fell back on those with the fifth in 5-6—as the next best bell. The fourth as a musical bell was not recognised at all. In 1882 Mr. Snowdon published a continuation of his collection of Treble Bob peals, and among the last was a composition by Mr. Bulwer, with a note in it that the second never dodged behind with the tenor, "as these two bells, if brought together behind, do not produce musical changes."

At that time it was generally thought that Treble Bob was worked out; certainly thousands of peals had been produced and published on the old lines, and the chances of fresh compositions were very remote indeed. The new idea of keeping the second and also the third away from the tenor opened up fresh ground, and made possible a multitude of new compositions. In addition to this, methods like Superlative and Double Norwich became more popular. In the one reversed bells in 5-6 are practically impossible; in the other the musical importance of the bell that courses in front of the tenor is supreme. All this tended to make composers look after the sixth's place bell and neglect the fifth's place bell, and the idea became, not as of old to keep the sixth in 5-6, but to keep the second and third out of sixth's. The idea is sound enough when applied to Double Norwich and Superlative; it has its advantages when applied to Treble Bob, though they can be and are made far too much of. But composers made the mistake of applying it indiscriminately to all methods, as if the musical value of the fifth and sixth place bells were alike in all methods. But it is not. Compare Double Norwich and Bob Major.

MUSICAL EFFECTS.

In the first the musical effect is got by double dodging before and behind. You get a whole pull twice repeated—but not quite. The musical charm is like that of a rhymed line in poetry, a repetition with a variation. In this case it is quite evident that the musical interval between the dodging bells is the important thing. When a musical pair dodge together the effect is good, when an unmusical pair dodge together the effect is bad. And since 3-8, and especially 2-8, are unmusical, it is important that they should be kept out of sixth's. But Bob Major is quite different. There the musical effect depends on the regular beat of the bells. The coursing order of the bells is never broken by internal places, and you get a continuity of regular movement, which sustains the music almost as well as dodging does.

This regular beat is got by the order in which the bells course. It matters comparatively little what pairs of bells come together at front or behind, they strike once, and are gone again. It matters a lot what bells are in front of and behind the tenors. Of all Bob Major music far and away the best is when the three big bells 6-7-8 are coursing together, and probably the best is when they are coursing in that order, i.e., when the sixth is a fifth's place bell. Personally I think the best course in the method is 35264, where the four big bells course in regular order, and the fourth is in front of the tenor. If all this is right then the "Second and third never in sixth's place" idea is altogether wrong for Bob Major, for we should prefer a 6-3 or 6-2 course end to a 4-5 or 5-4; to say nothing about a 2-5 or 2-4; and I think anyone who has rung Bob Major on handbells and studied the matter will agree with me.

But if the value of the sixth's place bell is not the same for all methods still less is it the same for Royal and Maximus. In Major the sixth's place bell works with the tenor—the key note of the peal. In Royal and Maximus it does nothing of the sort. The musical value of the second is quite different on the three numbers, and the notes to peals of Royal and Maximus that tell us that the second and third are never in sixth's place border on the ridiculous. The problem on the higher numbers is to keep the regular beat as much as possible, and to do that you have to keep the sixth at home, and, failing her, the fifth is the next best sixth's place bell. The fifth's place bell is of little importance in Royal, and almost negligible in Maximus.

(To be Continued).

DEATH OF AN OLD RINGER.

AMUSING INCIDENT OF "INFERNAL MACHINE" RECALLED.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Robins, a member of the Oxford Guild, who passed away at the age of 75 years at Henley-on-Thames on December 10th. He was for some years licensee of the Horse and Groom, and for 25 years a ringer at St. Mary's Church. Deceased was well known as a tenor ringer, having rung in several peals as far back as 1861 with the late Rev. F. E. Robinson at Appleton, Abingdon, Bicester, Henley, etc., and including the peal of 10,080 Grandsire Caters on March 14th, 1871, at Abingdon, which occupied 6 hrs. 21 mins. For a time he was a member of the St. Lawrence Tower, Reading, and rang the tenor to a William peal of Grandsire Triples. He was also concerned in an extremely amusing incident about this time. He brought to the tower a black bag with a set of handbells for Mr. Newell, and, whilst he went up in the belfry to ring, placed the bag in a cupboard near the church door, where it remained forgotten. The old sexton later on had occasion to go to the cupboard, and, seeing the bag, took it up and shook it. It made a rattle, so, scared almost out of his life, he called in the police, and said he thought it was an infernal machine. The police took a long broom handle, put it through the handle of the bag, and carried it at a distance to the police station, where they got a long-handled iron bar, and forced the bag open. Then out rolled the handbells, amid much laughter of the officers and the discomfiture of the sexton. The deceased was much sought after in those days, as his splendid physique fitted him for a heavy task.

The interment took place at Henley-on-Thames on Saturday week, the service being conducted by the Rev. Canon Maul. After the service, ringers from Reading, Caversham and Henley, representing the Oxford Guild, rang a course of Triples on handbells over the grave, viz., Messrs. Hearne, C. Giles, E. Webb, and Wm. Newell. In the evening, by permission of the Rector, two touches of Grandsire were rung on the Parish Church bells, a 400 by W. White 1, W. Newell 2, E. Hearne 3, C. P. Oliver 4, C. Giles (conductor) 5, W. Appleby 6, E. Webb 7, G. Manley 8, and a 501, by: C. P. Oliver 1, W. Newell 2, E. Hearne 3, R. S. Bushnell 4, C. Giles (conductor) 5, W. Appleby 6, E. Webb 7, W. Easterling 8. On leaving the tower the ringers were met by the relatives of the late Mr. Robins and thanked for their kind sympathy.

BLUNHAM, BEDS.—The Ely Diocesan Association.—On Oct. 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Coleman 1, S. Peck 2, S. J. Coleman 3, H. Fields 4, E. C. Chasty 5. Another 720 was also rung.

ROXTON, BEDS.—On Oct. 19th, 720 Grandsire Doubles: G. D. Coleman 1, H. Fields 2, S. J. Coleman 3, S. Peck 4, E. C. Chasty 5.

DISHONEST BELL FOUNDERS.

ANCIENT LEGENDS.

The following episode from the life of Charlemagne contained in the work, entitled "De Ecclesliastica Cura Caroli Magni," is here reproduced from the original Latin, as taken from the Gesta Abbatum Fontanellansium, annis 734-8, and published in Bertheli's volume, "Enquetes Campanaires." Another version of this legend related by Ellacombe ("The Bells of the Church," p. 427) has been obviously emasculated in its translation through German and other languages, and thus varies in many particulars from the original. Of the personages mentioned, Charlemagne, or Charles the Great, was born in the year 742. He succeeded his father, Pepin, as King of the Franks in 768, was crowned Emperor of the Romans in 800, and died in 844. Saint Gall was born in Ireland soon after the sixth century. In the year 614 he established himself in a cell, or hermitage, in a thick forest in the upper valley of the Steinach, nine miles from the Lake of Constance, where he lived until his death in the year 640. The hermitage attracted pilgrims, and later became the seat of a Benedictine monastery, which gradually developed into a prominent centre of learning and education. The Abbey was secularised in 1798, but its church still survives as a Cathedral, while the palace of the Abbot contains a library celebrated for its rare collection of MSS. and printed books. The other monastic buildings are now utilised for public purposes.

