

THE RINGING WORLD

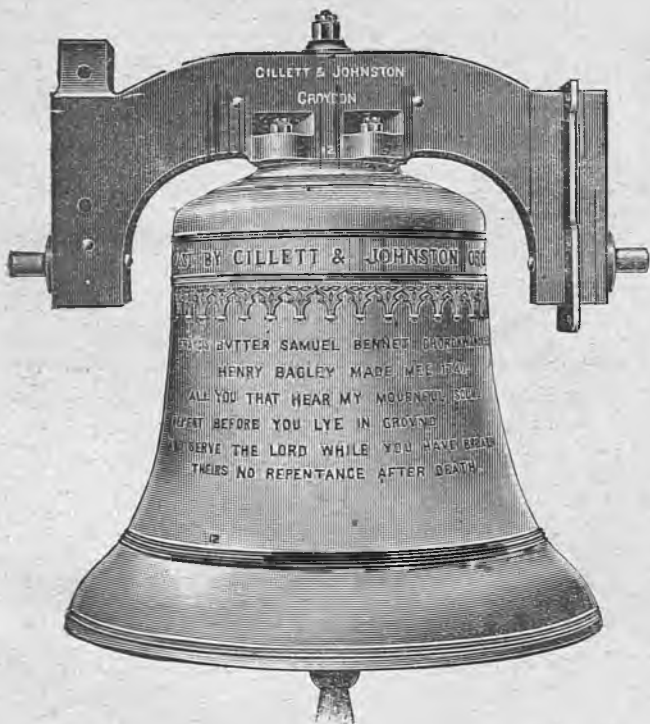
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MESSRS. GILLET & JOHNSTON, CROYDON, 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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.

PEAL RINGING EXTRAORDINARY.

The year 1912 proved, indeed, a record year for peal ringing, and while there are still some few records to come in of performances completed before midnight on Tuesday, there is information enough now available to get a fairly accurate idea of the prodigious amount of peal ringing that was accomplished. In the limited space at our disposal this week we can do little but give figures which will show what has been done—indeed they are so striking as to need little or no comment.

Probably the question uppermost in the minds of many peal ringers is: Who will head the Analysis? At the moment it is impossible to say—so close is the relative position of two of the associations—but it rests between Norwich and Middlesex, who, on points, are running neck and neck, but well away from the rest. Indeed it is not unlikely that these two societies, who in 1911 were third and second respectively with less than 2,400 points, may top 4,000. After these two, Winchester and Midland Counties are well up.

With the reports which appear in this issue, we have recorded in "The Ringing World" well over 2,200 peals rung during 1912, so that it is not unlikely that the record aggregate of 1,739 in 1911 may be beaten by no less than 500. In the first year of tabulated returns (1881) only 156 peals were rung. In 1882 there were 224; in 1892 802; and in 1902 1,313, so that in the last ten years the total for twelve months has been increased by about a thousand. Of this year's total about 300 have been rung on handbells, showing the great advance which has been made in this direction.

Among the individual performances of the year may be noted the two long peals of Bristol Surprise, the 12,160 at Knebworth on Easter Monday, and the 15,264 at Hornchurch on Whit-Monday, the latter giving the Surprise record to the Middlesex Association. Then there have been the two record handbell peals of Stedman Caters at Guildford, the 14,031 on June 1st, followed by 19,738 on August 31st, and constituting the largest number of changes ever rung by one set of men.

Among ringers who have made big scores, there are, in addition to Mr. A. W. Grimes, who heads the list with 114 for the year, the following, who have rung over 40 peals: Messrs. B. Prewett 100, A. H. Pulling 94, E. Pye 74, F. Bennett 71, F. Hairs 69, W. Pye 67, J. E. Davis 57, J. Hunt 55, W. Shepherd 54, K. Hart 54, M. Smither 52, R. Sanders 52, F. Blondell 50, G. R. Pye 47, and G. Williams 41. Mr. E. M. Atkins has also rung close on 60 peals. Mr. Pulling again heads the list of conductors with 90, while among those who have called 20 or over are

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Messrs. W. Pye 51, F. Bennett 47, B. Prewett 34, W. Shepherd 33, G. Williams 33, K. Hart 32, C. F. Bailey 26, C. Glenn 24, and E. M. Atkins 20.

Another feature of the year has been the part which the ladies have played in peal ringing. There was their own peal at Cubitt Town on July 20th, and quite a large number have figured in other peal performances. Miss Parker has rung no fewer than 35 (eleven of them on handbells), of which she conducted 17, and Miss Elsie Bennett has rung 27 on handbells. The figures for the year are truly remarkable.

TWELVE BELL PEALS.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	THOMAS H. REEVES ... 7
THOMAS RUSSAM ... 2	JAMES PARKER ... 8
FREDERICK DICKENS ... 3	SAMUEL GROVE ... 9
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	ALF PADDON SMITH ... 10
THOMAS MILLER ... 5	JAMES E. GROVES ... 11
JAMES L. WELLS ... 6	JOHN NEAL ... Tenor

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

This is the first peal of Steadman Cinques in which a lady has taken part and Miss Parker received the hearty congratulations, not only of those taking part in the peal, but of a very large number of ringers and their wives who heard the greater part of the ringing.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER MANCROFT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

CHARLES E. BORRETT ... Treble	DENISON HAYWARD ... 7
GEORGE P. BURTON ... 2	*WILLIAM ROSE ... 8
JOHN E. BURTON ... 3	FREDERICK DAY ... 9
FREDERICK R. BORRETT ... 4	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 10
*EDWIN WHITING ... 5	JOHN SOUTER ... 11
*FREDERICK J. ROOPE ... 6	WILLIAM STEELE ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by C. E. BORRETT.

* First peal on twelve bells. First peal of Bob Maximus on the bells.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER ... 7
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	FRANCIS E. DAVE ... 8
THOMAS FAULKNER ... 3	†THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 9
WALTER S. WISE ... 4	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 10
*LOUIS ATTWATER ... 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 11
FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 6	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal on 12 tower bells. † First peal on 12 bells.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS' GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5053 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

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

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

This peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. Vernon Holt, Vicar of St. Nicholas, who has exchanged livings with the Rev. T. J. Bower, of Tormarton, near Badminton, Gloucestershire.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

HARRY HEAP Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
SAMUEL WOOD 3	ALBERT ADAMS 8
JOSEPH MELLOR 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
GEORGE GARNETT 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr. 18 lbs.

* FRANCIS DALE Treble	* ARTHUR GILL 6
ALFRED NAYLOR 2	CHARLES JACKSON 7
* ARTHUR WALKER 3	THOMAS HAIGH 8
ALBERT FEARNLEY 4	* LEONARD RODMILL 9
EDWARD RICKITT 5	GEORGE HARE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by C. JACKSON.

* First peal of Caters. Rung as a complimentary peal to Mr. Arthur E. West Sutton (an esteemed member of the Association) in honour of his marriage to Miss Clara Amy Tottle, the ringers wishing them both much happiness.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

GEORGE PEATE Treble	* BERT HORTON 6
WILLIAM GOODMAN 2	EDGAR T. SMITH 7
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 4	HARRY GOODMAN 9
JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. 5	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters. Rung on the Festival of St. John, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. Christopher Wallater; also as a welcome to Bert Horton who was visiting his native town—Wednesbury. William Goodman was proposed a member of the above Society and Bert Horton as a member of the above Guild previous to starting for the peal. The ringers of 2nd, 5th, 8th and tenor belong to Dudley; 3rd to Tipton; treble and 7th to Walsall; 4th to Willenhall; 8th to Coseley; and 6th to St. Matthew's, Clapton, London.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

FREDERICK G. BRETT ... Treble	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... 6
HENRY G. FAIRBRASS ... 2	FRANK BENNETT ... 7
WILLIAM E. PITMAN ... 3	WILLIAM HEWETT ... 8
CHARLES A. LEMAN ... 4	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 9
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 2	* WALTER PERKINS ... 7
ERNEST PYE ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Royal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ANSTEY, NEAR LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 14, 1912, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... Treble	ALBERT MASON ... 5
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 2	EDWARD NORMAN ... 6
ALEC BRAMLEY ... 3	T. HENRY HARDY ... 7
EDWARD JACKSON ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Rung as a welcome home to Edward Jackson on his return from Saskatchewan, Western Canada.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 16, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM C. HART ... Treble	GEORGE ADES ... 5
JOHN CAPP ... 2	BERT CHALLENGER ... 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
PHILIP ALLFREY ... 4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

LOUGHBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE BELL FOUNDRY TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JAMES PAGETT ... Treble	CHARLES DRAPER ... 5
JOHN OLDHAM ... 2	GEORGE FREEBREY ... 6
JAMES HUTCHBY ... 3	EDWARD READER ... 7
WILLIAM TRIGG ... 4	JOSEPH POWELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Freebreay. It was his first peal in the method. Wm. Trigg hails from Standford-on-Soar, and Messrs. Pagett, Draper and Freebreay from Derby.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN CAPP Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
WILLIAM C. HART 2	BERT CHALLENGE 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 3	KEITH HART 7
PHILIP ALLFREY 4	WILLIAM STENNING ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

HUGH W. GREGORY ... Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	*SAMUEL G. WRAGG ... Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD E. DODD ... Treble	JOHN RUSSELL 5
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	ARTHUR DEAN 6
HENRY BOXALL 3	JOHN H. WHITE 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 4	WILLIAM LYNCH ... Tenor

Conducted by J. H. WHITE.

Rung on the occasion of the laying of the foundation stone of the new south chapel by the Bishop of Guildford ; also as a birthday compliment to A. C. Otway and on the anniversary of the conductor's wedding.

OLD WINDSOR, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

FREDERICK J. GUTTRIDGE ... Treble	ARTHUR W. G. BLAKE ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 2	*GEORGE H. GUTTRIDGE ... 6
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Senr. ... 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOSEPH GUTTRIDGE, Junr. ... 4	FREDERICK GUTTRIDGE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTRIDGE.

* First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung on St. Thomas' Day and the eve of the 22nd anniversary of the opening of the bells ; also on the occasion of the 78th birthday of the Very Reverend the Dean of Windsor, a vice-president of the Guild. The ringers of the 3rd and tenor are brothers ; the ringers of the treble and 4th are sons of the ringer of the 3rd, and this was the first occasion upon which they had taken part in a peal together.

BURNLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

*TOM REDMAN Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON 5
JOHN P. FOULDS 2	JOHN WATSON 6
*RENNIE HARTLEY 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
*ALFRED BROOK 4	*THOMAS MOUNCEY ... Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

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

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S NO. 1.

Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ALBERT H. WARD ... Treble	RICHARD DRAGE 5
ALLAN R. HICKTON 2	JOHN FLOWER 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. ... 3	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	THOMAS HUTCHINSON ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to Mr. J. W. Chambers, an esteemed member of the above Church, and late churchwarden.

PORT SUNLIGHT, CHESHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS JENNION ... Treble	THOMAS MURRAY 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
GEORGE WOODHALL 3	JOHN TURNER 7
*EDWIN BREEZE 4	EDWARD CAUNCE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALBERT D. STONE 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 3	KEITH HART 7
PHILIP ALLFREY 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JOHN HOUGH Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN 5
JOHN H. SWINFELD 2	REV. E. V. COX 6
WILLIAM J. SMITH 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 4	*WALTER HAIR ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method. Rung on St. Thomas' Day.

BARTHOMLEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BERTHOLINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt., in E.

JOHN SHERRATT Treble	THOMAS CARTWRIGHT 5
RICHARD T. HOLDING, Junr. ... 2	ARTHUR ALLMAN 6
WILLIAM CARTWRIGHT 3	RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr. ... 7
JOHN BASSINGTON 4	JOHN ANKERS Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD T. HOLDING, Senr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rev. G. W. Skene (Rector).

PENDLEBURY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
GEORGE PINCOTT	Treble	ROBERT WALLWORK	5
FRED ABBOTT	2	TITUS BARLOW	6
THOMAS WORSLEY	3	JOHN POTTER	7
*JOHN WELSBY	4	JOHN EDGE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* 50th peal by J. Welsby. First peal of Stedman on the bells, which were opened in 1868.

STOKE, COVENTRY.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.	
FRANK E. PERVIN	Treble
WILLIAM PRYCE	2
OSWALD J. HUNT	3
EDWARD H. JOHNSON	4
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	5
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	6
JOSEPH H. WHITE	7
CHARLES FREEMAN	Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. WHITE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd. This is his first peal with a bob bell; also the first in the method.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ASPINWALL'S SIX PART.		Tenor 11½ cwt., in G.	
*HARRY ALLRED	Treble	†PETER CROOK	5
JOSEPH RIDYARD	2	†ROBERT ALLRED	6
WILLIAM TEBAY	3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON	7
JOSEPH GREGORY	4	*HERBERT ALLRED	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PENNINGTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Crook. Quickest peal on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD,
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
(C.E.M.S. PEAL.)

On Monday, December 23, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 12½ cwt.	
*HOWARD P. SMITH	Treble	HARRY S. SMITH	5
WILLIAM R. SMALL	2	ALFRED ROWLEY	6
SAMUEL PEARCE	3	JOHN SMITH	7
BENJAMIN GOUGH	4	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal. First peal on the bells by the C.E.M.S. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Miss C. A. de Vine, beloved sister of the Rev. Wilson Thomas de Vine, M.A., R.D. of Wednesbury, and Vicar of Tipton. The deceased lady was interred at Stevenage, Herts, on the above date.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, December 23, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.	
WILLIAM SEELEY	Treble
RICHARD DARLOW	2
JOSEPH J. ALLEN	3
THOMAS R. SCOTT	4
BERTRAM PREWETT	5
FREDERICK EDWARDS	6
FRANCIS A. SMITH	7
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT	Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

HORLEY, SURREY.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*FREDERICK HARMAN	Treble	GEORGE ILLMAN	5
JOHN SHERLOCK	2	STEPHEN KENWARD	6
JOSEPH KENWARD	3	PETER ETHERIDGE	7
ALBERT HARMAN	4	CHARLES OSBORNE	Tenor

Conducted by STEPHEN KENWARD.

* First peal away from the tenor. This peal was rung for the 6.30 service on Christmas morning.

GREAT BADDOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ALFRED TARBUN, JUNR.	Treble	HENRY F. COOPER	5
HENRY W. KIRTON	2	GEORGE GREEN	6
HENRY R. DAWSON	3	HARRY RICHELL	7
HARRY BUSH	4	ALFRED RICHELL	Tenor

Composed by the Rev. E. BANKES JAMES, and
Conducted by HENRY F. COOPER.

DERBY.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt.

JAMES PAGETT	Treble	JOSEPH DYKE	5
GEORGE BASSON	2	FRED HICKLING	6
JOHN H. SWINFIELD	3	EDMUND WILLIS	7
ALBERT H. WARD	4	WALTER WALLACE	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES PAGETT.

First peal of Stedman on the bells; also the quickest peal on the bells. The ringers of the 3rd and 5th hail from Burton-on-Trent; the 6th from Duffield; the rest belong to the local band.

Name of church not mentioned.—Ed.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

JOHN HALL	Treble	WILLIAM G. CRICKMER	5
LESLIE WIGHTMAN	2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN	3	WILLIAM BURGESS	7
GEORGE WIGHTMAN	4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN	Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

BARNET, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 23½ cwt.

ROBERT ROFFEY	Treble	JOHN SUMPTER	5
WILLIAM CHILDS	2	CHARLES J. TRICKER	6
FRANK A. MILNE	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
*HENRY BURLINGHAM	4	WALTER SOER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal of Grandsire; also his first peal for 15 years. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the "go" of the bells being all that can possibly be desired.

GRIMSBY.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 15½ cwt.

GEORGE SNELL Treble	PERCY C. LONG 5
HAROLD RUSHBY 2	JOHN W. SEAMER 6
WILLIAM H. HEYHOE 3	*WALTER AYRE 7
THOMAS FITZJOHN 4	ARTHUR B. SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. SEAMER.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for T. FitzJohn and W. Ayre.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

*MISS HILDA F. WILLSON Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON 2	EDWARD JACKSON ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	T. HENRY HARDY ... 7
ALBERT MASON 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal of Major and first attempt.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL... Treble	†JOHN W. J. COTTAM ... 5
†WILLIAM E. UNSTEAD ... 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 6
*ARTHUR WHITWORTH... 3	§ARTHUR HAGUE ... 7
†WILFRED LLOYD 4	CLEMENT GLENN ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal of Major.
§ First tower peal of Major. Rung on the Patronal Festival of the Church.

PENDLETON.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. in E.

*WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 5
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 2	HARRY W. WILDE ... 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
GEORGE E. TURNER ... 4	AMOS TRIPPIER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. This peal has 90 6-7's at back stroke. The company take this opportunity of thanking Mr. Trippier for entertaining them after the peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIANYSIUS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

P.C. HAROLD G. JENNEY... Treble	ARTHUR PETTIT 5
SAMUEL COTTON 2	ERNEST MORRIS 6
LOUIS E. ALLEN... .. 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 7
FRED H. DEXTER 4	FRED WILFORD Tenor

Composed by FRED H. DEXTER, and

Conducted by CHARLES H. FOWLER.

First peal of Double Norwich in Market Harborough. This is Fred H. Dexter's 50th peal.

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

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER... .. Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	WILLIAM PYE 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

NOTTINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY ... Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER ... 6
HERBERT DAY 3	GEORGE THOMPSON ... 7
NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

Quickest peal on the bells.

ILKESTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs., in E.

ISAAC HUFTON Treble	RICHARD DRAGE 5
WILLIAM THORNLEY 2	*CHARLES WILKINSON ... 6
JOSEPH HALL 3	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 7
ARTHUR FREEMAN 4	HENRY FLETCHER ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. C. GOBEY.

* First peal on eight bells.

PORTMADOC, CARNARVONSHIRE.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JACK McMILLAN ... Treble	HARRY WAKEFIELD 5
*HARRY McMILLAN 2	JOHN OWEN 6
REV. CADWALADAR WILLIAMS 3	†WILLIAM HENRY EVANS ... 7
*JACK PARSONS 4	*IDRIS P. THOMAS ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN OWEN.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal of Triples as conductor. Rung with the bells deeply muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. F. S. Percival, donor of the tower and bells, and Vice-President of the North Wales Association.

BUXTED, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETS... .. 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr... 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

UCKFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	GEORGE ADES 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ... 2	BERT CHALLENGE 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	KEITH HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	ALFRED J. TURNER ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

The above ringers represent eight towers in the association.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
*FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	LEWIS W. WIFFEN 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMSON 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by CHAS. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Arranged for L. W. Wiffen, of Weymouth, who was spending a holiday in the district. The tenor at Leiston has just been rehung by Mr. F. Day, of Eye, and great credit is due to him for the excellent manner in which he has carried out his work.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lbs.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD Treble	CHARLES DELL 5
JOSEPH J. PRATT 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
JOSEPH LOCK 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on the anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JOHN EVANS 6
JESSE ELDRIDGE 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
*HARRY BUNGAY 4	GEORGE MARTIN ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

*GEORGE PINCOTT Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
ROBERT WALLWORK ... 2	TITUS BARLOW 6
THOMAS WALLWORK ... 3	JOHN POTTER 7
ALFRED POTTER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL HALLOWS', TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

*F. ROPER Treble	W. W. DICKINSON 5
G. B. LUCAS, Senr. ... 2	BARNARD PATMORE 6
H. RUMENS 3	CHAS. BUTTON 7
F. CONN 4	*C. MARDELL Tenor

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS, Senr.

* First peal. Barnard Patmore was elected a member before starting.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16½ cwt.

JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr. ... Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALBERT D. STONE ... 6
CHARLES PALMER 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE ADES 4	BERT CHALLENGE ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	*WILLIAM WELLING ... 5
*WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6
†HERBERT COX 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	*GEORGE ALLDER ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. † First in the method away from treble. First Surprise peal on the bells.

BELGRAVE, LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

G. WALDER'S VARIATION OF J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

CHARLES J. HUBBARD ... Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 5
SAMUEL COTTON 2	FRED STANFORTH 6
ARTHUR J. BALLARD 3	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
DICK ILIFFE 4	GEORGE A. WALTON ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

Rung as a compliment to Charles Hubbard, who reached his 69th birthday on January 1st.

SEDGLEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*FREDERICK EVANS Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
SAMUEL PEARCE 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 6
*THOMAS GRIFFITHS 3	WILLIAM MILLS 7
†HERBERT SHEPPARD 4	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and

Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, Junr.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First peal of Bob Major with a working bell. First peal of Bob Major as conductor. Rung on Holy Innocents' Day.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE ESSEX Treble	*HARRY TUCKER... .. 5
CHARLES GILES... .. 2	ERNEST W. MENDAY ... 6
†JOSEPH HANDS 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
RICHARD T. HIBBERT ... 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

† * First peal of Bristol on an inside bell. † First peal of Bristol.
This was F. Blondell's 50th peal this year.

BEESTON, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ... Treble	ARTHUR LOWE 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, JUNR. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, SENR. 3	J. CHARLES DICKEN... .. 7
FREDERICK S. PRICE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* First peal in the method.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 10, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's and 360 of Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's and 360 of Bob Minor.