The town, St. Gall, which grew up about the monastery has become the centre of the Swiss muslin, embroidery and lace trade, and contains a population of more than 33,000. To come now to the legend:—

"In this town was an artisan highly skilled in all work of brass and glass. A very superior bell had been cast by one, Tancho, a monk of St. Gall, and, having heard that its sound had been highly commended by the Emperor, this famous brassworker said to him: 'Worthy Ruler, if you will give orders that a good supply of copper be furnished to me adequate to cast a perfect instrument, and let me have in place of tin a corresponding weight of silver, I will then undertake to produce a bell compared to which this one made by Tancho shall seem absolutely dumb.' Thereupon the liberal King, who though abounding in wealth did not set his heart upon riches, commanded that all the materials asked for should be supplied.

"The ill-fated artisan, having thus secured the desired metals, went his way rejoicing, and proceeded to melt and clarify a certain quantity of copper, substituting, however, clarified tin in the place of silver. From this sophisticated amalgum he succeeded in casting a bell distinctly superior to that admired by the King; and when it was submitted for his approval, he was pleased to commend its incomparable tone, and ordered it to be suspended in the bell tower. This order was promptly obeyed, but when the sacristan of the church, his assistants, and also some volunteers from outside, tried one after another to ring the bell, all efforts proved fruitless. Chagrined at this failure, the bell-founder who had contrived this unprecedented fraud, now grasped the bell rope, pulling down upon the instrument, whereupon the iron clapper, becoming detached, fell downward through the middle of the tower, hitting him in the head (a just penalty for his crooked behaviour), and, penetrating his body already lifeless, came to the ground, carrying with it a portion of his intestines.

"To commemorate this incident, the just Carolus ordered a weight of silver equal to that recovered from the delinquent founder to be distributed among the poor of the Palatinate."

With regard to the clarification of copper and tin mentioned above, it is to be observed that for many centuries various substances were employed for the purpose of purifying the amalgum of bell metal; such, for example, as borax, Dutch blue enamel, and quicksilver. It is recorded, for instance, that when the bell of the Hotel de Ville of Niort was recast in 1740, eight ounces of borax were added to the fused metal.

One more legend from the same source may be quoted to indicate how bell-founders, like bell ringers, have at times been made the scapegoats of unmerited obloquy and abuse:—

"At this time, when Teutsindus was Abbot Einharius, Einharius, his business agent, erected a basilica, dedicated to Michael, the blessed archangel. When at length the edifice was completed, the aforesaid agent contracted with an artisan skilled in his art to cast a bell to be hung in the turret, as is customary in churches. When, however, he proceeded to perform the job, the artisan, inspired by the Evil One, appropriated to his own use a portion of the metal intended to compose the amalgum, leaving a part only in the furnace. That portion of the fused metal which he thought might make a satisfactory bell having been run out, diminished by a certain shapeless mass abstracted before it had become completely melted, the resultant bell was then removed from the pit and installed in the turret. It came to pass thereafter that at whatever hour of the day the bell sounded, the guilty artisan who had purloined the metal went out of his head, muttering incoherently and barking like a dog."

Boston, U.S.A. A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

ST. ALBANS.—At the Cathedral, on Sunday, Oct. 20th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major: F. Jeffs 1, E. F. Randall 2, G. H. Howse 3, C. Jeffs 4, E. Gower 5, H. Goodenough 6, J. Goodenough 7, E. Whitbread (conductor) 8.

CLAIMS OF AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. Pitstow, I say that the peals of New Cambridge Royal are new compositions, or at least were new when I composed them some years ago, and quite as distinct from their 6048's, as those peals are from an old Bob Major peal published before they were born. This is the reason they are afraid to answer my last.

The ideas embodied in the two batches of peals are quite distinct. The 6048 mentioned by our friends, I presume (as I have not the peals in my possession, so am not positive) contain the three extents, neither more nor less of Superlative Surprise Major. My idea was to crowd the whole extent with 6th home (12 courses) into fourteen courses of New Cambridge Royal.

The extents that they used in their peals, each extent taken separately, were not original. Their claim to these three extents in a collective form I should uphold. But for them to say that others may not have the same free use of any individual one of them, that they have enjoyed, is the height of selfishness.

I deny that it is so much a question of these peals, as a question of precedent. Now, Mr. Pitstow is one of the very men to set up a precedent which he accuses me of following. Take, for instance, the three-part 5088 Superlative Surprise Major so often rung under his name. Did anyone ever dispute his authorship? I do not say he obtained it from Reeves' Plain Bob, or Cox's Superlative, but if we are to accept the precedent that he sets for others, well, he stands condemned, as likewise he would with regard to a 60 course-end peal of Double Norwich he published.

Now, Mr. Pitstow, with regard to the four peals you published in your first letter. Allow me to tell you that your methods are so slipshod, that any novice could see that there are only two peals. No. 2 is only No. 1 started at a different course. And No. 4 is but a similar variation of No. 3. Would you kindly explain how it comes that there are four claiming two peals from me. It seems to me that if I gave them up you would then be at one another's throats to see who should have them. You, Mr. Pitstow, ought to be one of the last to accuse me of dishonest tactics. Why, when you rang your 8800 Superlative—the then record—I had the very self same composition in my pocket, composed by myself some considerable time previously. Did I attempt—as you are doing—to rob you of the smallest portion of the honour due? No, I took what I consider the more manly course, went in and beat it with a longer length. I am really surprised that you should allow yourself to become a catspaw for others.

Dublin. G. LINDOFF.

[Whilst we are perfectly ready to open our columns to correspondents, it must be distinctly understood that we cannot hold ourselves responsible for the opinions expressed, and we further trust that they will endeavour to eliminate personalities.—Ed.]

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A successful and representative quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Henfield on Saturday week, and, considering the unfavourable state of the weather, was very well attended, about thirty being present. An excellent tea was partaken of in the Parish Room, the catering by one of the local ringers being all that could be desired. During tea Mr. J. E. Eardley Hall, Vicar's warden, gave an interesting talk on "Bruges."—A business meeting followed, the Rev. L. W. Miles, curate-in-charge, being in the chair, and nine new members were elected. Afterwards a bright service was attended in church, and subsequently the tower was again visited, and touches in Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative were brought round. The Association wishes to thank the Rev. L. W. Miles, the organist, and choir for their kind services; also the churchwardens and local ringers for their kindness in welcoming the Association to the parish, their practical interest adding largely to the success of the meeting.

SALOP GUILD AT COALBROOKDALE.

The quarterly meeting of the Salop Guild was held at Coalbrookdale on Saturday week, and the local men turned up in good force to give the visitors a welcome. A short service was held, at which the Rev. C. B. Crowe officiated, and the Rev. E. Parry, Vicar of Malinslee, gave an address. Tea was provided at Trinity Hall by the churchwardens, and the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. C. B. Crowe. Three new members were elected. Several touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung on a very fine peal of handbells, kindly lent by Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow. In the tower some good touches of Stedman and Grandsire were rung. Ringers were present from Shrewsbury, Malinslee, Condover and Dawley. It was proposed to hold the next quarterly meeting at Berrington, the ringers from that tower having joined the Guild during the last few months. It is hoped that all members of the Guild will try and help on these struggling bands who are "willing to learn."

HUNTSPILL, SOMERSET.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Oct. 20th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 29 mins.: W. G. Sellick, senr., 1, W. G. Sellick, junr., 2, J. Baker 3, H. Parkhouse 4, F. Ilev (conductor) 5, C. Hancock 6. First 720 by the local band, and all except the conductor.

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TAPPING PEALS OF MINOR.

Among the numerous notable performances of the present year the peals of Minor tapped on handbells by Mr. John Segar, junr., of Retford, Notts, must rank prominently. For concentration of thought and effort no task in the art of change ringing is to be compared with that of one man striking with perfect rhythm and precision the whole of the changes that go to make up a peal. It needs a singularly gifted brain, and the performance is greatly enhanced when it includes not one, but a variety of



MR. J. SEGAR, JUNR.,
And the Bells on which he tapped his peals.

methods. The peal which we recorded last week was tapped by Mr. Segar in five methods, viz., Court Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.

The method which Mr. Segar adopts in these performances is to transpose the changes row by row, and he does not use the coursing order. He does not, of course, learn the changes by heart, in fact he has never seen the figures written down. It will thus be realised what an immense amount of mental concentration is necessary for tapping one of these peals, and they call to mind the performances of that greatest of all "tappers," Elijah Roberts.

Mr. Segar, who is just 20 years of age, began ringing in February, 1909, when he joined the company at Ordsall tower. Previously he had never been in a belfry, and had not the slightest knowledge of bell ringing, but since that time he has never missed a Sunday or practice, except through illness or being away from home. It was not until October, 1910, that he rang his first peal—Bob Minor on the treble, although he was able to ring inside some months before. It goes without saying that one who has acquired the skill attained to by Mr. Segar must have taken the keenest interest in the Art; in fact he has made an almost daily study of ringing. He has tried his hand at composing, and has obtained several peals—one peal of Stedman Caters having been rung by the Guildford handbell band.

Mr. Segar turned his attention to handbells, because there is a difficulty in getting a company at his own tower for a 5040, owing to the occupations of the members. It was a long while before he could tap 720 of Bob Minor, and then only slowly. But after mastering this he made better progress with other methods. The rules of the North Notts Association require at least three methods for a peal of Minor, so Mr. Segar, when he made his first attempt, selected two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, two of Double Bob and three of Plain Bob. The 3rd's and 4th's places in Canterbury he found the most difficult, and required a lot of practice to master, but at last he felt confidence in himself, and, in the presence of three members of the East Retford company, succeeded in tapping his first 5040 on October 23rd last.

As will be seen from our photograph, the bells are hung on a wooden stand, which Mr. Segar constructed himself, and he taps them with a piece of thick leather fastened to the end of a stick. He averages from 250 to 280 blows per minute, and, as this proves very tiring for the wrist, he finds it necessary to change hands at the end of every 720. The peal which was recorded last week was rung in 1hr. 47mins., which works out at over 47 changes per minute. Mr. Segar intended attempting it on December 9th—his 20th birthday—but it had to be postponed a couple of days as he was unable to get witnesses for the earlier occasion.

Mr. Segar says he has not yet reached the height of his ambition, for he hopes to tap 5040 in seven methods, and then in ten methods, and also 7200 in ten methods. Ringers will wish him success in attempting these truly remarkable performances.

BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.—ROCHESTER.

By J. R. JERRAM.

There are absolutely no records of the bells originally hung in Rochester Cathedral. I have, however, been able to obtain some information about some of the bells which existed in the 12th century from the late Mr. Stahlschmidt's *Church Bells of Kent*. It appears that in 1154 Prior Reginald "fecit duas campanas et posuit eas in majori turri. Una fracta apposita est ad aliam campanam faciendam." That is to say that he made two bells and hung them in the greater tower, and that one cracked bell was used in casting another bell. This greater tower seems to have been a detached campanile then in existence, and the cracked bell alluded to was probably an alarm bell which previously hung there. Some years later there is a record of another bell, named "Thalebot," being cast. In 1200 we find that Ralph

Bretun caused a cracked bell which had stood for a long time in the nave of the cathedral to be recast for the repose of the soul of his brother, and sixty years later Richard de Waldene added another bell, named Andrew. Lastly, in 1343, Bishop Haymo de Hythe caused the central tower to be heightened, "Necnon et quartuor campanas novas in eodem ponere quarum nomina sunt hec, Dunstanus, Paulinus, Itamarus, atque Lanfrancus." That is, he placed four new bells therein named Dunstan, Paulinus, Itamarus, and Lanfranc.

After this a blank of nearly 300 years occurs in the history of these bells. The later history will be gathered from the inscriptions on the old peal of six which did duty till 1904. They were as follows :—

Treble. Cast in the year 1695. Recast in the year 1770 by Pack & Chapman, of London.

Second. (No inscription).

Third. John Wilnar made me 1635.

Fourth. (By James Bagley 1712—The present 6th).

Fifth. Christopherus Hodson A.D. MDCLXXXIII fecit (coins) annoque sernis regis Caroli IIo XXXV [Royal Arms].

Tenor. (The present bell, cast by Christopher Hodson).

In 1904 it was decided to add two trebles and to recast



Photo by] [*F. E. Dawe.*

ROCHESTER CATHEDRAL.

several of the old bells; thus making a peal of eight, which are inscribed as follows :—

Treble.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON, 1904. IN REMEMBRANCE OF S. REYNOLDS HOLE, DEAN, DIED 27th AUGUST. 1904. T.H.F.

Second.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON, 1904. T. H. FOORD GAVE ME. 1904.

Third.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1904. IN REMEMBRANCE OF W.W.F. DIED 10th SEPTEMBER, 1891. T.H.F.

Fourth.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1904. IN REMEMBRANCE OF M.F. DIED 1st JULY, 1896. T.H.F.

Fifth.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1904. IN REMEMBRANCE OF E.S.W.F. DIED 6th SEPTEMBER, 1896. T.H.F.

Sixth.

IAMES BAGLEY OF LONDON MADE ME 1712
A [Royal Arms] R. I. B. (on a medallion).

Seventh.