ERNEST HAMMOND Treble	ALFRED LING 4
WILLIAM SAWYER 2	HENRY PUTTOCK 5
ALDERMAN LING... .. 3	JAMES WARDLEY Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

HOUGH-ON-THE-HILL, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 17, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble	FREDERICK TUNNADINE ... 4
JOHN H. HAYNES 2	ARTHUR DRURY... .. 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	SIDNEY WHALEY Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR MACKEARS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

BIDSTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Kent and three each of Canterbury and Plain Bob.
Tenor 5 cwt. 3 qr. 24 lbs.

ROBT. SWINCHATT Treble	CHARLES RIMMER 4
CHARLES E. WILCOX 2	WILLIAM WILCOX 5
HAROLD ROGERS 3	SMITH WOOD Tenor

Conducted by W. WILCOX.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Swinchatt. It was his first peal. First peal on an inside bell by C. E. Wilcox.

CODDINGTON, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, December 20, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHRIS. BOWERS Treble	CHARLES WEOBLEY 4
ANDREW LAYTON 2	WILLIAM TURNER 5
CHARLES LAYTON 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells since being rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The band wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rector (Canon Bulkeley) for the use of the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being five 720's of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob, each 720 called differently. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

PERCY WEBB Treble	JESSE WEBB 4
*HERBERT CARDER 2	*WALTER FLITTON 5
EUSTACE WEBB... .. 3	*ARTHUR G. LILLEY Tenor

Conducted by PERCY WEBB.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor by a local band on the bells. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. W. Carder, one of the local company.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 4
THOMAS FITZJOHN 2	FREDERICK C. BURROWS... 5
SIDNEY ANNISON 3	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells which have just recently been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the "go" being splendid.

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

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SWITHIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of 720 Double Court, two 720's of Single Court, two 720's of Oxford Bob and two 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

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

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

BARROWBY, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,
A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Single Court, St. Clement's, Single Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11¼ cwt.

ARCHIE C. STOKES Treble	REGINALD SCOTT 4
REV. C. J. STURTON 2	ARTHUR PALMER 5
ARTHUR MACKEARS 3	JOSEPH LORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH LORD.

First peal in 7 methods as conductor.

TRULL, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 15 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*W. FUDGE, Junr. Treble	A. SYMONDS 4
*E. J. BULL... .. 2	*W. FUDGE, Senr. 5
T. J. SMITH 3	P. MERSON Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

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

BRUTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

HENRY MILBOURNE... .. Treble	*TOM WHITE 4
*WILLIAM CAUDY 2	E. F. CREED 5
T. G. VINCENT... .. 3	*TOM MERRIFIELD Tenor

Conducted by E. F. CREED.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 4th belong to Bruton, treble and 5th to Castle Cary, 3rd and tenor to Ditcheat.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*CHARLES FRED LING... .. Treble	HARRY HALL 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER 2	JAMES BARBER 5
JOHN HALL 3	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

This is the conductor's rooth peal.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK HAWKINS... .. Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL 4
HARRY CANSSELL... .. 2	GEORGE PANNELL 5
*OLAVE BROYD 3	WALTER NICE Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

The ringer of the Treble was elected a member previous to starting for the peal.

LINCOLN.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*GEORGE CHESTER Treble	*GEORGE CROMPTON 3
JAMES S. BETTS... .. 2	WILLIAM CLARKE 4
RICHARD T. SHARPE... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES S. BETTS.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. First peal of Doubles by the whole band and by the Northern Branch. Rung on the 13th anniversary of G. Crompton's wedding. The ringer's wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Sharpe who kindly entertained them to lunch after the peal.

WESTON, BATH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MICHAEL'S GUILD, BATH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

WILLIAM H. SEERS Treble	ALBERT E. SEERS 4
THOMAS HOGSFLESH 2	RICHARD J. COUSINS 5
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER 3	CHARLES DENSLEY Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. SEERS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. Seers and C. Good-enough, also to Mrs. A. E. Alexander.

ARBORFIELD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's Oxford Treble Bob, three of Kent and two of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 24 lbs.

*HAROLD HALE Treble	HARRY BUNGAY... .. 4
†JOSEPH WHITE 2	ERNEST C. LAMBERT 5
ALBERT PIERCE... .. 3	JOHN RANCE Tenor

Conducted by J. RANCE.

* First peal. † First peal in three methods. First peal on the bells, which were recently rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Webb & Bennett, and "go" splendidly.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr., in E.

*JOHN A. WEBSTER Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON 4
*STANLEY H. GRIFFIN 2	JAMES R. GRIFFIN 5
*ERIC A. WEBSTER 3	JOHN WALTERS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal. The band desire to thank Mr. W. Webster for his generous hospitality at the conclusion of the peal.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Five Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 10,080 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, London, Burton, City Delight, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Duke of York, Violet, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford,

CHARLES NUNN Treble	ALPHAUS J. BERRY... .. 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	LEONARD LAST 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLE Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLE.

First peal in 14 Treble Bob methods by the Norwich Diocesan Association, on the bells, and by all the band.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

JAMES TOMPKINS... .. Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM 4
CECIL A. VALENTINE... .. 2	*LEONARD A. SMITH... .. 5
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS 3	ALBERT J. GREEN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT J. GREEN.

* First peal of Minor with a bob bell.

DUSTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Double Court, Woodbine, Oxford
and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.
WILFRED SHARPE Treble | THOMAS LAW 4
FRED. HOPPER 2 | FRANK ROLLINS 5
WILLIAM ROGERS 3 | FRED. WILFORD Tenor
Conducted by FRED. WILFORD.

LEA, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH, GAINSBOROUGH DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.
FREDERICK G. W. BUTLER Treble | JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 4
WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 2 | JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 5
CHARLES HENRY BAKER ... 3 | *HERBERT TORR Tenor
Conducted by FRED. G. W. BUTLER.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

KILLMARSH, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND SHEFFIELD DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Wells, Beverley, Chester, Carlisle, York,
and Durham. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*FRED PARR... .. Treble | GEORGE BURNHAM 4
HARRY GREAVES 2 | W. H. TURTON... .. 5
*T. A. HOWES SMITH ... 3 | CHARLES SEVERN Tenor
Conducted by CHARLES SEVERN.

* First Surprise peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 19, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER 1-2 | JOHN THOMAS 5-6
*WILBY J. HAZELL ... 3-4 | JAMES PARKER... .. 7-8
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal with two bob bells.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. JUTSON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores

GEORGE JUTSON 1-2 | JOHN B. HALLIFAX ... 3-4
JOHN J. JUTSON 5-6
Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

First handbell peal by all. First double-handed peal for the Association and rung at the first attempt.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. THOMAS BERNARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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.

Rung to commemorate the anniversary of the wedding of Mr. A. T. Morris.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERPILERS, 5067 CHANCES;

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1-2 | MAURICE SMITHER... .. 5-6
JAMES HUNT 3-4 | SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 7-8

THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9-10

Composed by W. T. ELSON, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: EDWARD RADDON.

Witness: A. J. WHITING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a farewell to James Hunt, who, to the regret of all the ringers, has left Guildford for London.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

JOHN THORPE 1-2 | GEORGE LEWIS 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4 | SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 7-8
R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 9-10

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

Umpire: TOM O'HARA.

Witnesses: JAMES EVINSON and THOMAS G. SAREL.

The above is G. Lewis and J. Thorpe's 100th peal, and also G. Lewis' first peal on ten bells as conductor.

The peal at Moulton recorded last week, was conducted by Rupert Richardson.

The ringer of the 2nd in the peal of Minor at Bobbing on Dec. 17th, was Harry Jewiss, not Jerviss.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

SUTTON COLDFIELD.—Warwickshire Guild.—On Nov. 10th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Parr 1, A. Allsopp 2, J. Jennings 3, C. Waltham (conductor) 4, B. Leatham 5, T. Bloore 6, George Roberts 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung in honour of the election of Major Fiddim Green as Mayor of the Borough.

POOLE.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, at St. James' Church, 1260 Grand-sire Triples: E. Bloom 1, A. James 2, C. A. Lins 3, H. Baverstock 4, F. S. Case 5, F. W. Townsend (conductor) 6, H. James 7, C. W. Froud 8. First quarter-peal by the local band.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association. — On Nov. 30th, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Major (1248 changes): W. T. Prior 1, T. J. Watts 2, T. Jordan 3, N. J. Pilstow 4, J. Luckey 5, F. M. Butler 6, W. Watts 7, H. J. Tucker (conductor) 8.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Dec. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Bishop 1, T. East, junr. (first quarter-peal) 2, A. Yates 3, J. Napper, junr., 4, T. East (conductor) 5, J. S. Napper 6, R. G. Rice 7, W. Warwick 8.

BLEWPUY, BERKS.—On Dec. 6th, 1036 Grandsire Triples: G. Welch 1, T. East (conductor) 2, E. Aldridge 3, A. Yates 4, G. F. James 5, R. James 6, J. S. Napper 7, R. G. Rice 8.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Dec. 10th, 720 Bob Minor: H. C. Mulford 1, T. Hughes 2, R. G. Rice (conductor) 3, V. R. Hitchman 4, G. C. Rice 5, W. Hitchman 6.

KING'S NORTON.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, on the occasion of the 84th birthday of Mr. Frank Palmer, 968 Grandsire Triples: J. Betterton 1, Fred Sumner 2, A. Pritchett 3, F. Withers 4, T. Pritchett 5, W. Palmer 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, T. Beal Pritchett 8.—On Sunday, Dec. 1st, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: W. Dowling 1, W. Palmer 2, A. Pritchett 3, T. Pritchett 4, J. S. Pritchett 5, J. Withers 6, A. Chambers (conductor) 7, W. Beal Pritchett 8.

WIDNES.—At St. Paul's Church, on Dec. 8th, for evening service, 720 Oxford Bob Minor, on the middle six: G. Leather, junr., 1, A. Carrington 2, J. A. Calland 3, R. Dagnall 4, R. Leather 5, G. Clews 6, F. J. Hancock (conductor) 7, A. Harris 8.

LAMBERTHURST, KENT. — On Dec. 8th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: J. Tapp 1, A. Marshall 2, G. Fuller 3, W. Marshall 4, H. Price 5, A. Relfe (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except H. Price, also first in the method on the bells.

NORTH HAW, HERTS.—On Dec. 3rd 720 Bob Minor: T. French 1, F. Bennett 2, J. Bryant 3, J. Roberts 4, G. Stevens 5, A. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

AN AUSTRALIAN LAMENT.

UNHAPPY STATE OF AFFAIRS IN MELBOURNE

PROGRESS IN RINGING THWARTED.

HOW A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS WAS LOST.

By the last mail two letters have reached us from Australia, and they reveal a rather unhappy state of affairs at Melbourne, where we, in England, thought change ringing was at any rate holding its own. The first communication is from Mr. C. Porter, of Sydney, who writes:

I should like to give you a short account of a visit to Melbourne by some Sydney ringers. We formed a party of four, and safely arrived in Melbourne on Saturday, November 2nd, after a long train journey, and were met by two ringers who kindly made arrangements for our accommodation. On Saturday night we met at St. Paul's Cathedral, and had our first difficulty. We had the pleasure of meeting Mr. R. F. Deal, who attended at our request, and found to our surprise that he was debarred from ringing with us by order of the Committee of St. Paul's Society.

On Sunday morning, we attended St. Patrick's, where we were heartily welcomed, and as no restrictions were in force there, we had a good ring together, and met again in the evening. On Monday night we went again to St. Paul's, when the so-called committee, seeing that we would not ring unless Mr. Deal rang with us, called off the interdict. So far so good.

On Tuesday night we were the guests of St. Patrick's Society, who gave us a "smoke night," and arrangements were made then to attempt a peal of Caters on St. Paul's bells the next evening, and the bells were ostensibly placed at our disposal for that occasion by Mr. Guest, the captain of St. Paul's Society. Now mark the result. We tried to get the best team available, and hunted up one or two ringers who we knew were safe men and competent to undertake a peal. Before starting we requested those who did not wish to stay in the tower to retire and then, under the conductorship of Mr. Deal, started for Grandsire Caters, the first attempt for a peal on ten bells in the Southern Hemisphere. Everything went smoothly for about half an hour, the striking being very good indeed for a band who had never practised together before, and was improving with every course.

AN UNPLEASANT INCIDENT.

Suddenly a commotion was heard on the stairs, and Mr. Stocks, the vice-captain (may his name be handed down to posterity) bounced across the belfry, and, getting behind the conductor, asked in a loud and raucous voice, "Who locked the door and kept the local ringers from entering the belfry," etc. Now, considering that this august personage was at the "smoke night," and knew all the arrangements, this "takes the bun." Well, we survived this ordeal, and the "vice-captain" having noisily departed, we continued to roll off the courses. But it was not to be, for at the end of the 11th course, the 8th rope came down. Now, I don't like to say anything I am not sure of, but if that rope was not cut my name is not Porter. I never saw a more even break in my life, and at an "inquest" held on the defaulter, the opinion was unanimous.

We have had Melbourne ringers in Sydney, but we treated them far differently to this. If the St. Paul's "experts" wished to ring the first peal of Caters themselves, why did they not say so, instead of handing the tower over to us, intending that we should not get the peal. In fact, while the ringing was in progress, some of the members were at the foot of the tower openly expressing the hope that some mishap would stop the attempt—and when the rope broke, one observed to the others, "Your wish has been fulfilled." Needless to say, we cut short our visit after this experience. To the St. Patrick's Society we wish to express our heartfelt thanks for their kindness and hospitality, and we only regret that the bells in their tower are not in good enough condition to make a peal possible on them.

MR. R. F. DEAL'S EXPERIENCE

The second letter is from a ringer well-known in London, Mr. R. F. Deal. His many friends will be glad to learn that, as far as business is concerned, he has no cause to regret leaving the old country. It is otherwise with the state of ringing in Melbourne. He writes:—

The only decently ringable peal in this city is at St. Paul's Cathedral, but there is no encouragement for genuine ringers there, and although there are plenty in the place, they have practically all deserted St. Paul's, owing to dissensions and bad management. There is no unity among the members of the band, and the chief aim of the so-called "Committee" is to keep more enlightened persons than themselves out of the tower—which policy appears to meet with the approval of the Cathedral authorities, as represented by the Precentor, whose total ignorance of everything connected with ringing has been the chief factor in bringing about the present condition of affairs.

ENERGY AND AMBITION DEAD.

I commenced ringing at St. Paul's on my arrival here in February last, and attended practically every meeting for six months, but no opportunity was offered me of joining the society; so after some correspondence with the Precentor, I withdrew from the ringing altogether, with little regret, being sick of the invariably bad strik-

ing, and finding every obstacle put in the way of progress. There is no hope of getting anything better than Grandsire Triples, and only short touches even of that, energy and ambition having totally died out. So, as qualified ringers are discouraged, and nobody at present in the tower has any desire to train youngsters, ringing is in danger of becoming a lost art in Melbourne.

The bad reputation of the place, from a ringers' point of view, has now spread far beyond Melbourne. A fortnight ago, Messrs. R. and E. McDonald and C. W. Porter, of Sydney, came over for some ten-bell practise, and no doubt hoping to score a peal. I was invited to meet them at St. Paul's, and gladly did so, but the local "Committee" endeavoured to prevent me from ringing, having got wind of my correspondence with the Precentor, in which I had stated my mind somewhat freely as to the conduct of the society. However, the difficulty was smoothed over, and Mr. McDonald, senr., subsequently obtained the tower (through the "captain") to attempt a peal of Caters, no restrictions being made as to choice of a band, etc. We got together the best band possible, including three members of the St. Paul's company, and started for a 5039 of Grandsire Caters, but after ringing 11 courses in capital style for a scratch team, down came the 8th rope. Previously, at about the 6th course-end, in came the "vice-captain" who crossed the belfry with as much noise as possible, loudly asking, "who locked the local ringers out," etc., although he was present when the tower was, ostensibly, placed entirely at Mr. McDonald's disposal for the occasion. But that was not the worst. When we examined the broken rope, we found it had parted in a way that left no doubt that someone was determined we should lose the peal. A break caused by fair wear and tear does not usually occur a foot outside the wheel, all three strands exactly the same length, and no sign of fraying. And if any confirmation was required, I think it was provided by the words and behaviour of certain individuals subsequently. The Sydney ringers, after this display of petty meanness, cut short their stay and went home disgusted, in spite of the efforts of the St. Patrick's ringers to entertain them. Melbourne ringers could themselves have scored the first ten-bell peal here long ago, if they had honestly tried. I might just add that both A. E. Barnes and J. L. Murray—two splendid ringers and conductors—have given up ringing, through the state of affairs here.

WORCESTER CATHEDRAL RINGER'S DEATH.

The death has just taken place of Mr. Henry Wilkes, one of Worcester's oldest bell ringers. He was 65 years of age, and had rung at the Cathedral for the past 40 years, being a member of the Cathedral Guild up to the time of his death.

The funeral took place at Claines Parish Church, about two miles from the city, and the deceased was borne to the grave by four members of the Guild, Messrs. B. S. Hill, G. Hinton, W. H. Johnson and W. C. Jones. Many other members and ringing friends were also present, including J. Perry, J. Brettell, W. Page, L. Longney and T. Bullock. At the conclusion of the service, at the graveside, as a last token of respect, a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on handbells, by: W. C. Jones 1—2, W. H. Johnson 3—4, G. Hinton 5—6, W. Page 7—8, L. Longney 9—10.

The late Mr. H. Wilkes had rung many peals, and was a safe conductor. The last peal he rang and conducted was a muffled peal of Grandsire Caters at the Cathedral, to the memory of the late King Edward. He had taken a great interest in the Guild, and will be much missed by the members.

OFFENHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 10th, 720 Plain Bob Minor: H. Morton (first 720) 1, J. Porter 2, F. Cook (conductor) 3, F. Moss 4, H. Middleton 5, E. Mullins 6.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.—At St. Deny's Church, on Nov. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Hammond 1, H. Smith 2, A. Harman 3, E. Bishop, senr., 4, E. Bishop, junr. (first quarter as conductor) 5, C. Brasier 6, A. Martin 7, G. Martin 8.

BRAINTREE.—On Nov. 10th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 39 mins.: H. Coote 1, H. E. Hammond 2, H. J. Collins 3, G. Melbourne 4, W. H. Dyson 5, F. Eley 6, C. H. Howard (conductor) 7, W. H. Hammond 8.

STOKE-ON-TRENT.—At the Parish Church, on Nov. 10th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. Woodward (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Bloor 2, H. Page 3, J. Woodward 4, T. Austin 5, S. Churton 6, C. Page (first quarter-peal as conductor) 7, J. Simister 8. For evening service, another quarter peal: G. Woods 1, C. Woodward (first quarter inside) 2, G. Bloor 3, S. Churton 4, J. Woodward (first quarter as conductor) 5, T. Austin 6, C. Page 7, H. Austin 8.

MARSTON MAGNA, SOMERSET.—On Oct. 31st, at St. Mary's, at the opening of the bells, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 38 mins.: G. Creed 1, H. Milbourne 2, T. G. Vincent, junr., 3, T. Merryfield 4, E. F. Creed (conductor) 5, R. Look 6.

IRTHLINGBORO', NORTHANTS.—On Nov. 2nd, an attempt for a peal of London Surprise Major was lost after ringing 4064 changes, in 2½ hrs.: J. J. Mawby 1, A. Y. Tyler 2, W. J. German 3, J. Houghton 4, J. Garratt 5, J. H. Horn 6, J. T. Ward 7, W. Perkins (conductor) 8.

FROME.—On Nov. 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Ten-part, was rung in 48 mins.: J. Offer 1, W. Bishop 2, J. Francis 3, C. Raison 4, A. K. Harrison 5, S. J. Hector 6, G. H. Harding (conductor) 7, W. Baxter 8.

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THE RECORD HOLDER FOR 1912.

Never was there a year in which so much ringing was done as in 1912, and it is not surprising, in a year which has easily surpassed all previous records, to find some remarkable individual performances. To Mr. A. W. Grimes, mine host of the George IV, at Haggerston, whose burly frame and genial countenance are so well known in ringing circles in and around London, has fallen the opportunity of making the biggest "bag" of the year. Mr. Grimes rang no fewer than 114 peals between January 1st and December 31st—a truly prodigious number for one man to accomplish. They cover the whole gamut from Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques, and from Bob Major to London Surprise and Cambridge Royal, and a



MR. A. W. GRIMES.

goodly proportion have been rung on handbells, while the tower bell peals were rung in 50 churches. Such a record is, indeed, remarkable.

Alfred William Grimes was born at Copdock, near Ipswich, on January 30th, 1881, and spent the early part of his life at the little town of Debenham in Suffolk. Here there is a peal of eight bells from the Whitechapel Foundry, which have not many superiors of their weight and style, and there Mr. Grimes learnt his ringing. One of his earliest recollections of ringing is the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major, which was rung at Debenham on Whit-Monday, 1892, conducted by Mr. James Motts, by all accounts as finely struck a peal as has ever been rung. Mr. Grimes' father, Mr. William Grimes, is one of the best known ringers in the Eastern Counties, and besides his own talented son, he has taught many score ringers. Nowhere in England is good striking thought more of than in East Suffolk, and Debenham has always been very particular in this respect. Thus, before he left his native county, Mr.

Alfred Grimes was perfect in the one essential of good ringing—striking—and he has in a very marked degree that gift of the best of all ringers—that of being able to ring practically anything and never make a mistake.

His first peal was rung at Thornden on November 21st, 1896, seven 720's of Plain Bob Minor, and his second on February 27th, 1897, at Debenham, and there also he called his first peal. He rang over fifty peals at Debenham and district, and then, like so many good country ringers, he found his way to London. Here for many years he was outside peal ringing, and practically outside ringing altogether. The claims of business must be attended to even by ringers, though some seem to manage the two so that business does not interfere over much with ringing. Then during the spring of 1909 some of the St. John's, Waterloo Road, band paid a visit to Suffolk, and rang a peal at Debenham when Mr. Grimes happened to be home for a visit. He was invited to meet them when they all got back to town, and joined the tower to which he has since been attached.

St. John's is rather more favourably situated for peal ringing than most towers, and since it has a set of energetic and capable ringers Mr. Grimes' peal list soon began to expand. To the methods he had rung at home he speedily added most of the Surprise methods, and before he had rung his century he had included old and new Cambridge, Suerlative and Norfolk Major, Cambridge Royal, Forward Major, Stedman Caters and Cinques.

But the chief interest in Mr. Grimes' career lies in the wonderful record of peals he has rung during 1912. Once only before has a man rung more than one hundred in a twelve months, and that was when Mr. J. W. Washbrook, at his best, rang no fewer than 127. No use would be served by comparing the two lists; the circumstances under which they were rung being so different. It is enough to say that the list that Mr. Grimes put together in one year would be a most excellent one for the whole life time of an average ringer. He started the year with the avowed intention of ringing fifty, but as the months went on and peal after peal was rung the whole century first became possible, then probable, and was finally achieved with a good bit to spare.

Many of these peals are of more than usual interest. They include the first peals of Norfolk in London, Kent, Essex and Norfolk; the first peal of Forward Major in London, and the first peal of Waterloo Major ever rung. He was also in the false peal that preceded the last-named.

But chief of all his performances was the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major rung last Whitsuntide at Hornchurch, a peal that was notable not only for the length and the difficulty of the method, but for the good striking and the absence of anything approaching a muddle. Mr. Grimes is at home equally well at the light or heavy end. During a tour last year in Norfolk he rang St. Peter Mancroft tenor (43 cwt.) to Treble Twelve, and that bell has never been better rung, although many a famous heavy-bell man has turned her in. Mr. Grimes has also rung Ipswich tenor to Treble Twelve.

Appended are Mr. Grimes' peals, his total being set alongside this year's batch:—

	1912.				Total.			
	Tower.	Con.	Hand.	Con.	Tower.	Con.	Hand.	Cyl.
Forward Major					1			
London Surprise		1			2			
Bristol	18				18			

Cambridge	12				19				
New Cambridge	1				3				
Norfolk	4				5				
Superlative	6	I			11	I			
Cambridge Royal	3				6				
Waterloo Major	1				1				
Stedman Triples	11		4		14		4		
Stedman Caters	8		8		15		8		
Stedman Cinques	4		2		8		2		
Double Norwich Major	11	I			36	I			
Oxford T.B. Major	2				17	I			
Kent T.B. Major	1	I	I	I	7		I	I	
Kent T.B. Royal			I	I	5		I	I	
Kent T.B. Maximus	4				4				
Bob Major			2		13	I	2		
Bob Royal			4	I			4	I	
Bob Maximus			1				1		
Grandsire Triples	I		1		2		1		
Grandsire Caters			2				2		
Six Bell Peals					4	I			
Total	88	3	26	3	191	5	26	3	

Mr. Grimes is a member of the following Associations: Norwich, College Youths (Middlesex), London County, Kent, Oxford, Hertford, Sussex, Warwickshire, St. Margaret's (Westminster), and St. Mary-le-Tower (Ipswich).

ODD CHANGES.

Over 100 peals have been sent in to us for publication this week, and, although we have added four extra pages to our number, our columns are still not elastic enough to accommodate this enormous batch. We have been unavoidably compelled, therefore, to hold over several peals and other reports, as well as the continuation of Mr Trollope's article and our weekly diagram.

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For five years in succession peals have been successful on Boxing Day at the Church of St. John-the-Divine, Leicester. This year young Miss Hilda Willson piloted the treble to Double Norwich, while Lilian, her sister, rang an inside bell.

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To honour the veteran leader of the ringers of Llandaff Cathedral, Mr. J. Clutterbuck, who was one of the originators of the Llandaff Diocesan Association, the ringers of Newport attempted at All Saints' Church, Newport, a peal of Stedman Triples on Saturday last, the occasion of Mr. Clutterbuck's birthday. Unfortunately the peal was lost after ringing well over half way.

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A combined practice of the Sonning branch of the Oxford Guild was held on Saturday last at Easthamstead. The attendance was rather poor, but the following methods were practiced: Kent, Oxford, Double Court, Double and Single Oxford, Plain Bob, Cambridge Surprise and Grandsire Doubles. Grandsire Triples were also rung on handbells.

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There are early birds at Horley, and on Christmas morning they, so to speak, caught the early worm, for they scored a peal of Grandsire Triples before the 6.30 a.m. service.

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At the Cinque Ports Liberty, of Brightlingsea (Essex), they make their Mayor in the belfry. We doubt if anywhere else the belfry is used for this purpose.

The peal of Grandsire Triples at Old Windsor on December 13th celebrated a triple event. It was the first peal in his native parish after 17 years' interval by the ringer of the 5th (Mr. J. Guttridge, junr.); it was the 21st anniversary of the marriage of the ringer of the 3rd (Mr. T. Smith) and the 64th birthday of the ringer of the treble (Mr. J. Guttridge, senr.).

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The report of a peal rung at Kibworth has been sent without the date, and of a peal at Mathon without conductor's name.

ATTEMPT ON TOWER BELL RECORD.

An attempt on the tower bell record is to be made at Ashton-under-Lyne to-morrow, when the band who rang the peal there on December 21st will start for 18,400 Kent Treble Bob Royal. The bells will go off at 6.30 a.m.

The present tower bell record is, of course, the 18,027 Stedman Caters, rung at Loughborough on April 12th, 1909, in 12 hours 18 minutes.

The preliminary to to-morrow's attempt was the 7280 of Treble Ten rung on December 7th. On that occasion the peal composed and conducted by Mr. Sam Wood was as under:—

Bob leads
first course.

234567890
908674523
357829406
427365089
674203958
467203958
235869407
523369407
635248790

23456 M W H

63524
36425 2 2
23465 1
53642 1 2 1
35246 2 2
43256 1

Repeated, calling
first course
2M 1W 2H
gives
243567890

Bob leads
last course.

243567890
907683524
458729306
328465079
683204957
368204957
083692745
793058462
453729608
234567890

5008 BOB MAJOR.

By GEORGE LEWIS, ECCLESFIELD.

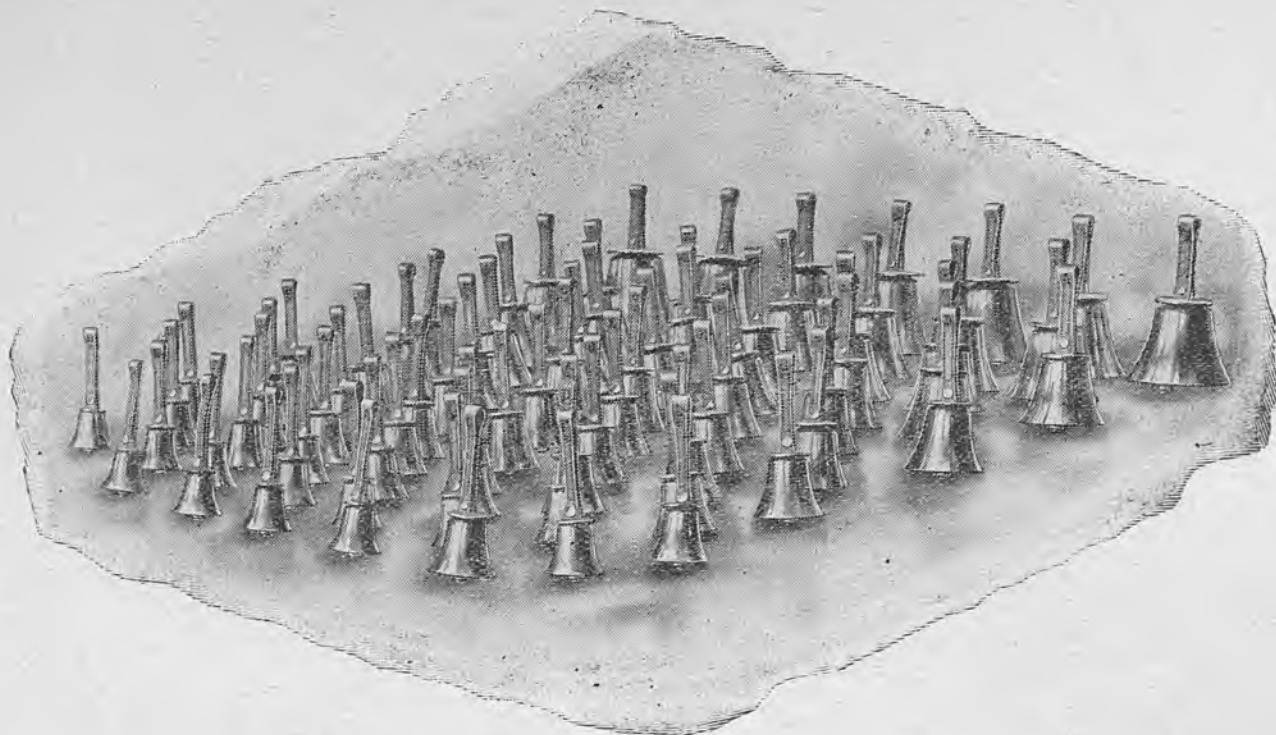
23456	W	5/4	B	H	continued	W	M	H
53264	S	—	—	—	45326	—	—	—
34265	—	x	—	—	34526	—	—	—
45263	—	x	—	—	53426	—	—	—
24563	—	—	—	—	42536	—	—	—
52463	—	—	—	—	54236	—	—	—
23465	—	x	—	—	25436	—	—	—
35462	—	x	—	—	43526	S	—	—
43562	—	—	—	—	54326	—	—	—
54362	—	—	—	—	35426	—	—	—
42365	—	x	—	—	24356	—	S	—
25364	—	x	—	—	32456	—	—	—
23564	—	—	S	—	43256	—	—	—
52364	—	—	—	—	25346	S	—	—
24365	—	x	—	—	32546	—	—	—
45362	—	x	—	—	53246	—	—	—
34562	—	—	—	—	24536	—	—	—
53462	—	—	—	—	52436	—	—	—
32465	—	x	—	—	45236	—	—	—
25463	—	x	—	—	23546	S	—	—
42563	—	—	—	—	52346	—	—	—
54263	—	—	—	—	35246	—	—	—
43265	—	x	—	—	42356	—	S	—
35264	—	x	—	—	34256	—	—	—
32564	—	—	S	—	23456	—	—	—

The first peal published containing the 6th, the extent in 5-6 in the minimum number of courses and changes.

First rung at St. Stephen's, Eastwood, Rotherham, December 26th, 1912, conducted by Clement Glenn.

Note.—Several blocks of 24 courses, many containing only two singles, can be substituted for the last part of the peal.

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NEW BELLS AT GUILDFORD.

RESTORED PEAL DEDICATED.

Since 1769, when Peter Flutter, who as Mayor of the borough laid the first stone of Holy Trinity Church, Guildford, in 1748, placed a peal of eight bells in the tower, the county town of Surrey has played a part in the annals of ringing, for a few months after they were hung, "Mr. Holt's peal of Grandsire Triples" was rung upon them. When the bells were erected in 1769, the frame in which they were hung was of weak design, and although strengthened a few years ago, it had latterly developed such serious faults as to render the ringing of the bells a matter of some risk, and a menace to the stability of the tower. The present restoration of the bells includes the re-hanging of them in massive iron framework carried upon heavy rolled steel girders, so that the weight is more evenly and properly distributed, upon the lines of modern engineering practice. The tenor bell was seriously cracked; the treble and fourth were harmonically faulty, and the seventh had the same fault, and was in addition damaged in transit to the foundry. These four bells have been re-cast and the whole peal re-tuned and re-hung with entirely new fittings of the latest and most approved style, the work having been carried out in eminently satisfactory style by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

The inscriptions recording the re-casting of the bells in 1769 have been carefully reproduced on the bells which have again been re-cast, and another inscription records the carrying out of the work now completed. The tenor is in E flat, and the weights of the bells are as follow: Treble, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.; 2nd, 7 cwt. 1 qr.; 3rd, 8 cwt. 0 qrs. 5 lbs.; 4th, 8 cwt. 3 qrs. 19 lbs.; 5th, 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 16 lbs.; 6th, 12 cwt. 2 qrs. 21 lbs.; 7th, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 6 lbs.; tenor, 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 8 lbs.—total weight, 94 cwt. 2 qrs. 15 lbs.

A new floor has been put in under the bells, and some weaknesses due to former cutting away of portions of the tower walls have been remedied. In addition, the levels of the bells have been re-arranged, and the lower portion of the louvers bricked in, with a view to preventing as far as possible the direct "beating down" of the sound of the bells. The estimate for the work to the bells amounted to some £413, and the bricklayers' work in carrying out the improvement and repairs to the tower, together with other expenses, will add about £50, making a total cost of £463. The subscriptions to the Bell Fund amount to £433, so that there is an estimated deficiency of £35.

THE SERVICE.

The dedication service, which took place on Sunday afternoon last, was to have been performed by the Bishop of Winchester, but his lordship was prevented by illness from being present, and, the Bishop of Guildford being weatherbound in the Isle of Wight, the duty of dedicating the bells devolved upon the Rector (the Rev. E. C. Kirwan), who is Rural Dean. The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild) was present at the special service, most of which was conducted beneath the tower. Immediately after the prayer of dedication, the 5th was tolled three times, to represent the Trinity, and as the clergy and choir returned to the chancel, the fine ring of bells poured out their melodious strains to a perfect course of Stedman Triples, rung by: C. Willshire 1, J. J. Jones 2, H. L. Garfath 3, S. Radford 4, J. S. Goldsmith 5, C. Hazelden 6, B. Chorley 7, A. H. Pulling 8.

After the hymn, "Thy Hand, O God, has guided," the Rector gave an address, in the course of which he congratulated the parish on the completion of a costly and big undertaking. To raise between £400 and £500, he said, for an object which, rightly or wrongly, did not appeal to everybody, was no light or easy matter. It was, however, only when the bells were silent that they realised how much they meant both to the parish and town, and it would have been a poor policy, it would have been a disastrous blunder to have left them unringable and unringed. They might confidently feel assured that all had been done in a workmanlike manner, and was likely to last in splendid condition for a great number of years. There had been, he added, between 400 and 500 subscribers to the fund, and the amounts had ranged from sums of 1d. to £50. The donors had included rich and poor; those who worshipped there, and those who attended other parishes, and they had also received some welcome contributions from generous Nonconformist brethren. The Rector proceeded to speak of the origin and history of church bells, and of their uses. During the last 60 years, he said, the bells and belfries had been recovering from the neglect of the previous two or three centuries. They had become part and parcel of the Church, and the ringers among the most valuable and valued of the Church workers. The whole fabric of the Church, he continued, had a message to give to man, and the bell was the Church's iron tongue. Although inarticulate, it was a prophet to whose voice the people must needs listen, when, perhaps, the articulate voice of the human body fell upon unheeding ears. The Rector concluded by making an earnest appeal for the wiping out of the remainder of the debt.

The service concluded with the hymn, "Angel voices, ever singing," and as the congregation left the church, the bells again pealed out merrily. Numerous short touches of Major and Triples were rung, with a short interval, up to evensong, among those taking part being: Mr. John Heathorn, the oldest ringer in the Winchester Guild, who will shortly be celebrating his 90th birthday.

PRESENTATIONS.

Before the dedication service, an interesting ceremony took place in the belfry. Mr. B. Chorley, on behalf of the ringers, presented the Rector with a handsome silver-plated hot-water jug, as an appreciation of many kindnesses which they had received. It was inscribed: "Presented to the Rev. E. C. Kirwan, M.A., Rector of Holy Trinity, Guildford, by his Bell Ringers, on the occasion of the dedication of the bells, December 29th, 1912."—The Rector, who suitably acknowledged the gift, then presented a 14-day clock in oak case, subscribed for by the ringers, to Mr. H. L. Garfath, a member of the band for many years, who has now left Guildford, and resides at Croydon. The gift was a recognition of his services to the band, a token of the esteem in which he was held, and an expression of the good wishes entertained by his ringing colleagues for his future welfare and prosperity.

After evensong, when the bells were again rung, Mr. Churchwarden Lunn unveiled an alabaster tablet, in the belfry, recording the first peal of London Surprise Major rung by a local band in the Diocese of Winchester. This peal was rung on February 8th, 1910, by the Holy Trinity men, and the tablet was presented by the Rector and Churchwardens.

On Tuesday evening, a peal of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells.

BELL RESTORATION AT CHILHAM, KENT.

On Monday week, the fine ring of eight bells (tenor 18 cwt.) of St. Mary's Church, Chilham, near Canterbury, were re-dedicated, after having been silent for some months. The 5th bell has been recast, and the whole ring has been retuned and rehung in a special steel frame with all the most modern fittings that science can devise. The old oak beams which had become dangerous have also been cleared out, and massive steel girders have been substituted, and upon these a new floor has been erected. The whole of the work of restoration has been carried out by Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, London, in a truly able manner, and one cannot speak too highly of their workmanship. Before the service, three leads of Grandsire Triples were rung, by: E. Foreman 1, F. A. Nunn 2, — Wood 3, Rev. F. J. O. Helmore 4, E. Trendell 5, A. A. Andrews 6, G. Brett 7, G. Taylor 8. At the conclusion of the ceremony, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, conducted by E. Buesden, was successfully accomplished, and ringing was brought to an end with three leads of Kent Treble Bob by the same band.

Messrs. John Warner and Sons were represented by four members of the Kent County Association, W. J. Nudds, James Hunt, F. A. Nunn and T. Groombridge, junr. A very enjoyable supper was partaken of at the conclusion of ringing, and full justice was done to the splendid repast, which was generously provided by Mrs. Hay, of Chilham.

FIRST "LADY-CONDUCTED" TWELVE-BELL PEAL.

MISS EDITH PARKER CALLS STEDMAN CINQUES AT BIRMINGHAM.

On Boxing Day, the important part now taken in the Exercise by fair performers, was advanced a long stage by that talented young lady, Miss Edith K. Parker, who conducted a peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Martin's, Birmingham. An old ringer once remarked that if the bells of St. Martin's were pulled off and left to themselves, they would go into Stedman Cinques on their own account. Be this as it may, it is practically certain that during the past 90 years more changes in this method have been rung, and probably more peals scored on them, than on any other two or three rings of twelve put together. It is, therefore, peculiarly appropriate that the first peal of Stedman Cinques to be conducted by a lady should be accomplished in this famous old tower.

Miss Parker, accompanied by her father, who also rang in the peal, journeyed from London on purpose for the peal, and was met at the station by several ringers and their wives. The meeting time was one o'clock, and shortly before this hour, Miss Parker was standing in the centre of the spacious belfry, surrounded by forty or fifty ringers, who were curious to see the plucky young lady, and several ladies who were more curious still. Eventually the belfry was vacated by all but those who were to ring, and Miss Parker pulled off the treble in workmanlike style. There was perhaps, just an element of doubt among some as to how she would strike her bell, it being understood that she was more accustomed to eight-bell ringing, but all doubts on this score were set at rest after the very first course. The bells settled down immediately to a good beat, and course-end after course-end rolled up in grand style, and an excellent peal was brought round in 3 hrs. and 38 mins., as recorded elsewhere in this issue. The peal was called in an absolutely faultless manner, as though the young lady had done nothing but call peals of Stedman Cinques from birth. On the conclusion, she was heartily congratulated by the band, as also was her father, by a large number of ringers from all round the district who had heard more or less of the peal.

BATH, SOMERSET.—On Dec. 8th, for morning service, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: A. Hudd 1, G. Temple 2, W. J. Prescott 3, E. King 4, O. W. Bell 5, E. Holder 6, T. F. King (conductor) 7, L. Smith 8.

THE LLANDAFF ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT CARDIFF.

The annual meeting of the Llandaff Diocesan Association was held in St. John's Schoolroom, Cardiff, on Boxing Day, Dr. A. J. H. Boyton presiding. Mr. J. Bullen was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year.—The Rev. Connop L. Price and Mr. J. W. Jones were re-elected as hon. secretaries, and Mr. Hobbs and Mr. Morgan re-elected auditors.—All Saints', Newport, was chosen as the place for the next annual meeting, and Caerphilly was chosen for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting.—The question of having an annual report printed was discussed, and eventually it was decided to have an amended balance sheet only printed in leaflet form.

A monthly ringing meeting was suggested, and it was decided as an experiment to hold one on the last Saturday in January, at Caerphilly, to which all ringers are invited.

The Hon. Secretary having explained what was suggested to be done in regard to St. Woollos bells, Newport, which have not been rung since Easter last, a sum of £5 was voted from the Association funds towards the rehanging.