MEARS & STAINBANK FOUNDERS, LONDON. 1904. OLIM THALEBOT NUNC TALBOT VOCOR. IN DIE S. ANDREAE MCMIV. T.H.F. RESTAURAVIT.

Tenor.

FECIT CHRS HODSON A.D. MDCLXXXIII : REGIS CAROLI II. XXXV. REFECIT THOS MEARS A.D. MDCCCXXXIV : REGIS GULIELMI IV. V.

The tenor measures 52 inches in diameter, weight 26 cwt. 1 qr. The bells are now a grand peal of eight, of which the people of Rochester may be justly proud.

ODD CHANGES.

Mr. William Brown, who has just retired after over 40 years' service as verger at St. Paul's Cathedral, and who was a well known figure to visitors, has been honoured by the King, who has conferred on him the decoration of the Royal Victorian Order.

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A curious bit of old music of interest to ringers has been picked up on a stall in Farringdon Road, London, by a correspondent. Unfortunately it is not dated, but by the style it is judged, by an expert, to have been printed about the beginning of the last century. It is headed :—

E. P.
WEBBE'S
Celebrated
PEAL ON EIGHT BELLS
Consisting of 350 Changes
Rung by
THE COLLEGE YOUTHS.

Then follows in musical notation a touch of Grandsire Triples, with the following lead ends :—

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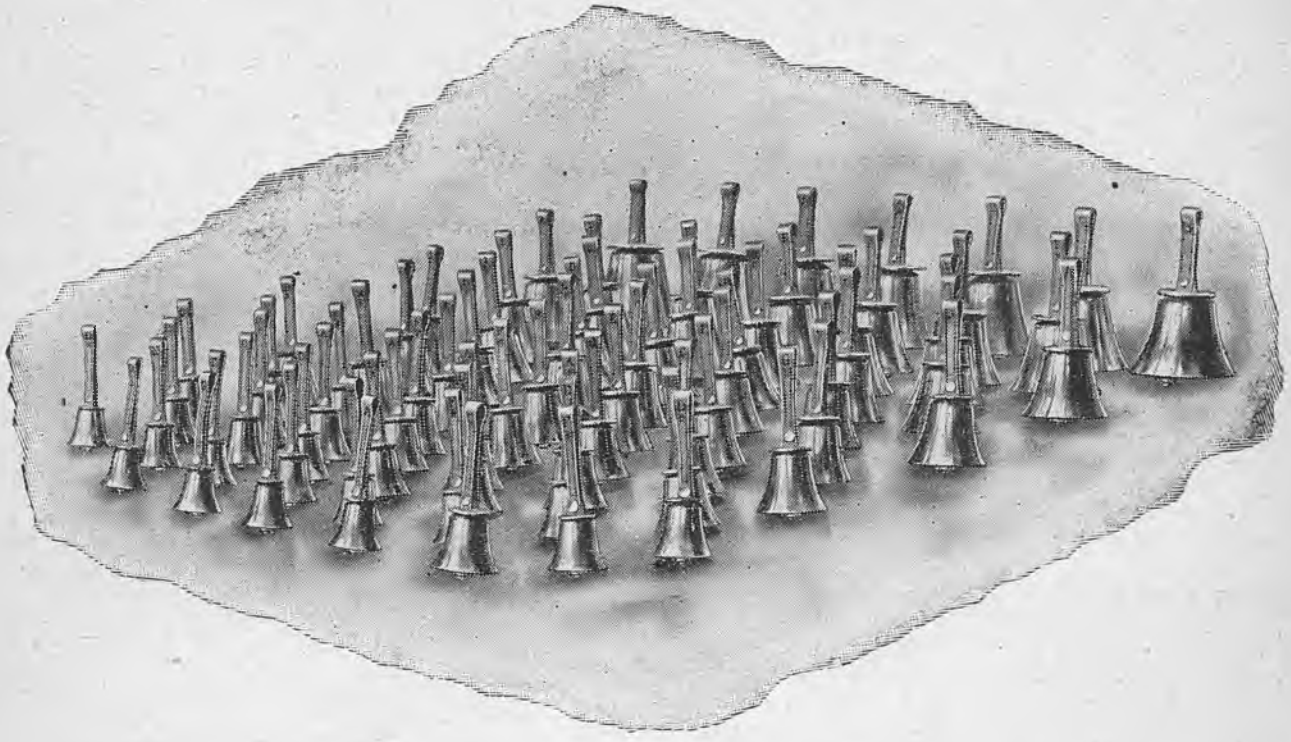
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253674	743625	267453
462753	567243	246375
374562	526374	234567
357246	532467	
623457	543726	

To the music was added a P.S., which is the real gem of the whole thing : "This will be found an excellent exercise for beginners on the German flute." The printer apparently had not got room to get quite all the changes in, for the touch was five short of 350, one or two changes being omitted here and there. The author also takes a certain amount of license to get the bells into the plain course.

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Another lady this week figures in the peal records for the first time, Miss Maud Pigott, a sister of Miss Mary Pigott, having rung the treble to a peal of Oxford Bob Triples, at Smethwick.

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SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Midhurst on Saturday, December 28th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m. Outstanding subscriptions for the present year should now be paid without delay. — H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—The quarterly general meeting of the association will take place on January 6th, 1913, at Christ Church, Blackfriars Road, S.E. Tower open from 7.45 to 9.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome. — F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, MANCHESTER BRANCH.—The next Monthly Meeting will be held at the Manchester Town Hall, on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Reports can be had at the meeting on payment of current subscription; Life Members on application. Bells ready at 4 p m. Meeting at 7.—W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Notice is hereby given that a motion affecting the society's rules will be brought forward at the meeting to be held on January 7th, 1913.—William T. Cockerill, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—The annual meeting will be held at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, City, on Tuesday, January 7th next, at 8.30 p.m., when the balance sheet will be presented. Will members please note that all subscriptions are payable at this meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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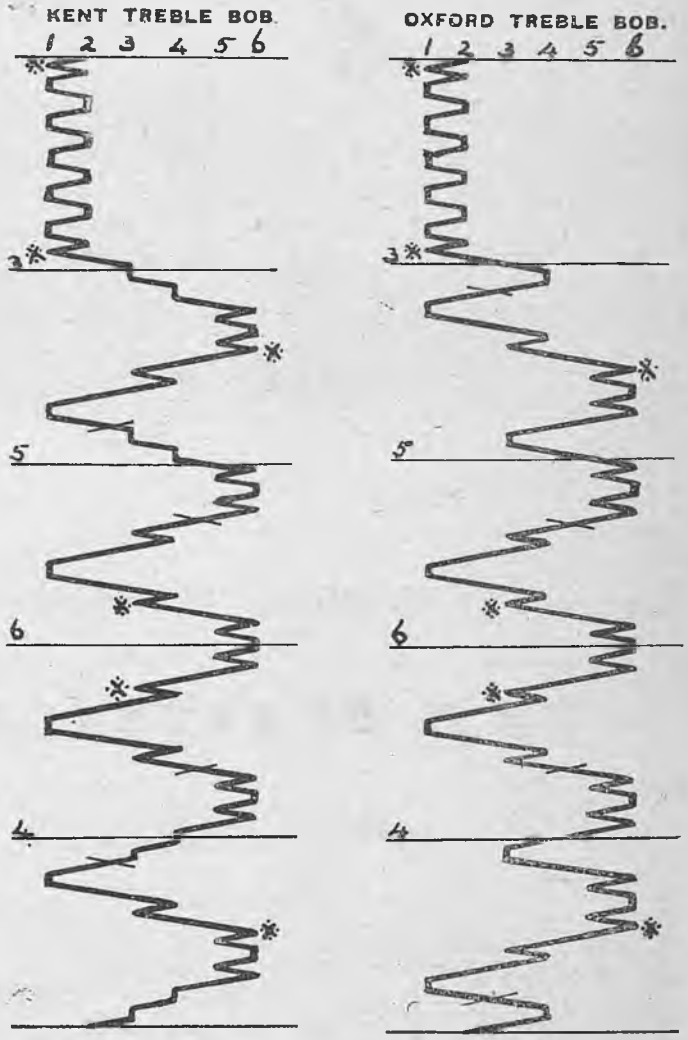
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RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