New members were elected from Whitechurch, Pentre, Llantrisant, Newport, and Bridgend.

An instructor was asked for at Llantrisant tower, and Mr. J. Clutterbuck offered his services, which were accepted.—A vote of thanks to Dr. Boyton for presiding concluded the business meeting.

An invitation to tea was then given to the visitors by Mr. Allen, on behalf of the Vicar and churchwardens of St. John's Church.—An excellent meat tea was provided, and at the close, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded them for their hospitality.

The tower was then visited, and the four Standard methods rung until nine o'clock. A smoking concert followed at the Criterion Hotel, and this brought to a close a most enjoyable and successful meeting.

MACHEN BELL RINGERS' GUILD. SUPPER AND PRESENTATION.

The members of the Machen (Mon.) Parish Church Bell Ringers' Guild, together with a few friends were entertained to supper on Friday week, at the Volland House, Lower Machen, by the President of the Guild, Mr. D. T. Newton Wade, and Mrs. Wade.

After an excellent repast, the company settled down to a musical evening, Mr. Newton Wade presiding.

The Chairman gave the loyal toast, and Mr. McKinnon proposed the toast of the clergy. The clergy were, he said, at the present time passing through severe trials, but he believed they would come through them all right.—The Rev. S. G. Morgan and the Rev. D. Dudleyke responded.—Mr. Lloyd proposed the toast of "The Bell Ringers," who, he said, were a splendid lot of young men.—Mr. Stratton, who seconded, said the bell ringers were a credit to the parish.—Mr. Newton Wade proposed the toast of the instructor of the band, Mr. J. W. Jones, of Newport. Mr. Jones had rendered splendid service in helping the bell ringers, and but for him the parish would not at the present time have its ring of eight bells, as when the rehanging was done it was only intended to rehang the old six. Mr. Jones strongly advocated a special effort being made to complete the octave, and they were all delighted that his proposal had been carried out.

An interesting function then took place, Mr. George Cousins, as leader of the band, presenting to Mr. Jones, on behalf of the ringers and friends of the parish church, a beautifully mounted oak tray.—Mr. Jones, in returning thanks, said he was very grateful to the members for the lovely present, which he would always cherish. It was a pleasure to him to come to Machen any time.—During the evening, the ringers gave selections on the handbells, and songs were rendered by the Rev. S. G. Morgan, Messrs. Newton Wade, T. Jarman, A. McKinnon, D. C. Price, and J. W. Jones, Mrs. Wade being the accompanist.

THE CURFEW RINGERS, WINDSOR.

The members of the St. George's Bell Ringing Society, Windsor, a body of men who rejoice with the town on all royal birthdays, held their annual supper at the Horse and Groom Inn, on Saturday week. The chair was taken by Mr. C. Farr, and the vice-chair by Mr. W. H. Fussell. The modest party of a round dozen sat down to the old English fare of roast beef and Christmas plum pudding, their appetites having been previously sharpened by several good and lusty pulls upon the peal of eight bells in the Curfew Tower, with its fine old tenor weighing nearly a ton and a half, and dated 1614. The toasts of "His Majesty the King" and the "Dean and Chapter of St. George's Chapel," having been loyally honoured, and the table cloth removed, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, most of the company giving well known songs, accompanied by Mr. Caley upon the piano. Handbells were brought out, and several old English ballads rendered upon them by Messrs. J. Hasley, J. Hague, G. Adcock, and G. Sumner. Mr. Raikes gave a series of songs in excellent style, and even mine host and hostess, with Miss Gibbs, were kind enough to oblige the party, amongst whom were Messrs. H. Barker and Alfred Painter, two of the oldest members, and Messrs. W. D. Kentish, H. Wetherall, W. Napper, and Wm. Wellbelove, the tower keeper.—A vote of thanks to the landlord, Mr. Jack Garnham, and the singing of the National Anthem, brought a very happy ringing "annual" to an end.

THE AUTHORSHIP OF PEALS.

Dear Sir,—I think Mr. Editor, and perhaps some of your readers also, will agree that I should have an opportunity of saying a few words on this subject, and also in supporting my two colleagues, Messrs. Pitstow and Dains. This correspondence has almost reached the verge of uselessness in prolonging the discussion, mainly brought about by Mr. Lindoff introducing irrelevant matter quite unconnected with the points at issue. With your permission, sir, I will, in as few words as possible, refer to our letter of November 8th, on the interpolating of the one solitary bob at the Wrong, which is the keynote to all this correspondence.

Before doing so, however, I must take exception to one or two very vindictive statements made by Mr. Lindoff. The first is, he described the four 6048 peals as useless compositions. We know quite as well as anyone else that these peals are close relations, but there is no individual living who can say they are not distinct compositions, and most useful and musical compositions, too, and in their several variations also. I may be allowed to add that there are some special manipulations to be made, and had Mr. Lindoff made use of them, it is more likely than otherwise that the abstracts would never have been observed, except by a much closer scrutiny, as it was only by the merest chance that the peals, No. 1 and 3, were at all suspected. And I can truly state that this deducting or abstracting process was known to us a long time before publishing our first letter.

Mr. Lindoff then tells us there are only two peals in the four we published. Although this may seem so, his statement is not quite correct, as the interpolating bob at the Wrong is contrariwise in each peal. This is ocular proof that the four peals do not emanate from the same source, and further proves that each of the 6048's are distinct compositions. It should be noted that all these compositions come under one category of Superlative or New Cambridge Surprise. I think I may also correctly state that the greater portion of the most coveted compositions of 6048 and the 5056 of Superlative with 4th and 6th extent in 6th's place, without 2nd or 3rd being there, were composed years before Mr. Lindoff produced any such peals in this method. That being so, I trust he will give us a little credit for knowing what we are talking about. Referring again to our first letter, the most vital question to settle lies in a very small compass. Simply, did Mr. Lindoff deduct or abstract his peals from No. 1 and 3, or did he not, or what is equal to such a course, did he reproduce the figures in composing? It must be either one or the other. Therefore, the conclusions are that in either case, he fails to be the original author of the peals under discussion, as there is an unwritten law that abstracting, splicing and reproducing of compositions is illegitimate, and have an unworthy claim, unless indeed there be some very decided improvements in extents, etc. Then, again, he is asking a most superfluous question. Do we claim to have invented the working of the 6th her extent by means of two portions? etc. Our answer is: We do not claim to have invented anything of the kind. They are public property, and all composers make use of them in different forms as their ideas and brains happen to guide them. Then he says, "Who does rounds belong to?" accompanied by such indiscreet expressions as, "Hands off," "We should be at one another's throats," "Cats-paw," etc. All this, to my mind, is ridiculous and vulgar nonsense. Mr. Lindoff also informs us that it is nothing fresh for one bob to dominate a peal, but surely he does not mean a composition. We will take Mr. T. Day's three-part peal of 16,608 of Treble Bob to illustrate one of such points. If you call one bob at Home at the first part end, it would be round at 5,568 changes. This is, of course, dominating a peal with one bob, but not a composition in the same method. Again, take any one of the 6048 peals of Superlative and add one bob Before following the course-end 26435, this would eliminate four courses and reduce any one of those peals to 5056. Should any individual, after such a process, claim them as his own composition, I should rather think the whole Exercise would ridicule such a person for such nursing of his own stupid and bigoted folly.

We might continue this subject until it became distasteful to your readers; therefore, I conclude by stating that we have indisputably proved our first charge, and, further, no quibbling or irrelevant argument will ever upset our minds and honest convictions.

CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

THE LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the society, held at Bramley, on Saturday week, was attended by ringers from Calverley, Holbeck, Headingley, Rothwell, Leeds, Tong, and the local company. A peal of Treble Bob Minor was attempted in the afternoon, but, unfortunately, was lost in the sixth 720.—The business meeting was held at the Cardigan Arms, Mr. J. W. Holgate presiding, in the absence of the President. After the usual business had been transacted, names were invited for a peal at Pudsey, on the occasion of the meeting on January 11th, and a full company was formed.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Bramley for the use of the bells, and to the local band for making all arrangements, was proposed by Mr. T. Maude, seconded by Mr. W. Chapman, and carried.—Mr. J. W. Holgate responded.—Touches of Kent, Violet, Cambridge and other Minor methods were rung on the tower bells.

NOTICES.

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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.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at St. Maries, Sheffield (8 bells), on Saturday, January 4th, 1913. Ringing from 4 p.m. till 7 p.m. Committee meeting 5.30 p.m. Important business.—J. Evinston, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Chesterfield on Saturday next, January 4th. Church of St. Mary and All Saints, ten bells, tenor 24½ cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

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.

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.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on January 7th and 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Paul's Cathedral on the 7th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 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.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Vestry Hall at 5.30 at 9d. each to those who notify me by the 9th inst.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; short service, with an address by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, at 5.30; tea in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions for 1913 were due on January 1st.—H. Rumens, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whitworth Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30; business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held on January 11th at Leighton Buzzard. Eight bells. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The general meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Weston Favel on Saturday, January 11th; Lowick on January 18th; Isham on January 25th; Irthlingborough on February 1st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—Preliminary Notice.—The next meeting will be held on January 18th. Further particulars next week.—E. Trendell, Boughton, Faversham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. J. Hunt, late of Guildford, has removed to 113, Weymouth Terrace, Hackney Road, London, N.E.

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"To the Glory of God, and in grateful memory of William Donaldson Cruddas, churchwarden of this church from 1866 to 1912, and part donor of these bells, a muffled peal of 5040 changes of Stedman Triples was rung on the day of his interment, Feb. 15th, 1912, in 3 hrs. and 27 mins., by the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers: William Story treble, B. C. Dixon 2, J. E. R. Keen 3, A. F. Hillier 4, E. E. Ferry 5, T. T. Gofton 6, W. H. Barber 7, O. Simm tenor. Composed by Sir A. Heywood, and conducted by W. H. Barber. Henry Edwards, Vicar; B. Robinson, J. H. Horsley, Wardens; C. L. Routledge, President of above Association."

A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Dellow for his kindly offices, on the motion of Mr. J. H. Horsley, seconded by Mr. Routledge.—Miss Florence Cruddas, who was present, expressed her gratitude to the members of the association for ringing the peal and erecting the tablet, and to Mr. Dellow for his very kind words about her beloved father.—Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung afterwards, with the help of the local ringers.

GUILDFORD RINGER'S DEPARTURE.

A very pleasant function was performed at St. Nicolas' belfry, Guildford, on Christmas Day, by Mr. E. Heather, the senior member, before ringing for morning service. In a few well-chosen words, he, on behalf of his fellow members, asked Mr. J. Hunt to accept a handsome case of carvers, as a slight token of their appreciation of his services during his 15 years' membership, for many years of which he acted as conductor, and heartily wishing him success in his new sphere of labour.—Mr. Hunt, who has now left Guildford for London, thanked the members for their kindness, and was pleased to think his services had been so greatly appreciated.

A touch of Stedman Caters was then rung by: H. Burdock 1, S. Radford 2, E. Radcliff 3, B. Chorley 4, C. Willshire, junr., 5, W. Loader 6, T. Radford 7, W. Pullen 8, J. Hunt (conductor) 9, E. G. Heath 10. Owing to the St. Nicolas' bells not being pealable, a farewell peal was not attempted, but a quarter was arranged, and brought round on Sunday evening, December 22nd: C. Willshire, junr., 1, A. H. Pulling 2, S. Radford 3, W. Maulden 4, C. Willshire, senr., 5, W. Loader 6, M. Smithers 7, G. Steer 8, J. Hunt (conductor) 9, E. Radcliff 10.

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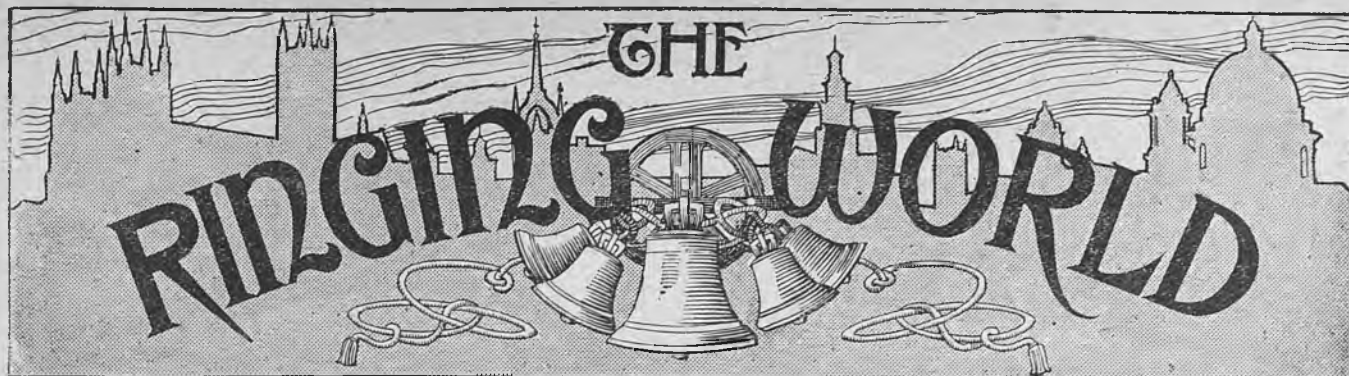
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PEALS AND POINTS.

Our article last week has drawn a letter from Mr. C. E. Borrett, the secretary of the Norwich Diocesan Association, which we feel sure will be read with interest. It raises the whole subject of the points for peals—a matter upon which the Exercise has ever been divided, and probably ever will be—not merely as to the number of points that should be allotted for this or that method, but on the broader question of whether the point system is advantageous or not. First of all, however, let us say at once that we did not intend last week to convey any idea that there is deadly rivalry between the Norwich and the Middlesex Associations in regard to peal points. Their relationship, as Mr. Borrett points out, is of the most cordial nature, and is, we hope, only typical of that which exists between all other Associations. There is, however, no harm that we can see, in the existence of a spirit of friendly competition between the different societies; indeed the outcome of such a spirit—enthusiasm, enterprise and effort—has raised the standard of our Art to its present high level.

Whether in principle points for peals are right or wrong, they are the accepted means adopted of comparing the relative merit of peals, and it cannot be disputed, we think, that the question of points does enter into the consideration of some ringers, much as others may desire to ignore the system. The Central Council have established the competitive basis, and we do not see any unworthy motive in a society or association seeking, upon that basis, to do better than its neighbour. The whole system, as Mr. Borrett points out, may be unsatisfactory, and the Central Council have acknowledged the impossibility of gauging the relative merits of a performance, by taking account of only two of the factors—the assumed difficulty of a method and the number of changes rung.

All other considerations have perforce to be ignored, but there is many a peal of Grandsire Triples, rung perhaps by local bands after months of perseverance and disappointment, that is more creditable and required far greater effort than a peal of London Surprise rung by an expert company. That is but one point among many of the difficulties of accurately fixing the real merit of a peal. Again, Mr. Borrett points out that the Association at the head of the Analysis may not be collectively the premier society of the country, as the position may be due simply to the efforts of a few individuals. Equally one might suggest that it does not follow that the Association that rings the greatest number of peals by the greatest number of bands is doing the best service to the Church, for it would not necessarily indicate the fulfilment of those duties which should be the ringers' chief concern. The whole question is an extremely debatable one, and one which is never likely to be settled with anything like unanimity.

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A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

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JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM MOTTS 7
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	HENRY C. GILLINGHAM ... 8
EDWARD EVANS 3	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 9
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 4	PETER LAFLIN 10
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 5	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 11
HARRY BARTON 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... Tenor

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LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

EDWIN HORREX Treble	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... 7
HARRY R. PASMORE 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
CHALLIS F. WINNEY... .. 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 9
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	JOHN W. GOLDING 10
HERBERT LANGDON 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
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THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARTIN'S SOCIETY, LEICESTER.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5141 CHANGES;

Tenor 21½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLMES Treble	ARTHUR S. PETTIT 6
SAMUEL COTTON 2	T. LEONARD ALLEN... .. 7
*GEORGE PILMORE 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 8
LOUIS E. ALLEN 4	ALFRED MARTIN 9
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 5	THOMAS TAYLOR Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

* First peal, and proposed members before starting.

BRISTOL.

THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH (CITY),

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WILLIAM H. WERRETT ... Treble	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
FRED G. MAY 2	*HENRY B. BURT 7
HENRY T. HOWELL... .. 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE ... 8
CHARLES PERRY 4	ISAAC LONG 9
WILLIAM WHITE 5	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters.

GREENWICH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALFEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANGES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	WILLIAM FOREMAN 6
HARRY HOSKINS 2	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 7
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 8
WILLIAM HEWETT 4	THOMAS JAKEMAN 9
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On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

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GILBERT GUEST Treble	WILLIAM GOODMAN 6
WILLIAM MILLS 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 7
SAMUEL SPITTLE 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 8
JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 4	BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
HERBERT SHEPPARD 5	CHARLES FAULKS Tenor

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SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

HARRY STALHAM Treble	JAMES HART 6
JOHN CAPP 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 7
WILLIAM PALMER 3	ALFRED J. TURNER 8
HERBERT RANN 4	KEITH HART 9
GEORGE ADES 5	*FREDERICK J. CHARMAN ... Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HEENE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 18, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HORACE TULETT Treble	EDMUND H. LINDUP 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
HARRY EVANS 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
JOHN H. PAICE 4	ARTHUR SWETMAN Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

ERITH, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALFRED JAMES Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
ISAAC EMERY 2	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 6
GEORGE DENT 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES 7
JOHN WHEADON 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

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

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

Rung after meeting short for Grandsire Caters.

PORTSMOUTH.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS A'BECKETT,

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

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr., in D.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS Treble	WILLIAM T. TUCKER 5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	EDWIN J. HARDING 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This was the first peal on the bells since being recast and rehung in new frame and fittings by Messrs. J. Taylor and Co. It is also the first peal of Double Norwich in the Borough of Portsmouth.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	*ROBERT WILDING 5
*STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	*WILLIAM FAYERS 6
*WALTER RADLEY 3	*W. R. JOHN POULSON 7
*FREDERICK DEWELL 4	*THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

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

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	E. HOBART SMITH 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	JAMES MOTTS 7
DAVID G. WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM FLORY Tenor

Conducted by J. MOTTS.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	WILLIAM SHORT 5
JOHN BASS 2	GORDON CHECKITTS 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	CHARLES F. WHITE 7
VICTOR WHITE 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT Treble	*CHARLES E. PERKINS 5
*VICTOR WHITE 2	*CHARLES F. WHITE 6
WILLIAM SHORT 3	GORDON CHECKITTS 7
JOHN BASS 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by W. SHORT.

* First peal of Oxford.

KIBWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE KIBWORTH ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WILFRED,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S SIN-PART.

*H. CUTTLER Treble	D. ILIFFE 5
J. WATERFIELD 2	W. N. ADKINSON 6
J. TAYLOR 3	F. STANFORTH 7
J. BOLTON 4	E. LEECH Tenor

Conducted by F. STANFORTH.

* First peal away from the tenor. First peal of Grandsire Triples on the bells by a local band.

OLDSWINFORD, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. Treble	GORDON CHECKITTS... .. 5
WILLIAM SHORT 2	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 6
JOHN BASS 3	JOHN BARBER 7
WILLIAM FISHER 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS... .. Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

ROTHWELL, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 23 cwt.

ARTHUR E. PAYNE Treble	HARRY PEET 5
ROBERT F. TURNER 2	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 6
CHARLES W. BIRD 3	DAVID J. NICHOLS 7
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN 4	THOMAS YORK Tenor

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

First peal in the method by H. Peet and T. York, who belong to the local company.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ARTHUR ARNELL... .. Treble	HORACE TULETT 5
JOHN H. PAICE 2	BENJAMIN BASSETT 6
WILLIAM HILLMAN 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES... .. 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

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

Conducted by JOSEPH GRIFFIN.

This is the first peal on the bells, and rung at the first attempt.

HECKINGTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*WALTER H. WOOD Treble	CHRISTOPHER WARD... .. 5
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN T. HOLMES 6
HARRY THORPE... .. 3	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
*ARTHUR ANDREWS 4	WILLIAM DICKINSON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by the REV. H. LAW JAMES.

* First peal of Treble Bob Major.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 26 cwt., in D.

†ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 5
*ARTHUR KEEBLE 2	*THOMAS REED 6
*FREDERICK A. POULSON 3	*THOMAS W. GARRARD 7
W. R. JOHN POULSON 4	WILLIAM J. NEVARD Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and

Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE PENFOLD Treble	GEORGE J. NORRIS 5
HORACE TULETT 2	ARTHUR ARNELL 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	GEORGE GATLAND Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

This was Horace Tulett's 4th peal of Stedman and 4th attempt. Previously he had only rung a 300 in the method.

ECCLES.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

JAMES BARRATT... .. Treble	SAMUEL GREENHALGH 5
*EDWARD OLDFIELD 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
JOHN JACKSON 3	JAMES W. WASHBROOK 7
JOSEPH LOWE 4	AMOS TRIPPIER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. A. Oates and Miss E. Smith, daughter of the late secretary of the Pendleton company.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs.

ALBERT TURNER Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

This was the 100th peal rung by the conductor during 1912.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
JOHN CAPP 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEANE, BOLTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS WORSLEY Treble	JOSEPH RIDYARD 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	JOHN POTTER 6
*WILLIAM TEBAY 3	TITUS BARLOW 7
GEORGE PINCOTT 4	WILLIAM MORT Tenor

Conducted by T. BARLOW.

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

STOKE, COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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	FRANK E. PERVIN 7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 4	*WILLIAM MAUND Tenor

Conducted by FRANK E. PERVIN.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor.
Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect for the memory
of William Gilbert.

HESTON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HENRY W. COWLEY Treble	HENRY C. CHANDLER 5
CHARLES I. EDWARDS 2	SYDNEY CARTER 6
THOMAS J. BARKER 3	ERNEST R. GLADMAN 7
CHARLES S. BIRD 4	*HENRY W. G. COOPER Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY CARTER.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. E. Becker,
of Sutton Hall, Heston.

OLDBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

MISS MAUD PIGOTT Treble	JOSEPH PIGOTT 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	*REUBEN HALL 6
GEORGE PIGOTT 3	*FRANK G. BURLEIGH 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	*JOHN FORD Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

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

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

HARRY MEETENS Treble	JOHN H. PAICE 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
ARTHUR ARNELL 3	ALFRED W. GROVES 7
EDMUND H. LINDUP 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by A. W. GROVES.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

JOHN H. PAICE Treble	GEORGE J. NORISS 5
BENJAMIN BASSETT 2	WILLIAM HILLMAN 6
HARRY EVANS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

BEN CHORLEY Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
*BERNARD CLARK 3	CHARLES WILLSHIRE 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	ALFRED H. PULLING Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. C. Hazelden's 50th peal. This was the
first peal on the bells since the rehanging. Rung with the bells half-
muffled for Watchnight Service.

SAFFRON WALDEN.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK PITSTOW Treble	NATHAN J. PITSTOW 5
*FREDERICK HOUSDEN 2	GEORGE SPARROW 6
*HAROLD PITSTOW 3	ARTHUR JAMES 7
ERNEST A. PITSTOW 4	FREDERICK J. PITSTOW Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by F. PITSTOW.

* First peal.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*HUGH GREGORY Treble	ALFRED C. WRIGHT 5
JAMES L. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	WILLIAM TAYLOR 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by W. TAYLOR.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung with the bells half-muffled.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 3	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 7
ALBERT MARKS 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	PERCY GRIDLEY ... 5
WALTER P. GRIDLEY ... 2	ARTHUR MAXIM ... 6
FREDERICK INCH 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 7
THOMAS CHINERY 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

WILLIAM G. ELKINS Treble	FREDERICK A. BARNETT ... 5
*ERNEST J. KING 2	EDWARD CLAPSHAW ... 6
ALFRED J. LECLEERCQ ... 3	CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
†ALFRED R. ELKINS 4	WALTER SHERFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell to the Rector and Mrs. Lovett who are leaving Farnham for St. Mary's, Southampton.

SCUNTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

T. H. PARKIN Treble	T. P. HOCKNELL ... 5
N. SHORT 2	H. OLIVER ... 6
W. A. MILLER 3	G. VAMPLEW ... 7
J. E. SMITH 4	H. STRICKLAND ... Tenor

Conducted by N. SHORT.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Dr. Coudrey, one of the first churchwardens of the church. First muffled peal on the bells.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN Treble	ERNEST LEIGH ... 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	GEORGE MALYAN ... 6
RICHARD JENNER 3	JOHN W. STEDDY ... 7
WILLIAM LEIGH 4	EDWARD LEIGH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

First peal of Stedman by the ringers of 4th and tenor. This is the first peal in the method on the new bells and was rung by members of the local band.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

EDWARD CAUNCE Treble	GEORGE WOODHALL ... 5
HENRY FYLES 2	*THOMAS MURRAY ... 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 3	EDWIN BREESE ... 7
WILLIAM DAVIES 4	†EDWARD W. DUTTON ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung on the front eight. This peal was rung on the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of the bells at Liscard St Mary's, at which tower it was proposed to be rung, but illness intervened. It is twenty-nine years since an eight-bell peal was rung in this tower, Mr. W. Davies then ringing his first peal.

EASTBOURNE.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.

JOHN CAPP Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
RICHARD STREDWICK ... 3	KEITH HART ... 7
ARTHUR GOWER 4	JOSEPH SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

This is the quickest peal of Stedman on the bells.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES WHEELER Treble	*WILLIAM WHEELER ... 5
GEORGE DENT 2	HENRY F. COOPER ... 6
*WILLIAM DELLAR ... 3	*JOHN CORDELL ... 7
*HARRY BOTTRILL ... 4	HARRY SMALE ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal in the Oxford Variation.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... Treble	WILLIAM BURGAR ... 5
FRANK JACOBS 2	SAMUEL WESLEY ... 6
WILLIAM LAMBERT ... 3	WILFRED R. COLLIER ... 7
JAMES EVINSON 4	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

Rung, after meeting short for Stedman Caters, as a compliment to the composer, it being the 50th anniversary of his first peal, one of Stedman Caters, which was rung on these bells, Dec. 31st, 1862. Mr. Hattersley is the sole survivor of the band. Not being well enough to ring, he was an interested listener of the peal.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble	GEORGE WILSON ... 5
LEONARD P. BAILEY ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
CHARLES SAMPSON ... 3	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 7
ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Button, of King's Road, Leiston.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	HARRY ARGYLE ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr. ... 6
WALTER MARTIN ... 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 7
REV. R. P. FARROW ... 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung with the bells half muffled, as a mark of respect to Miss Nowill, who passed away a few days previously. She was for many years Superintendent of St. Nicholas' Girls' Sunday School.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE A. CARD ... Treble	CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
GEORGE PAICE ... 3	JOHN THOMAS ... 7
JAMES PARKER ... 4	WILLIAM ANDERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by Miss E. K. PARKER.

Quickest peal on the bells.

CHILHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 20 cwt.

ERNEST J. DOBBIE ... Treble	FREDERICK G. BRETT ... 5
PERCY J. PAINE ... 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 3	CHARLES W. BRETT ... 7
EDWARD TRENDILL ... 4	EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

First peal on the bells since restoration by Messrs. Warner & Son. The "go" of the bells is excellent.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

CYRIL WENHAM ... Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 5
ALFRED JOHNSON ... 2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES TRIBE ... 7
ALFRED DAW ... 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

*CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
THOMAS RUSSAM ... 2	JOHN SANDERS ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
†JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	*JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from tenor. Rung on the nearest Saturday to the Epiphany.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

CHEDDINGTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 13 cwt.

LEONARD A. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
ALBERT J. GREEN ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES ... 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal on the bells. The ringers desire to thank the Rector (the Rev. J. A. Broad) for the use of the bells. The peal was rung on the 39th anniversary of the Ordination of the Rector, who, with his daughters, congratulated the band on the striking. The ladies are members of the local company.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, December 25, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

PERCY J. SPICE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... 4
GEORGE H. SPICE ... 2	THOMAS JULL ... 5
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SPICE.

This peal came round at 8.15 a.m.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM J. BARROW ... Treble	†ALFRED C. PANKHURST ... 4
CHARLES BRETT ... 2	†WILLIAM H. WICKER ... 5
OLIVER COLLINS ... 3	ARTHUR R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal on an inside bell. ‡ First peal and first attempt.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 7½ cwt.

ALBERT HILLS ... Treble	FREDK. R. TULLETT, JUNR. 4
JOHN AKEHURST ... 2	*HORACE EDWARDS ... 5
PERCY F. WELLER ... 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.

* First peal in seven Treble Bob methods.

FULBOURN, CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. VIGOR AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY BADCOCK ... Treble	WILLIAM SCOTCHER ... 4
LOUIS G. MALLION ... 2	JOSEPH PAGE ... 5
JOHN STALLEY ... 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESS ... Tenor

Conducted by BASIL D. BUTTRESS.

First peal in seven methods by the ringers of the treble and 5th, and believed to be the first on the bells.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SLARKE Treble	*GEORGE W. BEESLEY ... 4
CECIL H. SLARKE 2	J. WILFRED SHARP ... 5
CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 3	THOMAS DENNY Tenor

Conducted by J. WILFRED SHARP.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells by an entirely local band. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. R. C. Collins), for the use of the bells.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*DAVID BURTON Treble	†THOMAS H. KIRKBY ... 4
WALTER WHITE 2	WILLIAM E. WHITE ... 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	THOMAS SQUIRES Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WHITE.

* First peal. † First peal in seven methods.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)
On Thursday, December 26, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet and Oxford. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER W. BONHAM... .. Treble	ALBERT J. GREEN ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted CECIL A. VALENTINE.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, College Single, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob. Tenor 12½ cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	JOHN BASS... .. 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS... .. 2	GORDON CHECKITTS... 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	ROBERT MATTHEWS... Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

PATTISHALL, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Friday, December 27, 1912, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt. 2 qr. 12 lbs.

*CECIL H. SLARKE Treble	J. WILFRED SHARP ... 4
FRED WILFORD... .. 2	*GEORGE BASFORD ... 5
*CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal of Minor. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Vicar (the Rev. G. Gibson), for the use of the bells.

WALTHAM ST. LAURENCE, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*G. STRICKLAND Treble	*F. ROBINSON 4
†J. COOPER 2	*R. DARVILL 5
*V. DARVILL 3	*W. MORTIMORE... .. Tenor

Conducted by W. MORTIMORE.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

MONKSILVER, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

HENRY WATTS Treble	*FRANK CALLOWAY ... 3
*WILLIAM CALLOWAY ... 2	*ARTHUR SNELL... .. 4
WILLIAM BENNETT Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM BENNETT.

* First peal.

BRANT BROUGHTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Single Court and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 23 cwt. 2 qr. 26 lbs.

ALBERT G. PAYNE Treble	CHARLES W. ELSE ... 4
CHARLES W. BAINES ... 2	GEORGE SCOTT 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CALEB L. SIMCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE SCOTT.

The band are all residents of Fulbeck.

SEALE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of College Single, two each of Canterbury, Oxford Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS Treble	ALFRED CROUCHER... 4
HUBERT CHAFFEY... .. 2	GEORGE FISHER ... 5
ALFRED CHUTER 3	WALTER MARSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

W. Marshall hails from Lamberhurst and was proposed a member of the Guild previous to starting for the peal.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 8 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER BOWERS ... Treble	ANDREW LAYTON ... 4
CHARLES LAYTON 2	WILLIAM J. TURNER ... 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	GEORGE JORDAN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

Rung with the bells half muffled, for Holy Innocents' Day.

BELBROUGHTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, December 28, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

WALTER J. BRETHERTON ... Treble	JOHN BASS 4
CHARLES E. PERKINS 2	ROBERT MATTHEWS 5
WILLIAM SHORT 3	JOHN BARBER Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 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 and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 9 cwt.

ARTHUR BAILEY Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	WILLIAM ROSE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Kent and Oxford, and one of Plain Bob.

Tenor 20 cwt.

† FREDK. SEAGER Treble	FREDK. C. M. SKINNER ... 4
ALBERT BROWN 2	GEORGE SNELLING 5
* CLARENCE GOOCH 3	BERTIE TURNER Tenor

Conducted by F. SEAGER.

* First peal of Minor with a bob bell. † First peal as conductor.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, Wells, London, Cambridge, Norwich, and Netherseale.

Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	FREDERICK MANSER 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 3	FREDERICK SEAGER Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SNELLING.

First peal as conductor.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of College Single and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

* WILLIAM SABAN Treble	HARRY HALL 4
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 2	JOHN HALL 5
† BERTIE R. BUCKLE 3	GEORGE BALLS Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

* First peal. † First peal inside. Rung in honour of the wedding of Capt. Farrier and Miss N. Russell, of The Elms, Earl Soham. This was the conductor's 100th peal for the Norwich Diocesan Association.

NORBURY, HAZEL GROVE, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Islington, Neasden, College Bob IV., Wragby, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure and Sandal Exercise.

Tenor 9 cwt.

* HAROLD HALLWORTH ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
† WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
HARRY LANGLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

* First peal. † First peal away from treble. The above methods are all broken leads, and are taken from the C.C. collection.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 10 of Canterbury Pleasure, and 12 of Plain Bob.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

HORACE W. ALLEN Treble	EDGAR HUNT 3
WILFRED ALLEN 2	* FRED SHINGFIELD 4
HERBERT H. MASON Tenor	

Conducted by H. H. MASON.

* First peal with an inside bell. Rung with ten different callings of Grandsire, four of Canterbury Pleasure, and four of Plain Bob. First peal by an entirely local company, all of whom with the exception of the conductor are natives of Shropham. Rung with the bells half muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. William Smythe Thorpe, who was for upwards of 60 years a supporter of the Shropham ringers.

CRONDALL, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 College Single and two each of Canterbury, Oxford Single and Plain Bob.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE FISHER Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
GEORGE UPSHALL 2	THOMAS UPSHALL 5
* ALFRED CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

In seven methods, viz.—London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Bob IV, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Oxford Treble Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

ROWLAND O. POLLARD ... Treble	WALTER J. HORTON ... 4
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the Festival of the Circumcision, and on the eve of the Epiphany.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

* FRANK WITTS Treble	* HARVEY STREETS 4
† THOMAS MIDDLETON ... 2	† WILLIAM GISBORNE 5
† JOHN HAMPTON 3	JAMES HEMMING Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HEMMING.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Minor

ROLLESTON-ON-DOVE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores, called in 15 different ways. Tenor 12 cwt.

HERBERT HURDMAN... .. Treble	JOSEPH T. DYKE 4
HARRY WAKLEY 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
*CHARLES SANDERS 3	*PHILIP SUDALE Tenor

Conducted by A. P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. First peal of Stedman Doubles by all, on the bells, and by the Association.

DISLEY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Wragby, Islington, Duke of Norfolk, Norbury, Kingston, London Scholars' Pleasure, and Sandal Exercise.
Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... Treble	REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	ALLEN S. GORDON 5
JAMES FERNLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. HARTLEY.

The above methods are all broken leads and are taken from the C.C. collection.

LOWICK, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and two each of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

*HERBERT GUEST Treble	JOHN GUEST 4
THOMAS JERVIS 2	REGINALD LOVEDAY 5
LEONARD WYMAN 3	RICHARD DUNKLEY Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD DUNKLEY.

* First peal. First peal in five methods by L. Wyman and J. Guest. Messrs. H. and J. Guest were elected members of the Association before starting for the peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

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

On Sunday, December 29, 1912, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. J. OSBORN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob.

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

Conducted by JOHN W. LAKE.

Witness: MRS. J. OSBORN.

LONDON.
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY, FULHAM.

On Monday, December 30, 1912, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, FULHAM, S.W.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor, size 11 in G sharp.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8
JAMES W. DRIVER 9-10.	

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: W. J. S. KNIGHTS.

This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th twelve times wrong and twelve times right.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,
AT "YORK VILLA," WISBECH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR W. WENLOCK... .. 1	*THOMAS HAINES 3-4
HORACE BANHAM 2	STANLEY ANDREWS 5
RALPH NARBOROUGH 6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

* First double-handed peal, and the first ever rung in Wisbech with two bells rung by one man.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

GEORGE N. PRICE 1-2	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7-8
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4	HUBERT EDEN... .. 9-10
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 5-6	CHARLES N. LEMON ... 11-12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

This composition has the 6th 24 courses in 6th's place, with the bells in the titlums position throughout.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 2, 1913, in Two Hours and One Minute,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS 1-2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3-4	TOWER TAYLOR 7-8

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

The peal rung at Ickleton, Cambs., on Dec. 21st., was under the auspices of the Ely Diocesan Association.

THE BELLS OF WHITCHURCH.

The gladson: sound of the Church bells of Whitchurch, Oxon, was heard once again on the evening of Monday, December 23rd. They have not been rung for some time owing to the unsafe condition of the old wood frame, and it was decided by the Rector (Canon Trotter) and churchwardens to entrust the work of making a new steel frame to the well-known firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon. At first it was intended to have the bells retuned, but they having been supplemented at different times with a result not pleasing, the wiser course was adopted of having the whole peal recast.

At the service, when the bells were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Oxford, a selected band rang rounds after the prayer of dedication, and at the close of the service a first rate 360 of Bob Minor. After this touch other ringers tried the bells with varying success, as the easy going—a result of the excellent workmanship of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston—puzzled some of them, who in the ordinary course are used to bells that require more exertion to ring them. The band selected to ring the opening touch was: J. Nicholls (Pangbourne), W. Lawrence (West Ealing), J. Abery (Theale), A. C. West (Pangbourne), C. F. Johnston (Croydon), J. Bower (Goring). Later in the evening, the band was entertained to supper by the kind invitation of the Rector. The first 720 of Bob Minor was rung on the recast bells on Saturday, Dec. 28th, by: J. Nicholls 1, W. Lawrence 2, Miss Mary Chillingworth (Bradfield) 3, G. Parsons (Theale) 4, J. Abery 5, J. Bower 6. Several other methods were rung, the conducting being shared by: J. Abery, W. Lawrence and J. Bower. The local band, who are to receive instruction from the last-named ringers, will be in good hands.

ANOTHER PEAL OF TEN FOR LANCASHIRE.

Dalton-in-Furness, famed for its intimate associations with Furness Abbey, which ranks next to Fountains Abbey as the most beautiful relic of Mediæval England, is soon to have a new ring of ten bells, based upon a tenor to weigh 22 cwt., in the key of E flat. Instructions have been given to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, to erect one of their special steel frames, constructed for ten bells, and to cast the back eight bells. Efforts are now being made to collect the necessary funds for the two treble bells, and it is fully expected that the complete ring of ten will be available in time for the dedication.

Owing to pressure on our space we have unavoidably to hold over several interesting articles including the continuation of Mr. Trollope's article

DESFORD'S NEW PEAL OF SIX.

The three bells which for nearly 300 years have been used in the service of the Church at Desford, Leicestershire, have been recast and augmented to a peal of six, with a tenor of 10½ cwt. The work, which has been carried out by Messrs. J. W. Taylor and Co., has been executed in the very best style, and is typical of the thoroughness with which things are done by the famous Loughborough firm. The peal is the gift of the Goodacre family, who for over 100 years have resided at Desford Mill, and are erected to the memory of Mr. Joseph Halford Goodacre. The bells are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.—"Ring in the true. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

2nd—"God save the King, 1675. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

3rd—"Jesus bee ovr speed, 1658. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

4th—"Newcombe of Leicester made mee, 1609. Recast 1912, in memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre."

5th—"God bless His Church. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

Tenor—"Guard and bless our Fatherland. In memory of Joseph Halford Goodacre, 1912."

The dedication service, which took place on Monday week, was largely attended, and the ceremony was performed by the Bishop of Leicester. Following the dedicatory prayers, the bells pealed out merrily for a few minutes, and then followed the hymn, "Lifted safe within the steeple." The Bishop's appropriate address dealt with the part which the beautiful parish churches of England play in the lives of the people.—The ringing was carried out by the ringers of St. John's Church, Leicester, under the conductorship of Mr. W. Willson.

NEW BELLS FOR PERRANWELL.

The pretty little Church of St. Piran, in Cornwall, is now in possession of a ring of beautifully-toned bells, which were cast in the Loughborough foundry, and which have been dedicated by Canon Hassard, Sub-Dean of Truro Cathedral. The weights of the bells are: Treble, 4 cwt.; 2nd, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; 3rd, 6 cwt.; 4th, 6 cwt. 3 qrs.; 5th, 9 cwt.; tenor, 12 cwt., in G. The tenor was given by Mrs. Yose (Mellingey), and the others by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Paull, Mrs. Hearle-Cock and Mrs. W. H. Edwards; Mr. T. P. Edwards gave the chiming apparatus; and Mrs. J. C. Williams a donation of £100. The opening touch (60 Grandsire Doubles) was well struck by members of the Kea band, who were invited over to open the bells. The ringers were as follows: H. Chegwiddden 1, W. Greet 2, Miss E. Fisher 3, H. Harris 4, J. Thomas 5, Rev. R. H. Sowell 6.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A very well-attended meeting of the Manchester branch was held at the Town Hall, Manchester, on Saturday last. Representatives were present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Didsbury, Worsley, Eccles, Pendleton, Reddish, Stockport, Middleton, Hyde, Miles Platting, Prestwich, Whitefield, Birch, etc. The chair was taken by Mr. J. Barratt (vice-president of the Association), who gave a hearty welcome to the visitors, and urged all members to comply with the rules of the Association, especially in regard to the subscriptions, as peals could not be entered in the report unless rung by bona-fide members.—Mr. Amos Simpson, of St. John's, Miles Platting, was elected a performing member, and the Rev. H. A. Hudson an honorary life member of the Association.—Mr. W. H. Idle expressed pleasure in seeing at the meeting Miss Edith R. Barnes, who took part in a course of Grandsire Caters, and he hoped other ladies would take interest in the beautiful art of change ringing.—Mr. J. Ridyard urged members to take a keener interest in the higher methods.—The Cathedral was chosen as the next place of meeting, and a vote of thanks was accorded the authorities for the use of the bells, etc.—Touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman were rung.

DEATH OF AN OLD COVENTRY RINGER.

The death of William Gilbert, which occurred on Christmas Eve, after a short illness, takes away the only survivor of the old St. Michael's company of change ringers, Coventry, and thus one of the few connections of this fine peal of bells with change ringing is severed. He was 72 years of age, and was a member of the St. Michael's company from an early age to the time the tower was declared unsafe, now some 27 years ago. Since then he had been steeplekeeper at Trinity Church, and, assisted by his sons, used to chime the eight bells which are erected in a wooden campanile and unsafe for ringing.