This week our diagrams make a beginning upon the Treble Bob methods. Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Minor are illustrated.

The figures at the side show the starting place of each bell; the small lines intersecting the diagram mark—the place where the treble crosses the path of the working bell, and the asterisks the place where the working bell dodges with the treble.



As there are so many records being made and broken, it may be interesting to the Exercise to learn that in the belfry at St. Peter's, Yateley, Hants, on a peal board, recording a local peal of Grandsire Triples, it is stated that "all the ringers of the above peal were born in the parish and christened at the font round which they stood to ring the peal." Mr. S. Riddell, of Yateley, writes that he thinks this may be claimed as a truly "local peal," and it would be interesting to know if any other such record exists.

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Leonard Pye, one of the younger generation of the well known ringing family, took part in a peal of Stedman Triples, at Hornchurch, on Thursday in last week. He is only 13 years of age, and is believed to be the youngest ringer to ring in a peal in this method. He is to be congratulated upon having rung well throughout the peal. His brother William, still in his early 'teens, also rang his first peal of Stedman at the same time.

SOMETHING NEW IN SUPERLATIVE.

THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF BOBS " BEFORE."

There is not a great deal left to be obtained in the region of Superlative Surprise composition, but Mr. J. W. Parker, of Sunderland, has succeeded in constructing something new, namely, a peal with 17 bobs " Before." This is the first time that this number has been crowded into a peal—and it is the maximum, because one more would reduce the length to 4992. Hitherto the greatest number of " Befores " has been 16, which composition, by-the-way, also belongs to Mr. J. W. Parker.

5088 SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

By Joseph W. Parker.

23456	B	M	W	H	52436	B	M	W	H
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42635		—	—	—	54632	—			
42356	—			—	54326	—			—
35426			—	—	63425		—		—
35264	—			—	63254	—			—
23564				—	26354				—
65432		—	—		26543	—			—
65324	—			—	26435	—			—
36524				—	46532		—		
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24536	—			—	34256	—			—
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NEW PEAL OF TEN AT CROYDON

MESSRS. GILLETT AND JOHNSTON'S GIFT OF TREBLES.

The dedication of the new peal of ten bells at St. Peter's Church, Croydon, took place on Saturday, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Croydon, assisted by the Rev. Arthur W. Reeve, Vicar of St. Peter's, the Rev. Canon White-Thomson, Rural Dean, and other clergy of the district. The service commenced with the processional hymn, " We love the place, O God," followed by shortened evensong and a special form of dedication service which was interrupted to permit of a few rounds being rung by the local ringers. The Bishop gave a most appropriate address to the large congregation, and especially to the number of ringers present.

Immediately at the conclusion of the service, the following members of the Surrey Association rang a 503 of Grandsire Caters, conducted by Dr. A. B. Carpenter: J. A. Lambert (Mitcham) 1, W. Shepherd (Hersham) 2, Dr. A. B. Carpenter (Master of the Association) 3, Wm. Ives (St. Peter's, Croydon) 4, Frank Holder (Carshalton) 5, George Hoad (Reigate) 6, Chas. Dean (St. Peter's, Croydon) 7, Cyril F. Johnston (of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston) 8, Arthur Dean (Leatherhead) 9, Leonard F. Taylor (of the Foundry) 10.

The ringing then became general by the large number of visitors who had attended, some from a considerable distance, among those present being the Rev. Cyril O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), Messrs. F. E. Dawe, F. W. Thornton (of Greenwich), T. Groombridge, J. E. Davis, W. Ewart, and Ferris Shepherd.

A substantial tea was very kindly provided by the Vicar and churchwardens (Messrs. John S. Smith and John Hooke) at St. Peter's Parish Hall, to which over 90 did ample justice.

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS.

The Vicar, in cordially welcoming the ringers, regretted that the Bishop was unable to stay to see the ringers, as he had to get back to town, and said that both the Bishop and he were very pleased indeed with the beautiful tone of the bells. He concluded by expressing his appreciation of the careful manner in which Messrs. Gillett and Johnston and their employes had carried out all the details in the casting and hanging of the bells, and, in thanking the founders for the facilities which had been afforded them for inspecting the various operations connected with the at times, dangerous nature of them, thought it a matter for congratulation and gratitude that they had been carried to a successful issue.

Mr. John Hooke, having supported the Vicar's remarks, Mr. Johnston, senr., in a humorous reply, thanked the Vicar and Mr. Hooke for their appreciation, and suggested that the former, in his position as Chaplain to the Lord Mayor, might use his influence with the city authorities so that the firm might be entrusted with the placing of a peal of bells on the top of the Mansion House! (laughter).—Mr. Cyril Johnston also responded.

Mr. Francis E. Dawe, in a characteristic speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for their hospitality, and congratulated them on securing such beautiful bells with the most modern devices for their handling. He had rung in over 800 towers, but there were innovations and improvements for bells, which he had seen that day for the first time.—Mr. J. H. B. Hesse seconded, and the vote was carried with enthusiasm.

Mr. Percy Sylvester (a late churchwarden), to whose efforts, we understand, the scheme owed its inception, gave a short account of the movement which he was proud to think had now been brought to fruition.

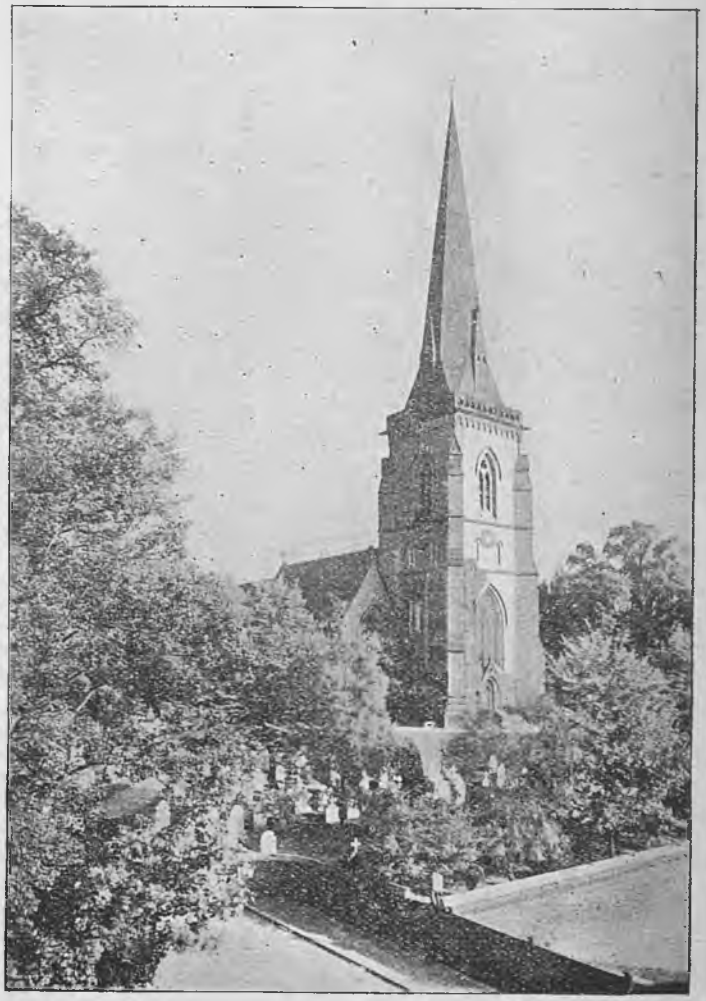
The tower was again visited, and the bells were successfully brought round in touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Treble Bob Royal, the ringers all expressing satisfaction with the splendid " go " of the bells, and at the arrangements which had been studied for their comfort.

THE BELLS.

The peal of eight, which the present ring of ten replaces, was hung in two tiers in a wooden frame connecting with the upright timbers of the spire, and this caused considerable anxiety to the Church authorities, in consequence of the oscillation of the tower. The new ring, which is tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, is hung in an iron frame resting on girders extending into the walls. A clock, which stood in a corner of the ringing chamber, has been moved to the opposite side, and the ropes have been brought to the ringers' hands in a good circle, so that every effort has been made to provide comfort and convenience for the ringers.

The cost of the back eight has been provided out of subscriptions received from the parishioners of St. Peter's, while the two trebles have been presented by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The weight of the tenor, which used to be 26½ cwt., is now 30¼, and is in D, while the total weight of bell metal in the peal is 117 cwt.

After the bells had been lowered in peal on Saturday, the ringers adjourned to the Greyhound Hotel, where they were entertained by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, and the remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner, the harmony being contributed by Messrs. David Wright, Charles Kitching, William Shepherd, Cyril F. Johnston, and Miller, while the Hersham and Croydon handbell ringers gave selections on the handbells, and Mr. Groombridge contributed three leads of Treble Bob Maximus on the pianoforte. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion with a vote of thanks to Messrs. Gillett and Johnston for their hospitality.



ST. PETERS' CHURCH, CROYDON.

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.

DODDERHILL, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Oct. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Maycroft 1, D. Smith 2, J. Bourne 3, E. F. Spalding (conductor) 4, J. Sparkes 5, F. Summerton 6.

DEPTFORD.—Kent County Association.—At St. John's Church, on Oct. 3rd, for harvest thanksgiving service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: R. Fosdike 1, F. S. Bacon 2, A. G. Bennington 3, W. Daynes 4, F. W. Richardson 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.—On Oct. 6th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: A. G. Bennington 1, F. S. Bacon 2, T. G. Deal 3, F. W. Richardson 4, E. B. Crowder 5, J. Law 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, W. Oxley 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Fosdike 1, F. S. Bacon 2, F. W. Richardson 3, J. Law 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. W. Leonard (Malling) 6, W. J. Jeffries (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8. For evening service, a quarter-peal (from the "Original"), in 43 mins.: G. R. Simmonds 1, T. G. Deal 2, F. S. Bacon 3, W. Daynes 4, A. G. Bennington 5, J. Law 6, F. W. Richardson (conductor) 7, C. H. Macklin 8.

ASTON MANOR.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for evening service, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: A. Edgerton 1, J. Jones 2, A. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, J. Corrigan 5, J. Hopkin 6, W. Smith (Darlaston) 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8. W. Davies 9, C. Allen 10.

THORNABY.—For harvest festival, at the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, Oct. 20th, 1024 Bob Major: H. Pearce (longest touch) 1, R. Chisholm 2, W. Rudd 3, J. Sinclair 4, N. Addison 5, G. Cattle 6, J. W. Addison 7, J. H. Pinkney (conductor) 8.

KIDLINGTON. — On Oct. 20th, for evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: F. Webb 1, W. Judge 2, F. Webb 3, W. Thorpe 4, W. Judge 5, J. Franklin 6, E. Hims (composer and conductor) 7, G. Fathers 8. This quarter-peal has the 6th at home throughout, and 4, 6, 8, in the middle of every course, and is now rung for the first time.

NEWPORT, PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On Oct. 24th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 49 mins.: W. Sear 1, B. Fisher 2, W. Jacques 3, *J. W. Unwin 4, S. Smith 5, *W. Webb 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, *W. F. Smith 8. * First quarter Stedman on the bells. Rung as a farewell to J. W. Unwin

CHARING.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 1 hr. 32 mins.: T. Ifield 1, C. F. Good 2, H. E. Good 3, J. Edwards 4, C. L. Prior (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: W. Latter 1, W. Smith 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Barden 4, A. Jarvis 5, S. Perkins 6, S. J. Perkins (first quarter as conductor) 7, A. H. Reader 8.

LEWES.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: G. Richardson 1, E. Pannett 2, F. Sturt 3, G. Sturt 4, R. J. Dawe 5, J. T. Rickman 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, D. Turner 8. This was D. Turner's first quarter-peal, and was rung on the anniversary of his birthday.

HOUNSLOW, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for the harvest festival, at St. Paul's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering: G. A. Ransom (conductor) 1, G. Chave 2, D. Archer 3, J. Hanks 4, J. Chave 5, J. Brooks 6, W. Watson 7, W. Carter 8.

BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for evening service, 448 Bob Major: P. Pain 1, M. Pink 2, E. Squibb 3, G. Wilkins 4, J. W. Pain 5, C. Price 6, F. Chaffey 7, H. Jennings (conductor) 8.—On Oct. 22nd, 360 Bob Minor, with tenor covering: E. Squibb 1, F. Chaffey 2, G. Wilkins 3, J. W. Pain 4, C. Price 5, H. Jennings (conductor) 6, A. Pain 8.