He only took part in one peal, that being when he rang the tenor of St. Michael's, on Easter Monday, April 7th, 1877, to a peal of 5003 Grandsire Caters, conducted by the late Henry Bastable, of Birmingham, but he took a keen interest in change ringing, and about seven years ago rang the tenor at Stoke Church to a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples.

His funeral took place on Monday, December 30th, and in the evening the Stoke band rang a peal of Stedman Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect for his memory.

SALISBURY GUILD.**PROGRESS IN THE DEVIZES BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of the Devizes Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held at Southbroom, on Saturday afternoon last, when among those present were the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), Vicar of Market Lavington; the Rev. Canon Gardiner, Vicar of Southbroom; the Rev. P. W. G. Filleul, Rector of Devizes; Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingstoke; Rev. Evelyn Smith, Curate of Southbroom; Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. branch secretary), and ringers from Westbury, Chilton, Beechingstoke, Southbroom, St. Mary's and St. John's, Devizes; Market Lavington, and Great Cheverell. An excellent tea, kindly given by Canon Gardiner, in the Southbroom Parish Room, was enjoyed by a company numbering 39.

At the business meeting which followed, the annual report of the branch was read, and upon the proposal of the Rev. J. A. Sturton, seconded by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, was unanimously adopted and confirmed.—The balance sheet for the year was also unanimously adopted.—On the proposition of Mr. H. B. West, seconded by Mr. R. Haslehurst, the Rev. J. A. Sturton was unanimously elected as chairman for 1913, the resolution being carried with great applause.

The Secretary, Mr. H. Brownlee West, was again asked to continue in office for another year, and upon the proposal of the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, seconded by Mr. C. D. Heginbotham, he was elected with hearty applause. Both gentlemen made suitable replies, thanking the ringers for their kind expressions of gratitude for their past services, assuring them of the pleasure it gave them to continue in their respective offices, and that they would do their utmost to promote the further progress of the Guild.

The annual report showed that twelve meetings had been held during 1912, at all of which the attendance had been very good, and showing an average attendance of 28. During the year, five additional towers had joined the Guild, viz.: Bradford, Edington, Fittleton, Market Lavington, and Bishops Cannings, while Marden, Enford, and Bratton have promised to join for 1913. The past year has been an important one, inasmuch as the bells at four towers had been restored and rehung, viz.: Trowbridge, Seend, Enford, and Bishops Cannings. The tenor at Seend was recast, and at Enford a new treble was added to make a ring of six.

The next three meetings were decided upon as follows: February 1st, Westbury; April 5th, Erchfont; May 3rd, Trowbridge.

Upon the proposition of Mr. West, and seconded by Mr. Heginbotham, a threefold vote of thanks was accorded to Canon Gardiner for his kindness in providing the tea, allowing the use of his parish room, and also the use of the church bells.—A vote of thanks was also given to the Rector of Devizes, for the use of St. John's bells, which, with those at Southbroom, were kept going from 3.0 p.m. until 8 o'clock.—Short touches of Grandsire Doubles and Bob Triples were also rung on the handbells, by Mr. and Mrs. H. B. West, Mr. Hart, Mr. Chapman, and Mr. Edwards.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Stroud and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chalford on Saturday week. All day there was heavy rain, and it speaks volumes for the enthusiasm of the members that 32 ringers attended from Painswick, Stroud, Minchinhampton, Avening, Bisley, Horsley, Stonehouse and Chalford. The novel and interesting peal of six steel bells were raised in peal at 4 p.m., and some good touches of Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Bob Minor were rung until 6 p.m. Service was then held in the church, and besides the ringers several parishioners attended. The Vicar (the Rev. A. E. Addenbrooke) took the service, at which special prayers and hymns from the Association's form of service were used. The singing was quite a feature of the service, the men's voices, led by the choir, uniting finely in the splendid ringers' hymns, set to the tunes of St. Oswald and Deerhurst. This prepared the way for a most practical and helpful address by the Rev. H. P. Barchard, from the words: "God so loved the world that He gave."

At the mission room an excellent tea was provided by the kind friends at Chalford, the Vicar and churchwardens and the Rev. H. P. Barchard being present. A business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. The hon. secretary (Mr. William Hale) gave his report on the year's work, in which he stated that eleven meetings had been held, twenty new members elected, and one tower added to the branch. He also made the financial statement for the year.—The report and accounts were considered most satisfactory, and cordial thanks were accorded to the branch committee and officers, who were re-elected en bloc.—Hearty votes of thanks were also accorded to the Vicar and churchwardens, and to the Rev. H. P. Barchard and all who had helped to make the meeting so successful.—The Vicar and churchwardens responded, and heartily welcomed the visitors to Chalford. The hope was expressed that the gathering would be the means of stimulating the ringing at Chalford, and that the bells would be rung regularly for the festivals and services of the church. Eight new members were elected, including all the local society, and Minchinhampton was unanimously selected as the place for the quarterly meeting in March, and Woodchester and Leonard Stanley for the monthly meetings. The handbells were brought into use, and there was afterwards more ringing on the tower bells, which brought a most successful meeting to a close.

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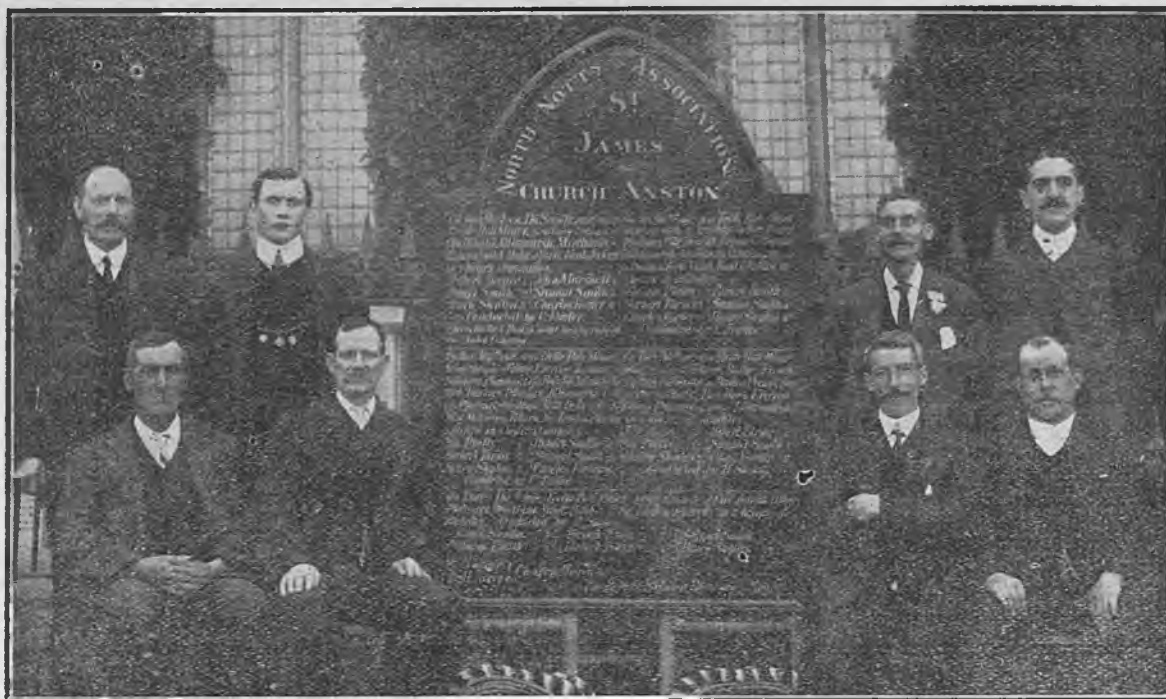
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The Anston Company of Change Ringers have just achieved the distinction of ringing one hundred different Treble Bob Minor methods, including all the known Surprises, and have never missed ringing for two services each Sunday for years. They have had the good fortune to keep the same members together, with one exception,

for 20 years, and their last addition has been with them ten years. This is a proof of what can be done by constant practice with the same company. The band would like to know if this is a record. They have also broken their own record by ringing in 1912 over 80 complete 720's in 54 different methods.

ODD CHANGES.

Collected from all Quarters.

The long peal attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday came to an unfortunate ending. After 2 hrs. 50 mins. ringing the conductor missed a bob, and the bells were stopped. Better luck next time.

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We are asked to state that the dedication of the screen in Drayton Church, in memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, is fixed to take place on Saturday, February 1st.

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Leonard Pye, although he rang his first peal of Stedman at the age of 13, is not quite the youngest ringer to score a peal in that method. On October 23rd, 1905, at Arklow, Ireland, the following were in a band that rang a peal of Stedman: Treble, W. R. Washbrook, aged 11 years; 2, A. F. Shepherd, aged 14; 4, J. W. Washbrook, junr., aged 13.

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Mr. J. Thomas, the captain of the Kea band, has been presented with a handsome pocket letter case by the Truro Cathedral ringers and by the younger members of the Kea band. Mr. Thomas takes the keenest interest in ringing, and has been spending regularly one and sometimes two evenings a week for the past year in instructing the newly-formed Cathedral company.

One or two of those whose names we gave last week as having taken part in over 40 peals during 1912 added one more to their total on the last evening of the year. Mr. K. Hart raised his number rung to 55 and conducted to 33; Mr. G. Williams his total to 41 rung and 34 conducted. Mr. I. G. Shade was another who during the 12 months rang over the half century, his score being 58. Mr. J. H. B. Hesse rang 42. Mr. J. Hunt's 55 included one tower bell peal, all the rest being on handbells. He rang no fewer than 65 handbell peals in succession, owing to the bells in the Guildford towers being unpealable. Mr. J. Motts conducted 25 peals, out of 26 rung during 1912.

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Southwark Cathedral must be among the "lucky" towers. Treble Twelve, Stedman Cinques and now Cambridge Maximus have been rung there within a month. The tenor, as is well known, is over 50 cwt., and it speaks volumes for the excellent work of the bellhangers (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank) that the bells go so extremely well.

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Lancashire, which is to possess another peal of ten, is not well off for rings of this number, considering the large number of bells it possesses, and the Dalton-in-Furness peal will be a welcome addition. There are peals of twelve at St. Nicholas, Liverpool; Ashton-under-Lyne and Oldham. The peals of ten are at Manchester Town Hall, Manchester Cathedral, St. Peter's, Liverpool; Blackburn, and Kendal.

A PEAL OF TEN IN MASSACHUSETTS.

DEDICATION OF HINGHAM BELLS.

On Monday, November 25th, was dedicated a new ring of ten bells raised in a detached campanile by popular subscription, both being a memorial to the immigrant settlers and founders of Hingham, many of whom are known to have sprung from the best families of Hingham, Norfolk. Their descendants have always maintained an affection for the "old home," as it was for many years termed, and when it came to a choice of bells, the happy proposal to reproduce with original inscriptions the peal of St. Andrew's (augmented by two trebles) met with hearty approval. Hingham is a picturesque town situated on the sea coast seventeen miles from Boston. Its church, or meeting-house, as it was called, by reason of its forming the general place of assembly, for secular as well as for religious purposes, was erected in 1681, forty-six years after the settlement of the town, and this quaint structure with central turret is the oldest religious edifice in the country, which stands upon its original site, and continues in use for religious purposes. The church and adjacent campanile occupy an elevation within a close, constituting an ideal environment for change ringing.

Mr. Daniel F. Gibbons, a member of the College Youths, came over to supervise the work of instalment; and it is safe to assert that no more difficult job was ever presented to a bell hanger. The trouble arose from a blunder of the brick masons, who had altered the dimensions of the belfry from the architect's design, and hence the steel cage proved a misfit, to be corrected only after chiselling out the cemented brick work of the walls. To the casual observer, this brick tower with their walls might appear too fragile to withstand the thrust of swinging bells, but American engineers have evolved a novel process of solid concrete construction reinforced by steel rods, which ensures stability of structure with economy of cost—a discovery which should be more generally recognised. Attached to the inner wall of the floor chamber is the well worn stepping-stone that for centuries stood sentry on the village green of old Hingham, a highly prized gift of the local authorities.

Mr. Gibbons was present at the dedication, and other ringers who attended were Mr. Frank Burgar, formerly of Sheffield, who has taken part in twenty-seven peals; Mr. Henry Aston, who long ago rang in a peal at Coventry; Mr. William Shipp, junr., whose father was once known in Oxfordshire as a sure striker and instructor; Mr. Samuel Hodgdon, of the band which rang at St. John's and St. Peter's, Bradford; Dr. A. H. Nichols, and the following connected now or formerly with the ringers of Groton School: Messrs. J. Warren Sturgis, Guy Ayrault, Mather A. Abbot, Charles A. Crolidge, Hamilton Hadley, S. E. M. Crocker, and Norman R. Sturgis.

It is noteworthy that this is the first ring of ten bells installed in the United States, and it will rank unquestionably among the most meritorious productions of its founders (Messrs. Mears and Stainbank). The tenor is in E flat, weighing 19 cwt. 2 qrs. English bells are being imported in increased numbers into the United States and Canada, and this preference is due in part to their superior hangings and appurtenances, but more especially to the larger volume of sound and carrying power of their trebles, which are not overpowered, as in American chimes, by the heavier back bells of the octave.

After an impressive service within the church, and the chiming of a few hymn tunes, the bells were sounded in rounds and Grandsire Doubles, some of which ran smoothly. From the Rev. Louis C. Cornish, pastor, to whose irrepressible appeals the town is chiefly indebted for this double memorial, the ringers met with a cordial reception.

While with the installation of still another new ring in the Perkins Institution for the Blind, five belfries at or near Boston will be available for unlimited half-pull practice, there is deplorable dearth of ringers. English ringers contemplating a change of residence, will be likely to find no more congenial home than New England, where the demand for artisans is beyond the supply. This metropolis should constitute the headquarters of a guild qualified to impart instruction and a stimulus to beginners, by means of which the Exercise could be extended to the belfries of all our large cities. A.H.N.

THE PEAL AT ROLVENDEN, KENT.

The ringers in the peal at Rolvenden on Saturday represented six towers: Messrs. Burden and Blackman belong to Rolvenden; Daw and Wenham to Stone-in-Oxney; Tribe to Tenterden; Lambert to Benenden; Johnson to Appledore; and Billenness to Rye. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. G. Burden and his veteran father, Edgar Burden, also a ringer. Their birthdays were on Christmas Day and Boxing Day respectively, and the peal was to have been attempted on the previous Saturday, but had to be postponed on account of bad weather. It was also a complimentary peal to C. Tribe, the hon. secretary of the Ashford Division, whose birthday was on the 3rd January.

DORCHESTER.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Thursday, January 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples came to grief, after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins.: T. Page 1, W. A. Painter 2, C. H. Jennings 3, F. Uphill 4, L. W. Wiffen 5, C. B. Hurst 6, G. T. White (conductor) 7, J. W. Bengier 8.

THE PEAL POINTS QUESTION.

To the Editor.

Sir,—With your permission, I should like to say a word or two about the subject of your editorial in the current issue of "The Ringing World." Particularly so at the present moment, when nobody knows what the final result of the analysis will be; so that one can write pretty freely without running the risk of being charged with jealousy. When you penned the sentence, "the Norwich and Middlesex, on points, are running neck and neck for top place," I do not suppose you wished to suggest there was any sort of rivalry between these two societies. But for those outside, your sentence might conjure up an idea that we were deadly rivals, each striving for mastery over the other, and engaged in a sort of fight to the death. This, of course, is as absurd as it is untrue.

The respective areas covered by the Norwich and Middlesex Associations are so absolutely unlike in situation, size, population, means of getting about, and in every other particular, that comparison between the two is impossible, and indeed would be bordering on the farcical. For instance, we have bands in small villages, miles from a railway station, who score seven 720's of Bob Minor, or a 5040 of Doubles. It often means persistent struggle and grit to achieve this, and when it is done and everything taken into consideration, it is a memorable performance, and is as worthy of a place in our annual report as a peal of Cinques or Maximus.

In the Middlesex Association, of course, you get no performances such as this—its position and conditions do not admit of it. There can, therefore, be no rivalry between us—we are, as a matter of fact, the best of friends. The ringing of peals for the sake of amassing points certainly never enters the heads of ringers in the Norwich diocese, and I expect it is equally true of the members of the Middlesex.

Then, too, I think you over-rate the interest taken by peal ringers in "points for peals." The whole system is so unsatisfactory that I think most men patiently endure "points for peals" rather than take any interest in them. It is, too, getting more unsatisfactory each year. I do not mean as to what points should be allotted to this, that, or the other peal, but rather to the question in its widest sense.

We speak sometimes of the Association at the top of the analysis as the "premier" one. But is it always the premier one when all things are considered? Often not. Take 1911 as an example. The Winchester Guild were at the top of the table solely through the efforts of the Guildford handbell band. They rang on handbells more than half the total number of peals scored by their Association, and a vast deal more than half in point value. Take away the results of the skill of these eight or ten brilliant exponents of what, after all, is a kind of "side-line," and where is the Winchester Guild? I yield to no one in my admiration of the extraordinary skill and patience of the Guildford men—I am only writing of the final result of their performances in the analysis.

Recently another element has come in—a peal tapped by one person. That also will have its points—and it deserves them, too. But give this performer a little more skill, and an abundance of energy, and we shall have the North Notts Association the champions! Which—with all respect of them—would be farcical indeed, and perhaps be the prelude to an "In Memoriam" notice announcing the decease of "points for peals."—Yours faithfully,

CHAS. E. BORRETT,

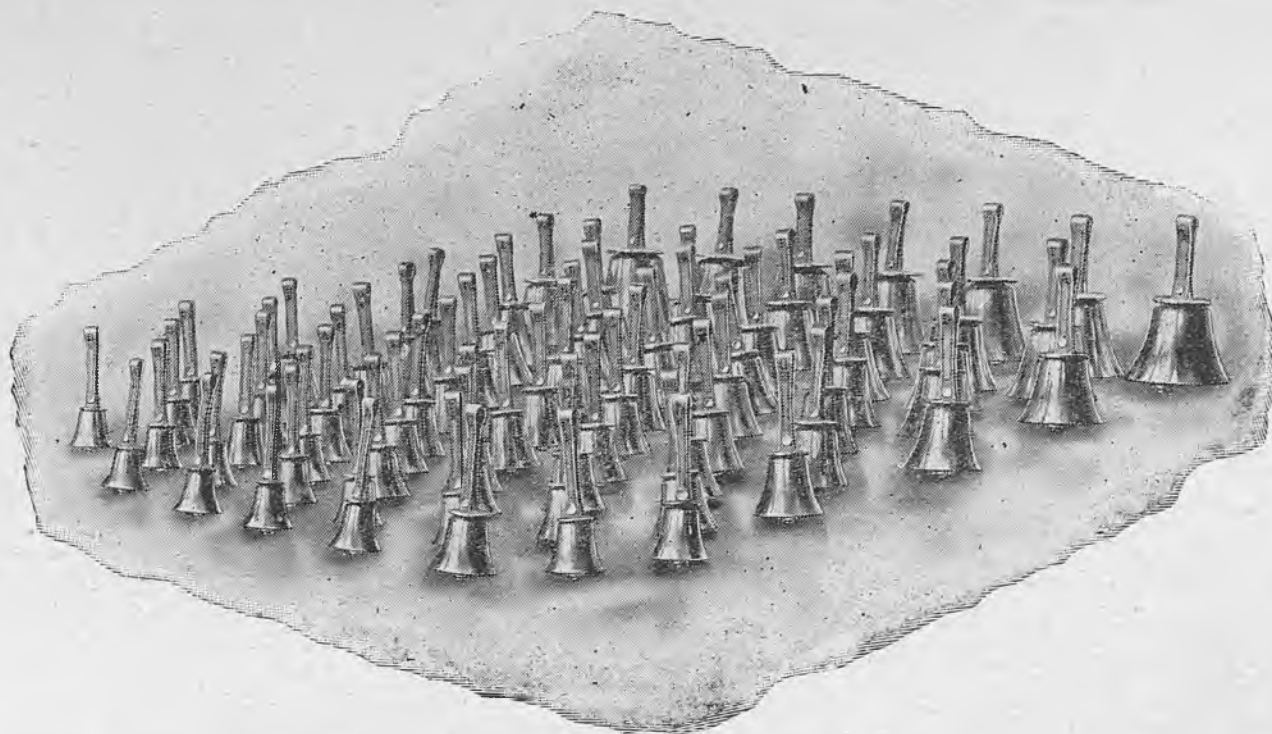
Secretary, Norwich Diocesan Association.

FARNHAM'S PEAL BOARD.