LOUGHBOROUCH.—On Sunday, Oct. 20th, for evening service, at All Saints' Church, 1356 Stedman Caters, in 53 mins.: E. W. Leslie 1, R. Lane 2, J. Hardy 3, W. W. Worthington 4, W. Smith 5, E. W. Abbott 6, J. W. Taylor 7, H. W. Abbott 8, J. S. Hutchby (conductor) 9, J. Powell 10.

FAR HEADINGLEY, LEEDS.—At St. Chad's, on Sept. 30th, 720 Bob Minor: F. Hutchinson 1, H. Drake (first away from Treble) 2, W. Hutchinson (first 720) 3, D. Poyser 4, F. R. Cundale 5, A. E. Sharman (first as conductor) 6. For evensong, on Sept. 22nd, 336 Bob Major: H. Drake 1, *W. Hutchinson 2, *F. Hutchinson 3, H. Morris 4, Rev. C. C. Marshall 5, *D Poyser 6, W. Child (conductor) 7, A. E. Sharman 8. * Longest length of Major. Rung with the bells fully muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mrs. Getley, of Fox Hill, Westwood.

OSPRINGE.—At the Parish Church, on Oct. 8th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: *J. W. Lane 1, T. E. Eades 2, C. H. Drake 3, S. R. Garner 4, G. Beeby 5, H. Baker (conductor) 6, E. E. Bridges 7, A. Thomas 8. * First quarter-peal.

WEST EALING.—For the morning service, at St. Stephen's Church (harvest festival), on October 13th, 504 Grandsire Triples: E. Brown 1, W. Lidbetter 2, J. P. Kent 3, W. Crocker 4, J. A. Trollope 5, W. Lawrence (conductor) 6, H. C. Chandler 7, G. Edwards 8. Another 504, for evening service: J. A. Trollope 1, J. P. Kent 2, G. Harbour 3, W. Crocker 4, W. Lawrence 5, A. Harding 6, G. Spencer (conductor) 7, G. Edwards 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Oct. 6th, at St. Giles' Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: A. Clark 1, H. Tucker 2, C. A. Valentine 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. Tompkins 5, E. Yates (conductor) 6.—On Monday, Oct. 7th, 720 London Surprise Minor: *L. Smith 1, *H. C. Edwards 2, *E. Yates 3, A. J. Green 4, *T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 6. * First 720 London. It is also believed to be the first by the Guild.

OLD WOLVERTON, BUCKS.—On Oct. 6th, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 of Grandsire Doubles: T. Beal 1, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 2, W. E. Bull 3, W. W. Bonham 4, E. Beckett 5, E. Purser 6. Also 240, W. E. Bull, conductor.

SOUTH WIGSTON.—At the district quarterly meeting, 518 Grandsire Triples: L. Willars 1, J. Clarke 2, F. Staniforth 3, E. Vallance 4, H. Brown 5, Miss Hilda Willson 6, W. Willson 7, W. W. Thompson 8.—On Tuesday, Sept. 24th, 1008 Grandsire Triples: Miss May Thompson 1, *Miss Hilda Willson 2, A. H. Bell 3, H. Brown 4, J. Clarke 5, J. Harris 6, W. Willson 7, W. W. Thompson 8. * Longest touch with a bob bell.

WAREHAM.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Oct. 5th, at the Parish Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples (Holt's Ten-part) came to grief after ringing 3,000 changes, in 1 hr. 46 mins.: C. H. Jennings 1, A. R. Macdonald 2, F. Phillips 3, W. G. Bishop 4, F. C. Case 5, G. Williams 6, C. Goodenough (conductor) 7, A. J. Osman 8.

DORCHESTER.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, at St. Peter's Church, to welcome Mr. L. W. Wiffen to the district, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Benyer 1, T. Page 2, F. Uphill 3, L. W. Wiffen 4, T. Wooley 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, C. H. Jennings 8.—On Sunday, Oct. 6th, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: A. G. Hodges 1, T. Hyde 2, C. H. Jennings 3, F. Uphill 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, W. J. Painter 8.

TAUNTON.—On Oct. 6th, for early service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Maddock (conductor) 1, T. Doble 2, G. H. Yendall 3, F. Millard 4, W. Evans 5, W. Farley 6, E. E. Burgess 7, W. Tarr 8 After evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: S. Wyatt 1, J. Maddock 2, J. Matthews 3, F. Millard 4, W. Evans 5, H. Bosley 6, E. E. Burgess (conductor) 7, E. Priddle 8.

CURITT TOWN, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, for harvest festival, a quarter peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: W. Pye (conductor) 1, G. L. Joyce 2, F. C. Newman 3, G. T. Wigg 4, T. Cranfield 5, H. W. Clark 6, R. Sanders 7, D. Hodgson 8. After service, 504 Grandsire Triples, conducted by T. Cranfield, in which A. Neale rang.

TAUNTON.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Maddock (conductor) 1, T. Doble 2, J. Matthews 3, W. Bennett 4, G. H. Yendall 5, W. Evans 6, E. E. Burgess 7, W. Tarr 8.

CHEDISTON.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On October 13th, for afternoon service, 720 of Bob Minor: F. C. Lambert (conductor) 1, G. Boon 2, E. Lovett 3, T. Crane 4, L. Hembling 5, L. Hammond 6.—At Wissett, for evening service, 360 of Bob Minor. A. Head 1, G. Boon 2, T. Crane 3, E. Lovett 4, L. Hembling (conductor) 5, H. Pratt 6. Arranged for the ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 5th bells, who belong to Aldeburgh.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Oct. 13th, on handbells, 1026 Grandsire Caters: H. F. Moore 1—2, F. G. Dewell 3—4, H. A. Turner 5—6, A. E. Moore (conductor) 7—8, R. Moore 9—10. Longest length of Caters by all, double-handed. Also a course of Stedman Caters, with C. Woodcock 9—10, and 480 Oxford Treble Bob Royal.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.—Durham and Newcastle Association.—At St. John's Church, on October 14th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1312 changes): W. Sinclair 1, J. Robinson 2, B. C. Dixon 3, W. Baskill 4, R. Richards 5, G. W. Murray 6, W. H. Barber (conductor) 7, J. E. Keen 8. Rung as a farewell touch to G. W. Murray, who was leaving Newcastle to take up an appointment near Rotherham.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—Worcester and District Association.—On the occasion of a presentation to the Vicar and his wife (the Rev. and Mrs. A. F. Danglish) of the congregation's wedding gift, on Oct. 14th, a a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. H. Dotheridge 1, F. Willetts 2, G. H. Dotheridge 3, T. Clarke 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, S. Dotheridge 8.