A handsome peal board has been unveiled in the belfry of Farnham, Surrey, the ceremony being performed on Monday week by Mrs. Lovett, wife of the Rector, who is leaving for a Southampton parish. The board records the following peals: February 27th, 1909, Grandsire Triples; Feb. 19th, 1910, Grandsire Triples; May 20th, 1910, a half-muffled peal of Bob Major for the late King Edward; June 22nd, 1911, Grandsire Triples, on the occasion of the Coronation; Dec. 23rd, 1911, Stedman Triples; August 7th, Grandsire Triples, half-muffled for the late W. H. Lowman; Nov. 30th, 1912, Oxford Bob Triples.—Mrs. Lovett, in unveiling the board, referred to some of the historic occasions on which Farnham bells had been rung, including the celebration of the victories of Trafalgar and Waterloo.—Mr. C. Edwards thanked Mrs. Lovett for unveiling the board, and the Rector referred in terms of high praise to the enthusiasm of the ringers in their work and their splendid achievements. He attributed their success largely to the efforts of Mr. Edwards, the conductor, and thanked them for the regularity, loyalty and enthusiasm which they had shown towards the bells, and through the bells to the parish.

HINCKLEY, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Sharratt 1, B. Ridgway 2, J. Fansiey 3, A. Moore 4, S. White 5, F. Cotton (conductor) 6, G. Thompson 7, A. H. Gane 8. Arranged for ringer of tenor, who belongs to Doulling, Shepton Mallet, this being his first quarter-peal.

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MEETING AT STOKE POGES.

On Saturday, by kind invitation of the Vicar and churchwardens, a meeting took place at Stoke Poges. Something like forty ringers were expected, but owing no doubt to the bad state of the weather only twenty-four were present, including the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and Mr. Cyril Johnston, representing the firm of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, who have just carried out the work of restoration so successfully.

During the afternoon and evening, touches of Stedman Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Oxford and Kent were rung.—A short service was also held, conducted by the Rev. C. H. Stokes (curate), and afterwards the company sat down in the parish room to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the Rev. Canon Barnett (Vicar) and Mr. E. H. Parry (churchwarden). Mrs. Barnett was present to receive the visitors, and to say how sorry Canon Barnett was that, owing to illness, he could not be with them.—At the conclusion of tea, the company passed a vote of thanks to Canon Barnett and Mr. Parry for so kindly entertaining them.

Ringers were present from Burnham, Chalfont St. Peter, Ealing, Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Heston, Hillingdon, Slough, Windsor, and the local company. All were delighted with the tone and "go" of the bells.

RINGERS' CENTURIES.

GEO. LEWIS' 100 PEALS.

On Tower Bells: Four Minor Methods, 1; seven Treble Bob Minor Methods, 2; Grandsire Triples, 4; Stedman Triples, 13, conducted, 3; Bob Major, 7, conducted, 3; College Single Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 9 (a), conducted, 4; Oxford, 2, conducted, 1; Double Norwich, 2, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 3; Stedman Caters, 4 (b); Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Cinques, 1; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 1. On handbells: Grandsire Triples, 9; Stedman Triples, 1; Bob Major, 19, conducted, 5; Little Bob Major, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Caters, 13; Bob Royal, 4, conducted, 1; total, 100, conducted, 18; (a) includes 6208 and 11,232 conducted; (b) includes 6591.

W. G. CRICKMER'S 100 PEALS

FOR THE NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

Doubles, 4, conducted, 3; Minor, 24 (including the first Surprise peal in Suffolk), conducted, 13; Bob Triples, 6, conducted, 3; Grandsire, 4; Stedman, 2; Bob Major (including 4 on handbells), 13, conducted, 10; Royal (on handbells), 1, conducted, 1; Maximus, 1; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 22 (including 10,176 and 16,608), conducted, 9; Kent, 13, conducted, 6; Kent Treble Bob Maximus, 2; Double Norwich Major, 3; Superlative, 3; Cambridge, 1; London, 1; total, 100, conducted, 45.

C. HAZELDEN'S 50 PEALS.

Minor, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 1; Bob Major, 3; Bob Royal, 3; Stedman Triples, 18; Caters 3; Double Norwich Major 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge, 2; Norfolk, 1; Bristol, 3; London, 4; total, 50.

RINGERS ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

PRESENTATION AT EASTON NESTON.

The members of the Easton Neston (Northants) company and friends spent a very enjoyable evening on Friday week, when a dinner was held, and proved a great success. Those present included Mr. F. Causebrook (hon. secretary of the Towcester and District Association), Messrs. J. Slarke, E. Hunt, F. Wilford, and F. Hopper, of Northampton, and other friends. It was much to be regretted that the Rev. R. C. Collins (Vicar of Easton) was unable to be present owing to the very rough night, but he was represented by Mrs. and Miss Collins, who received a hearty welcome. Dinner over, Mr. F. Wilford was voted to the chair for the evening, and Mr. J. Slarke, in a short speech, said they had not only met together that evening for a little enjoyment, but also to do honour to a brother ringer, whom he had known for many years. There were others in the room who had been most helpful to them, but Mr. Hopper had done a great deal to forward the art of change ringing in the neighbourhood, and had been particularly helpful to the Easton Neston ringers, as they had been able to ring their first local peal the day before.—Mr. Hopper was then presented with a splendid pair of blankets by Mrs. Collins, who in a few well chosen words asked him to accept them as a token of thanks for what he had done for the Easton ringers.—Mr. Hopper, who was taken by surprise, thanked the ringers for their most kind gift. He said it was always a pleasure to him to help forward the art of change ringing, and it was very kind indeed of them to do what they had done that evening.

The Chairman said he felt it his duty to say just a few words with regard to this gift to Mr. Hopper. There was no man in the Central Northants Association who was so great a help to him as Mr. Hopper was, for he always endorsed his views, and was ever ready to go forward at every turn to help others in the way of change ringing. He was very pleased indeed to be there that evening, as those little

gatherings, which brought ringers together, enabled them to know each other better, and to help forward the good work they were doing for the Church.

The toast of "The Health of Mr. J. Slarke" was submitted by Miss Collins, who wished the veteran health and happiness in the coming year.—The toast was drunk with musical honours, and Mr. Slarke, in reply, thanked the company most sincerely. He had, he said, been looking forward to that meeting for some time, and would have been very pleased to have seen the Vicar with them. They had, however, excellent representatives in Mrs. and Miss Collins. Ringers always found it a great help to them when they saw the head of the church present at their gatherings. At the same time, he knew how deeply interested Mr. Collins was in his bell ringers and bell ringing, he being a member of the Association and a vice-president.

In conclusion, Mr. Slarke trusted that these gatherings would take place year after year, and added that he would always do whatever lay in his power to help forward his brother ringers.

The remainder of the evening was spent in a convivial manner. Songs were given by Mr. F. Wilford, Mr. Unwin, Mr. Beesley, Master P. Slarke, Miss V. Slarke, Mr. L. Worth, Mr. Basford and Mr. Bushall, together with selections on the handbells, thus bringing a pleasant evening to a close.

EAST HAGBOURNE (BERKS).

The annual suppers of the Hagbourne ringers were held at the Welcome Inn, as usual, on Christmas and New Year's Eves, and proved very successful. Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Butler's catering was most thoroughly appreciated, and two very enjoyable evenings were spent by the ringers and their friends. After supper, on each occasion, a concert was held, at which it was the rule for each member present to sing a song. At 10 o'clock, an adjournment was made to the Schoolroom, where further songs were sung until just before midnight. Christmas Day was announced with a touch of Grandsire Triples, and the Old Year was rung out and the New Year in by touches in the same method, the last being a 672 by: W. Cox 1, E. Eutler 2, H. Bishop 3, W. Napper 4, J. Butler 5, T. East (conductor) 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8. After ringing, a return was made to the school, and the proceedings were finished by the singing of Auld Lang Syne and the National Anthem.

MERTHYR TYDVIL.

On the evening of January 2nd, the members of the Merthyr Tydvil Parish Church Guild were entertained to supper by Miss A. E. Harrap, of Gwaunfarran, at the Commercial Hotel. After an excellent repast, Mr. A. E. Slatter, the captain, proposed "The health of Miss Harrap" which was seconded by Mr. E. Thomas.—Mr. F. Chave proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Trevanion for the very able manner in which she had catered for the company, and this was seconded by Mr. C. Paley.—The company then rang several selections on the handbells, after which whist was indulged in, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

A party of 18 ringers from Handsworth paid another visit to Tattenhall, on Saturday week, when they spent a most enjoyable time. They were welcomed at the New Inn Hotel, which they made their headquarters, by the host and other friends, and, after touches of Grandsire Triples on the tower bells, enjoyed a splendid feast. The evening was devoted to a musical programme, which opened with "Blue bells of Scotland," rung on handbells. Messrs E. Starkey, T. Verry, H. Herbert (comic), R. Roper, Faux, C. Starkey, F. Ward, E. Wood, and others, gave excellent songs, and the host's niece delighted the company with a rendering of "Killarney," in Welsh. Mr. F. Banks gave some capital concertina selections. The host was thanked for his excellent catering, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

SCARBOROUGH.

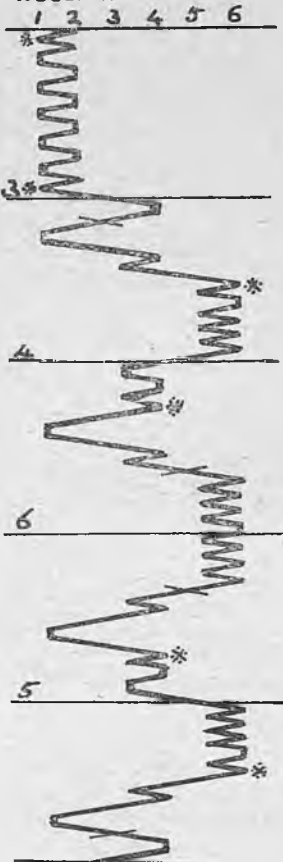
As is customary on New Year's Eve, the bells of St. Mary's Parish Church, Scarborough, were rung, half-muffled, for the last half-hour of the old year; and open for an hour to welcome in the new. A pleasing event, quite unexpected, took place this year, when Mr. W. R. Lowson, the Vicar's warden, and Mrs. Lowson, assisted by Miss Coates, kindly entertained the ringers to refreshments in the belfry, hot coffee, sandwiches and mince pies being handed round. After partaking of the good things provided, Mr. Lowson, who is taking up ringing in earnest, took a rope in a few well-struck rounds and changes. The following ringers also took part: Messrs. Gibson, Cole, Fryers, Barton, Lowson, Raynor, Shannon, Priest, and Copley. Great credit is due to the four last-named members on the way in which they handled their bells, this being their first attempt at muffled ringing.—At the conclusion of the ringing cigars were handed round, kindly provided by Mr. Usher, sidesman.—On Christmas Day, for morning service, 360 Grandsire was rung by: J. Fryers, H. Gibson, W. Raynor (first with a bob bell), T. Wardman, J. R. Barton, L. T. Cole.—On Boxing Day, an attempt for a peal of Grandsire Triples, on handbells, came to grief after ringing 2100 changes: J. R. Barton (conductor) 1—2, O. Coates 3—4, H. Gibson 5—6, G. Alexander 7—8.

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

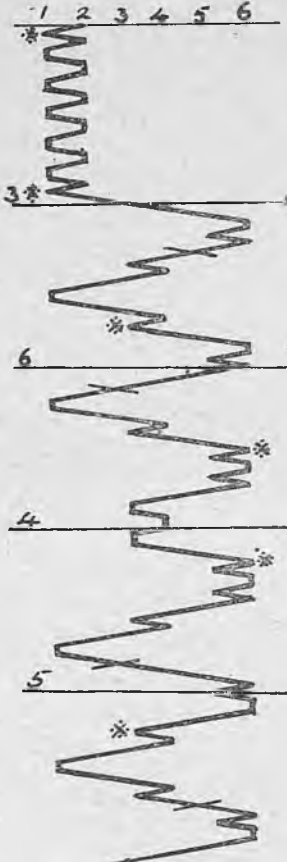
We give this week the diagrams of Woodbine and Violet Treble Bob. They are not among the legitimate methods, but are rung so much that we make no apology for their publication in this form.

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.

WOODBINE TREBLE BOB.



VIOLET TREBLE BOB.



SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY AT CHESTERFIELD.

The January meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Society was held on Saturday at Chesterfield, and in spite of the wretched weather, was well attended. Upwards of 30 members were present from Bolsover, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Parish Church, and Staveley. The fine peal of ten bells (tenor 24½ cwt.) were raised about 3.30 p.m., and were kept going with short intervals till 7.30 p.m., some good ringing being accomplished, in a variety of methods, including Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Double Norwich, Oxford Treble Bob, and New Cambridge, Superlative and Bristol Surprise Major, Stedman and Grandsire Caters and Kent Treble Bob Royal.

A short business meeting was held in the tower during the evening, Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster) in the chair, at which a hearty vote of thanks to the Ven. Archdeacon Crosse (who is so ever ready to grant the use of the bells) was carried with acclamation, as also was a vote of thanks to the local company. After lowering the bells, a move was made to the local company's meeting-room, where a pleasant evening was spent with the aid of a gramophone and some hand-bells.

Longborough, GLOS.—To ring in the New Year, 720 of Plain Bob Minor was rung: A. Purington 1, S. Green 2, T. Williams 3, T. Pethrick 4, A. Williams 5, E. Pardon (conductor) 6.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting will be held at Pudsey on January 11th, 1913. Peal attempt at 2.30 p.m. Business meeting at the Golden Lion Hotel at 7.30 p.m.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at the Holy Trinity Church, Darwen, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Wincanton on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Service in the church 4.15 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Bells available from 2.30 to 9 p.m. All ringers invited.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Nicholas New Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramshot.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.; short service, with an address by the Vicar of St. Saviour's, at 5.30; tea in the Parish Hall at 6 o'clock, followed by business meeting. Members are reminded that annual subscriptions for 1913 were due on January 1st.—H. Rumens, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Whitworth Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30; business meeting at 6.30. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bolton Parish Church on Saturday, January 11th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held on January 11th at Leighton Buzzard. Eight bells. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The general meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Weston Favel on Saturday, January 11th; Lowick on January 18th; Isham on January 25th; Irthlingborough on February 1st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking, on January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.—R. H. Freeman, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Lane, Shere.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after. Will all those intending to be present at tea kindly let me know on or before January 15th.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Honorary Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. Will all those members who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, January 14th. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham on January 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. New reports given out at this meeting.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address, at 5.30. Tea at 6. Those intending to be present please send word not later than January 14th to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery.—The annual meeting will be held at Bridgwater on January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 2 p.m. Service at St. Mary's Church at 4. Tea at 5 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, junr., Honorary Secretary, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

BATHS AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Tea 9d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 16th and 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome, and are requested to give notice of attendance not later than January 19th.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsby.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Service at 6 p.m. Further particulars next week.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—Preliminary Notice.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Further particulars next week.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday? The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once. — W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

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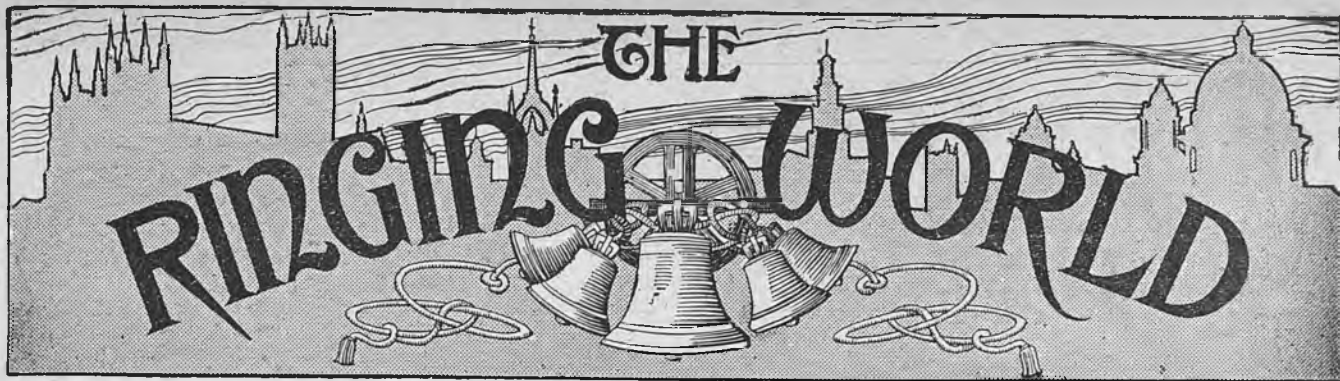
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Gentlemen,

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 REVIVAL OF OLD SOCIETIES.

Everyone would rejoice if the breach which has existed at Norwich between the church authorities at St. Peter Mancroft and the members of that very ancient ringing society, the Norwich Scholars, could be healed. A correspondent this week holds out the hope that something may be done by which the dispute, which has robbed the Scholars of a headquarter's tower, can be ended, and we trust that his action may open the way to amicable arrangement. With the dispute and the reasons for it we have no concern, and no good purpose could be served by opening up old sores. What we do feel, however, is that much good might be done if this old society could be rehabilitated.

An organisation with something like 300 years of history behind it ought not to be allowed to die of inanition. Such a society is, from a ringer's point of view, a national asset, for it goes back to the very foundations of the history of change ringing and even beyond, and however chequered may have been its career its existence ought to be carefully nurtured, for by far the larger number of our ringing organisations are of mere mushroom growth in comparison. The Norwich Scholars were among the pioneers of the Art two centuries ago, and it would be a matter of general gratification if those who to-day represent its membership could reanimate it. This, we believe, might very easily be done, without in any way infringing upon the prerogatives of the younger Association which dominates the territorial area—the Norwich Diocesan Association.

The mending of the breach referred to probably rests with the members themselves. At any rate, they have it in their power to take the necessary steps which might open negotiations. Our ringing organisations do not include so many really ancient societies that we can afford to let slip such a link with the long-distant past as is formed by the Norwich Scholars. All the while there is a membership, however feeble, there is material for reviving the society, and for maintaining the continuity of the organisation. We are glad to see, therefore, that its annual festival, this year in the shape of a social reunion, has been re-established. With the right men to watch its interests and to impart activity into its dormant body the Norwich Scholars may yet become a real, live society.

And, incidentally, may we ask when steps are to be taken to re-organise that now almost moribund organisation, the old Waterloo Society? If the secretary, whose duties have apparently become entirely nominal, will bestir himself, we believe he will have quite a goodly number of members rallying to his support. At any rate, he will find that there are quite a number of Johns willing to give him a hand to set the society once more on its feet.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 36½ cwt., in C.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	*ROBERT W. GREEN 7
EDWIN GIBBS 2	THOMAS LANGDON 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY 9
LOUIS ATTWATER 4	FRANCIS E. DAWE 10
JAMES SCHOLES 5	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 11
ARTHUR D. BARKER 6	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and
Conducted by HENRY SPRINGALL.

* First peal on 12 bells. Rung on the occasion of the 85th birthday of the Rector (the Rev. Prebendary Albert Barff, M.A.), the ringers heartily wishing him "many happy returns." Great credit is due to the tower keeper (Mr. C. H. Ward) for the exceedingly clean and well-kept state of the whole belfry.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Four Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-BOW, CHEAPSIDE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 53 cwt.

BERTRAM PREWETT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	KEITH HART 9
CHARLES T. COLES 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 10
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 5	ERNEST PYE 11
JOHN ARMSTRONG 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

TEN BELL PEALS.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD AND
THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	SIDNEY T. GOODCHILD ... 6
RALPH COLES 2	WILLIAM PHIPPS 7
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	GEORGE WHITE 8
ARTHUR F. ASHMAN 4	BENJAMIN PAGE 9
EDWARD MARKHAM 5	FRANK W. BOXALL Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

Rung as a farewell to 1912 by an entirely local band.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

*GEORGE W. TOMKINS ... Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON ... 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
*EDGAR GUISE 3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 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 on ten bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 3rd and tenor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

ORMSKIRK, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVES. Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qr.

*JAMES T. SHOLICAR ... Treble	JAMES R. PARK ... 5
JOHN H. SHOLICAR ... 2	JAMES MARSH ... 6
PETER H. HARVEY ... 3	JOHN W. PILKINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM RIMMER ... 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES R. PARK.

* First peal. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Canon Woodrow, a vice-president of the Guild; also in honour of his recent appointment as Canon.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(LIVERPOOL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH, GARSTON,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER E. HUGHES ... Treble	JOHN TURNER ... 5
GEORGE WOODHALL ... 2	JOHN ALLEN ... 6
EDWARD CAUNCE ... 3	WALTER HUGHES ... 7
THOMAS JENNIONS ... 4	*FRANCIS CHEWTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER HUGHES.

* First peal.

CHESTER.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(CHESTER BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

HENRY WOODFINE ... Treble	WILLIAM SCONCE ... 5
HENRY W. WILDE ... 2	JAMES MORGAN ... 6
GEORGE JONES ... 3	ERNEST CHANNELL ... 7
ROBERT SPERRING ... 4	WILLIAM MORGAN ... Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and

Conducted by HENRY W. WILDE.

First peal of Double Grandsire by all the band; also the first by the Guild, and the first ever rung in the City or County of Chester. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 6th. This composition, which is now rung for the first time, is a ten-part peal, composed July 1st, 1912.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 5
ERNEST PYE ... 2	CHARLES T. COLES ... 6
WILLIAM MILLER ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 4	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. J. Neale and R. Sanders. It was also A. J. Neale's 150th peal and the 25th anniversary of his wedding.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in F.

THOMAS KING ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 3	CHARLES F. WHITE ... 7
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 4	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT, and

Conducted by E. C. LAMBERT.