NEWPORT, MON.—At the Church of All Saints', on Oct. 15th, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Max 1, S. Jones 2, V. Morgan 3, J. W. Jones 4, W. Large 5, J. Pippin 6, A. E. Morgan (conductor) 7, J. Goddard 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

LOUGHBORO, LEICESTERSHIRE.—The Midland Counties Association.—On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters (1242 changes), in 50 mins.: W. Smith 1, R. Lane (conductor) 2, J. Hardy 3, C. Harriman 4, H. W. Abbott 5, Geo. Freebrey 6, J. Oldham 7, J. W. Taylor 8, E. Reader 9, J. Powell 10.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX. — At St. Andrew's Church, on Oct. 14th, 720 Grandsire Minor, in 22 mins.: *T. Smith 1, H. Waite 2, P. E. Jones 3, *R. Carter 4, E. Hancox (conductor) 5, J. J. Pratt 6. * First 720 in the method.

EVESHAM WORCESTERSHIRE.—The Worcestershire Association. —On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Bob Royal (1260 changes), in 56 mins.: F. Jinks 1, R. Young 2, J. Hemming 3, H. Jordan 4, F. Moss 5, T. Edwin 6, F. Jordan 7, H. Phipps 8, F. Cook 9, H. Middleton (conductor) 10. First quarter-peal of Royal by all the band except the conductor. On Sunday, Nov. 10th, to celebrate the Mayoral Church Parade, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1277 changes): H. Morton (first quarter-peal of Caters) 1, F. Cook 2, F. Moss 3, H. Jordan 4, E. Mullins 5, J. Porter 6, F. Jordan 7, J. Phipps 8, H. Middleton (conductor) 9, W. Workman 10.

CHERTSEY, SURREY. — At St. Peter's Church, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: S. G. Pamphlett, Sunbury (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Warington 2, C. J. Hamblin 3, H. R. Stevens 4, J. B. Hessie 5, A. E. Grey 6, C. Tricker (conductor) 7, W. Charge 8.

CALVERTON, BUCKS. — On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 24 mins.: J. Tomkins 1, H. Edwards (conductor) 2, F. Taylor 3, H. Tomkins 4, R. Underwood 5, G. Petty 6. Rung as farewell to G. Petty, who is leaving the district.

DUBLIN.—On Nov. 4th, at St. Patrick's Cathedral, 1033 Stedman Caters: J. W. Townley 1, G. Lindoff (conductor) 2, R. Lynch 3, R. Tait 4, W. Lynch 5, G. Wilmot 6, H. R. Greene 7, R. S. F. Murphy 8, R. R. Cherry 9, J. W. Noblett 10.—On Wednesday, Nov. 6th, 1024 Kent Treble Bob Major on the light eight; J. W. Townley 1, E. Lutman 2, G. Lindoff 3, R. Lynch 4, W. Lynch 5, G. Wilmot 6, A. Corrigan 7, C. Murray (conductor) 8.

YATELEY, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 4th, in honour of the 80th birthday of the President of the Guild, Mr. J. P. Stilwell, J.P., of Hilfield, Yateley, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss B. Stilwell 1, G. Butler 2, W. G. Bunch 3, A. Hearmon 4, H. Tice 5, J. R. Bunch 6, S. Riddell (conductor) 7, C. Bunch 8.

LEYTONSTONE.—On Nov. 4th, at St. John's Church, 720 Cambridge Surprise: F. Doran 1, A. Fiddes (first 720 in the method) 2, S. Goodenough 3, G. Dawson 4, W. Miller (conductor) 5, H. Torble 6.

WINDSOR.—On Nov. 7th, on handbells, 168 Grandsire Triples: W. H. Fussell 1—2, L. Stilwell 3—4, W. Welling 5—6, W. E. Napper 7—8. First 168 in hand by all except W. H. Fussell.

SAFFRON WALDEN.—On Mayor's Day, the following touches were rung, viz.: 672 Bob Major, 336 Grandsire Triples, 288 Stedman Triples, 216 Stedman Triples, 448 Double Norwich Court, 448 Cambridge Surprise. The ringers included Harold Pitstow, who is only 15 years of age (longest length of Bob Major), and John Hare, of Hitchen (first touch of Cambridge Surprise).

NORTHAMPTON.—At St. Giles' Church, on Nov. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1260 changes) in 47 mins.: J. Freeman 1, F. Hopper 2, F. Burgess 3, H. Key 4, T. Law 5, W. Sharp 6, O. Sears 7, W. Rogers (conductor) 8, W. Roberts 9, E. James 10. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Sharp and James Slarke.

HULL.—On Nov. 5th, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Dale 1, G. T. Miller 2, T. Stockdale 3, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 4, T. Morton 5, H. Rodmell 6, L. Rodmell 7, J. Chamberlain 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the treble, and Mr. A. E. West, Sutton-on-Hull.

AUGHTON. — Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 6th, at Christ Church, 576 Kent Treble Major: C. Sharples 1, J. Marsh 2, J. Taylor 3, J. H. Sholicar 4, W. Rimmer 5, J. Park 6, J. Gardner (conductor) 7, W. Bentham 8. Also 168 and 420 Stedman Triples, the latter by: W. Bentham (conductor) 1, J. R. Park 2, J. Taylor 3, J. H. Sholicar 4, W. Rimmer 5, J. Gardner 6, J. Marsh 7, W. Gibbons 8. Also plain course of Oxford Treble Bob Major.—On Nov. 20th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: C. Sharples 1, J. Taylor 2, J. H. Sholicar 3, W. Rimmer 4, J. Marsh 5, J. Gardner (conductor) 6.

BOLSTOCK.—Liverpool Diocesan Guild.—On Nov. 9th, at St. James' Church, a half-peal of Stedman Triples, in 1½ hrs., by the following: J. Marsh (conductor) 1, J. Taylor 2, W. Fairclough 3, C. Sharples 4, W. Rimmer 5, J. R. Park 6, J. Gardner 7, W. Gibbons 8. Mr. Park is from Ormskirk, the others from Aughton.

ORMSKIRK.—On Nov. 27th, at the Parish Church, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect for the late Mr. Peter Freeman (formerly warden), a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: J. Gardner 1, J. Marsh 2, J. Park 3, J. H. Sholicar 4, W. Rimmer 5, H. Fyles 6, J. Martin (conductor) 7, W. Gibbons 8.

EVESHAM. — The Worcestershire Association.—On Saturday, Nov. 9th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Plain Bob and Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: F. Witts (first quarter-peal) 1, J. Hampton 2, J. Hemming (conductor) 3, H. Streets 4, W. Gisborne 5, T. Middleton 6. Rung in honour of his Worship the Mayor, who was re-elected for the second time on that day.

DERBY.—On Nov. 1st, at 168, Normanton Road, on handbells, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Braines 1—2, W. Wallace 3—4, A. H. Ward (conductor) 5—6, B. Mitchell 7—8. First quarter-peal in hand by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8.—On Nov. 8th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples by the same ringers.

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