"Go" was called at 5.20 a.m., and this is the first peal in the method upon the bells.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

H. PATES ... Treble	I. J. ATTWATER ... 5
G. BARRINGTON ... 2	A. G. FREEMAN ... 6
J. S. DANIELS ... 3	L. ATTWATER ... 7
J. LEE ... 4	C. DANIELS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by L. ATTWATER.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band except the conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Greenwood on his 83rd birthday. Mr. Greenwood has been a ringer at both the Streatham churches since 1851.

STAINES, MIDDLESEX.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.
(LATE LONDON SCHOLARS.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 15½ cwt.

JOHN D. MATTHEWS ... Treble	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 2	THOMAS KING ... 6
ALFRED H. WINCH ... 3	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 7
JOHN H. CHEESMAN ... 4	CHARLES F. WHITE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK HOLDEN, and

Conducted by JOHN H. CHEESMAN.

"Go" was called at 9.30 a.m., and this is the first peal in the method upon the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs., in G.

OWEN H. GILES ... Treble	WILLIAM ROWE, Senr. ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES ... 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	ALBERT MARKS ... 7
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and

Conducted by W. T. TUCKER.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Miss May Rowe, daughter of the ringer of the 5th, on her coming-of-age.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
†RALPH COLES ... 2	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 3	ROBERT H. YOUNG ... 7
*JOHN GRANSBURY ... 4	JOHN EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

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

BARNET, HERTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

ARTHUR HUGHES ... Treble	JOHN THOMAS ... 5
FRANK A. MILNE ... 2	WILLIAM D. SMITH ... 6
FREDERICK RUMENS ... 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 4	ALBERT A. HUGHES ... Tenor

Composed by HY. DAINS, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Rung on the 25th birthday of the youngest son of the ringer of the 6th (residing in Sydney, Australia).

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

On Friday, January 10, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

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

Tenor 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

*SYDNEY CARTER... ..Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 5
*HENRY W. COWLEY... .. 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES... .. 6
*HENRY C. CHANDLER... .. 3	WILLIAM WELLING... .. 7
*CHARLES S. BIRD... .. 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... ..Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Henry C. Chandler, Hon. Sec. of
the S. & W. District of the Association.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY... ..Treble	ARTHUR HAGUE... .. 5
CLEMENT GLENN... .. 2	*WALTER FROGGATT... .. 6
WILLIAM LANBERT... .. 3	GEORGE HALKSORTH... .. 7
*EDWIN C. GARRISON... .. 4	JOHN H. BROTHWELL... ..Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HALKSORTH.

* First peal and first attempt. This was the conductor's 50th peal.

PUDSEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

PRATT CORDINGLEY... ..Treble	JOHN B. JACKSON... .. 5
WILLIAM BIRKS... .. 2	WILLIAM B. SMITH... .. 6
FRED W. THORPE... .. 3	EDWIN WHEATER... .. 7
SIDNEY KEIGHLEY... .. 4	JOHN PERFECT... ..Tenor

Composed by OBADIAH LANG, and
Conducted by E. WHEATER.

COLNE, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

ALFRED BROOK... ..Treble	HARRY FOULDS... .. 5
*SYDNEY LANE... .. 2	ROBERT FOULDS... .. 6
*JAMES E. FOULDS... .. 3	EDWARD MALLINSON... .. 7
*CHARLES MALLINSON... .. 4	JOHN P. FOULDS... ..Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JOHN P. FOULDS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by J. P. Foulds.

HEAVITREE, EXETER, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.
(HEAVITREE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

RICHARD HAMILTON... ..Treble	THOMAS LAVER... .. 5
†HERBERT V. RICHARDS... .. 2	CHARLES G. GLASS... .. 6
FREDERICK W. RICHARDS... .. 3	WILLIAM R. BOUNDY... .. 7
JOHN R. SANDOVER... .. 4	*SERGT.-MAJ. C. WARNER... ..Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT V. RICHARDS.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. Ninth peal by the Heavitree Society.

EPSOM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT... ..Treble	FRANK HOLDER... .. 5
DR. A. B. CARPENTER... .. 2	ALFRED WINCH... .. 6
BENJAMIN MORRIS... .. 3	ARTHUR DEAN... .. 7
WILLIAM H. JOINER... .. 4	JOHN CRAWFORD... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

Rung, after meeting short for Double Norwich, as a birthday
compliment to B. Morris on his coming-of-age. It was the conductor's
100th peal for the above Association.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

FRANK SMITH... ..Treble	HARRY SHUKER... .. 5
†WILLIAM SHERCLIFF... .. 2	JAMES W. WASHBROOK... .. 6
SAMUEL GREENHALGH... .. 3	HARRY CHAPMAN... .. 7
THOMAS BOTTRILL... .. 4	*EDWARD SMETHURST... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN THOMAS... ..Treble	JOHN BUTLER... .. 5
ARTHUR E. MORGAN... .. 2	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES... .. 6
VICTOR MORGAN... .. 3	JOHN W. JONES... .. 7
CHARLES GREEDY... .. 4	JOHN GODDARD... ..Tenor

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Arranged for J. Thomas, of Edmonton, who was on a visit.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LILBOURNE, NORTHANTS.

On Saturday, December 7, 1912, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

REGINALD J. LAWMAN... ..Treble	JOHN H. HIPWELL... .. 3
JOHN LAWMAN... .. 2	WILLIAM T. R. EGAN... .. 4
ALBERT E. TOMES... ..Tenor	

Conducted by R. J. LAWMAN.

First peal by all and on the bells. Rung as a farewell peal to
A. E. Tomes, who has joined the Birmingham Police Force. This
band was taught change ringing by Messrs. White and Hessian, of the
St. Andrew's Society, Rugby.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, December 31, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of York, Durham, London, Wells, Netherseale,
Cambridge and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH... ..Treble	FRED MANSEY... .. 4
GEORGE SNELLING... .. 2	JOHN SNELLING... .. 5
BERTIE F. TURNER... .. 3	FRED SEAGER... ..Tenor

Conducted by J. SNELLING.

First peal as conductor.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Hull, Bourne, York, Durham, Cambridge, Netherseale, and Norwich Surprise. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.

FREDERICK C. M. SKINNER <i>Treble</i>	FRED SEAGER 4
FRED MANSER 2	BERTIE F. TURNER... .. 5
GEORGE SNELLING 3	JOHN SNELLING... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by B. F. TURNER.

First Surprise peal on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANN, STAMFORD HILL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

*ERNEST DAVIDSON <i>Treble</i>	†ALFRED HOWELL 4
FREDERICK NUNN 2	†RICHARD N. RUNHAM 5
FRANK E. RINGROSE... .. 3	†CHARLES H. ROSS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by CHARLES H. ROSS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to R. N. Runham.

SANDHURST, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Woodbine, two of Oxford, and three of Kent Treble Bob.

*AUGUSTUS COLLINS <i>Treble</i>	CHARLES DOE 4
ARTHUR PAYNE 2	BARZELLAI HAWKINS 5
MARK GODDARD... .. 3	JOHN MOTH <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by JOHN MOTH.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the 4th, who is leaving for Elstree, Herts.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 13 cwt.

ALBERT RELFE <i>Treble</i>	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
GEORGE FULLER 2	WALTER MARSHALL 5
HARRY PRICE 3	FRANK PATTENDEN <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by ANDREW MARSHALL.

Quickest peal on the bells.

FRAMPTON, NEAR BOSTON, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*WILLIAM YOUNG <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE COLEMAN 4
*FREDERICK LEGGOTT 2	WILLIAM BARKER 5
HERBERT TAYLOR 3	FREDERICK TAYLOR <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by WILLIAM BARKER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor by all except the conductor. First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung and re-tuned, and a new treble added by Messrs. J. Taylor & Co., the "go" being excellent.

BARLEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*W. PEACHEY <i>Treble</i>	*S. HORWARD 3
H. HORWARD 2	H. SLATER 4
W. MANSFIELD <i>Tenor</i>	

Conducted by W. MANSFIELD.

* First peal. This peal was rung in honour to Miss Boucher, who, on the previous night, entertained the ringers to supper. Many thanks are due to Miss Boucher for her kindness in keeping up the interest which her late brother took in the bells and ringers.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Double Court, Oxford and Plain Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY 4
WILLIAM C. LEWIS 2	*JOSEPH FARBY 5
*ALBERT E. FOURT 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

* First peal in seven methods.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Canterbury, two of Oxford Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER, Senr. <i>Treble</i>	ALFRED CROUCHER 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE FISHER 5
*WILLIAM FISHER, Junr. 3	HUBERT CHAFFEY <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by C. EDWARDS.

* First peal with a bob bell. Ringers of 1, 3, 4 and 5 are local men. First peal by Mr. Fisher, Senr., whose age is 54, he having only commenced change ringing in 1911. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Chaffey.

CHARING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(MAIDSTONE DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13¾ cwt.

HORACE WILLARD <i>Treble</i>	JOSEPH EDWARDS 4
CHARLES FREDERICK GOOD 2	CHARLES LEONARD PRIOR 5
HARRY E. GOOD... .. 3	JOHN M. COLLREAY... .. <i>Tenor</i>

First peal by all the ringers. First peal by a local band, and the second peal on the bells.

[No conductor mentioned.—ED.]

HANDBELL PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1—2	WILLUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to John Heathorn, of Guildford, the oldest ringer in the Winchester Guild, on reaching the age of 89 years; and to J. S. Goldsmith, of Woking. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted the previous evening at the Abbot's Hospital, Guildford, in which Mr. Goldsmith took part and to which the old gentleman sat and listened, but to the regret of all the company and listeners, it was lost in the turning course.

DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

A NEW METHOD.

Plain Lead.	5088			
12345678	23456	W	M	H
21436587	45236	—	—	—
24135678	24536	—	—	—
42316587	52436	—	—	—
24361857	52364	B	—	—
42638175	43265	—	—	—
46283715	64235	—	—	—
64827351	36245	—	—	—
46283751	64352	B	—	—
64827315	34256	—	—	—
46237135	Five times repeated.			
64821753	Singles for Bobs on 2-3			
68412735	in corresponding parts.			
86147253				
81674523				
18765432				
18674523				
Bob				
17864523				
Single				
18764523				

The above method, which is musical and lends itself well to composition, may be interesting to Double Norwich ringers. A peal has been rung at Selly Oak, and will remain in abeyance two weeks after publication of this, pending any claim, etc. Failing such claim, it will then be published under the above title by

J. PIGOTT,
Smethwick.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

BIGGLESWADE BRANCH

At the annual meeting of the Biggleswade branch at Biggleswade which was poorly attended, owing to the wretched weather, Everton, Sotton, Clifton, Biggleswade, St. Noets, and Hitchin, were represented. —Mr. F. Thompson presided over the business meeting, at which ten new members from the Biggleswade tower were elected, also the old hon. members, with the addition of the Rev. Cassell, of Old Warden. The following officers were elected to serve another year: President, the Rev. R. S. Bagshaw, Vicar of Biggleswade; secretary and treasurer, Mr. F. Blood; and a committee of one from each tower attached. It is hoped that special efforts will be made during the coming year to obtain new members, and to make progress with ringing, so as to strengthen the branch.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar, who was unable to be present, for the use of the bells and tower, and a vote of thanks was also accorded to the chairman for his service.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

The meeting of the Bedford district, held at Kempston, was a great success, in spite of inclement weather. The fine ring of six bells was started going early in the afternoon, and was kept going continuously, except for a break to enable those present to partake of a tea provided by a generous donor. The ringing was exceedingly good, and ranged through a dozen or so of methods from Plain Bob to London Surprise.

Nearly 30 members sat down to tea, and afterwards the business meeting was held, under the excellent chairmanship of the vice-president, Miss E. Steel. The members asked the vice-president to convey their thanks to the donor of the tea, and requested the hon. sec. (Mr. J. W. Barker) to tender their congratulations to one of the hon. members, Mr. H. Browning, on attaining the high civic dignity of Mayor of the Borough of Bedford.

One of the members, Mr. W. T. Lightfoot, being determined to try his luck "neath the Southern Cross," the meeting tendered him its goodwill and good wishes, and wished him the greatest prosperity among our Australian cousins.

As to the next meeting-place, a general desire was expressed for Cardington, and January 25th was the date fixed.

At the conclusion of a most delightful evening, Mr. Barker thanked, on behalf of the members, Mr. Cave, leader of the Kempston company, for making the necessary arrangements for the bells, and for his presence among the members. He gave a very hearty invitation to the Kempston band to meet the members on each and every occasion a meeting was held, and sincerely hoped that the meeting would be most beneficial to the Kempston ringers.

A DICKENS' COINCIDENCE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I wonder whether many of your readers happened to notice in your issue of January 3rd a curious reminder of "David Copperfield." On page 3, at the top of the left-hand column, the name of the tenor man in the peal rung at Bristol was **URIAH** Braven, while the treble ringer in the next recorded peal was **HARRY** HEAP. Each of the two names in small capitals being rather an uncommon one, the coincidence of their occurring in close proximity is remarkable.—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

The annual meeting was held on Tuesday week last, in the Guild's room at the Tamworth Arms Hotel, Moor Street, Birmingham, the presiding Ringing Master, Mr. J. S. Pritchett, being in the chair. A large number of members were present.—The business was mainly formal, but, as usual, great interest was shown in the statement of accounts presented by the secretary, the balance sheet showing the financial state of the Guild to be an extremely satisfactory one.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, with the exception of Mr. Charles Dickens, who, having been made a trustee, vacated the position of auditor, to which latter Mr. George Swann was unanimously elected.

It was decided to hold the annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner at "Ye Olde Royal," Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, the next quarterly meeting at Solihull (with the permission of the Rector), in April, at a date to be subsequently fixed.—Five new members were elected, and the business being disposed of, the remainder of the evening was spent in tune and change ringing on the handbells.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the South-Western District of the Essex Association was held at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, on Saturday, and was attended by about 30 members. A service was held, at which the Vicar (the Rev. G. H. Siddans) addressed the ringers. The tea and business meeting followed immediately after the service, the chair being occupied by the Vicar, supported by Mr. G. A. Black, the Master of the South Western Division, and the Rev. H. E. Tilton. The following were made members: Messrs. P. R. Hislop, of Clapton; C. Hughes and G. Carter, of Walthamstow. Hornchurch was selected as the next place of meeting.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for permission to hold the meeting at St. Saviour's and for his address at the service ended the meeting.

THE "ARTHUR" JACOB FUND.

The following further amounts on behalf of the fund for assisting the widow of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob are acknowledged with thanks: Previously acknowledged, £10 5s.; the Finchley ringers, per Mr. W. Tubbs, 3s. 6d.; Mr. B. Foskett, 5s.; Mr. Barnard (Wood Green), 2s.; total, £10 15s. 6d.

A DEVON OUTING.

The Holcombe Rogus band of the Devon Guild had a holiday trip at Christmas to several towers where change ringing is not yet done. At Culmstock they found a fine peal of six in good order, and a few touches of Grandsire and Stedman were tapped off. Uffculme was the next call, and here the position of the ropes makes ringing difficult. One and 2 run in the wrong direction, 3 is back in the right-hand corner behind, 4, 6 and 5 run in that order in a line on the opposite side of the belfry. After several unsuccessful attempts for a six-score of Grandsire, in which the 3rd man was out in the cold, and another seemed to have his thoughts more on the cream in store than the ringing in hand, a fairly clean-struck 120 was brought round, and then having got used to the unusual conditions, several others were rung. Halberton and Sampford Peverell were also visited, and the excursion was much enjoyed.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at Whitworth Parish Church, on Saturday. Members were present from Whitworth, Rochdale Parish, Balderstone, Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Middleton and Todmorden Unitarian.—The Rev. J. R. Schofield presided over the business meeting, and was made a life member of the Association.—One other member was elected, and Milnrow was selected for the next meeting.—The bells were kept going till 8.30, in Grandsire Triples and Bob Major.

5040 DOUBLE GRANDSIRE TRIPLES.

By Dr. A. B. CARPENTER.

1st half.		2nd half.	
234567		235476	
672453	1	762543	1
476325	5	567324	5
764325	2	365472	5
257436	1	653472	2
452673	5	456237	5
654327	5	254763	5
356742	5	752346	5
563742	2	467235	1
765234	5	674235	2
267453	5	276543	5

Each to be four times repeated, with a Holt's Bob-single at the end of the fifth and tenth parts.

Composed July 1st, 1912, and first rung at St. Mary's-on-the-Hill, Chester, conducted by Henry W. Wilde, on January 6th, 1913.

COMPOSITIONS.

SOME PEALS OF PLAIN BOB AND SOME FRIENDLY
CRITICISM.

By J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

In continuation of the article published on Dec. 27th, upon Originality in composition, Mr. J. A. Trollope, this week contributes a little friendly criticism upon some of the compositions sent up for publication.

He writes: Now let us look at the peals of Bob Major and Maximus that have been sent to "The Ringing World" for publication, and I want it to be understood clearly that in criticising them I am doing so in no unkind way. I am saying publicly what I have continually to say in private, in the hopes that the authors will profit by my remarks, be they favourable or the reverse.

First, we have three peals of Maximus, and let me say is it worth while to send peals of Maximus for publication? They are never rung, and the skill required to produce them is very very little.

BOB MAXIMUS,

By Ernest Morris, Leicester.

A. 5280	B. 5016	C. 5016
23456 W R	23456 W R	23456 W M R
53426 S	53426 S	— — —
42536 —	42536 S —	24536 — —
54236 —	34256 —	53246 — —
23546 —	25346 —	62345 — —
52346 —	32546 —	36245 — —
35246 —	35246 S	24365 — —
24356 —	23546 —	32465 — —
32456 —	52346 —	34265 S
43256 —	53246 S	23465 —
25436 —	24536 —	42365 —
	52436 —	43265 S
Repeated	54236 S	52436 — —
	25436 —	35426 — —
	42536 —	42356 — —
	45236 S	34256 — —
	32456 — S	32456 S
	43256 —	43256 —
	24356 —	24356 —
	23456 S	23456 S

A and B, sixth at home throughout with all 3-6's, 4-6's, 5-6's, the 2nd only twice in 5th's place, and only once in the 5016.

C has all 6-5's and 5-6's, the 2nd only above 4th's in one course; 5th and 6th only in 6th's place.

A and B are really one and the same composition. They consist of the "old" nine courses of Bob Major (1008), arranged thus:—

W R	
42356 —	This repeated by singles would give eighteen courses.
34256 —	The extra course required is singled in at the first,
25346 —	being:—
32546 —	23456 W R
53246 —	53426 S
24536 —	
52436 —	
45236 —	
23456 —	

If you call another S at the next wrong you would get back to the plain course, and you could go on with your nine courses, and then repeat the whole by adding a single at the last R. You would then have six singles, but to substitute bobs for two of them is the most obvious thing, and so you get peal A, or you can double each three-course block in the nine courses by singles, and so you get B, and you can get a large number of variations on the same lines. Is the peal original? Well, I cannot say that I have ever seen it in print in exactly this form, but isn't it rather late to tell us that the old 1008 of Bob Major can be doubled by singles and an extra course singled in?

C is a peal quite worth ringing, for the keeping of the fifth and sixth together in 5-6 gives the best musical results in Maximus. If I were going to call a peal of Bob Maximus, this is the peal that I should call. It isn't mine, and I don't know quite who can claim it. It consists of two very old round blocks joined by singles:

5016 BOB MAXIMUS

23456	W R	Continued	W R
45236	—	45326	— —
24536	—	34526	— —
53246	—	53426	— —
25346	—	42536	— —
32546	—	54236	— —
54326	—	25436	— —
35426	—	43256	— —
42356	—	24356	— —
34256	—	23456	S
32456	S		

5040 BOB ROYAL

by H. Price.

23456	W	M	H
42635	—	—	—
62534	—	—	—
36524	—	—	—
23564	—	—	—
45236	—	—	—
24536	—	—	—
52436	—	—	—
43526	—	—	—
54326	—	—	—
32546	—	—	—
53246	—	—	—
25346	—	—	—
34526	S	—	—
52346	—	—	—
35246	—	—	—
23546	—	—	—

Repeat last 12 courses.
omitting Middle.

5088 BOB MAJOR

by H. Price.

23456	W	B	H
52364	—	—	—
35264	—	—	—
63254	—	—	—
56234	—	—	—
32564	—	S	—
56324	—	—	—
35624	—	—	—
62354	—	—	—
36254	—	—	—
23654	—	—	—
65234	—	—	—
26534	—	—	—
53264	—	—	—
25364	—	—	—
23564	—	S	—

Twice repeated.

There is nothing very original about this peal of Bob Royal by Mr. H. Price, the 24 courses, with the 6th at home, which form the body of the peal, are old. But it is decidedly a good composition to ring. The same criticism applies throughout to the same composer's 5088 three-part of Bob Major. The ten-course block which forms the main portion of each part is old, but that does not mean that it is not legitimate to use it in a new peal.

To be continued.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

HURSTPIERPOINT.

On New Year's Day the ringers of Holy Trinity Church, Hurstpierpoint, together with a goodly company of friends, sat down to their annual dinner prepared for them at the White Horse Inn.—The Rector presided, and after the toasts of "The King," "The Bishop and Clergy," and "The Navy and Army" had been honoured, the Chairman submitted "The Ringers." The Rector complimented them in glowing terms upon their ringing, the tidiness of their belfry, and their willingness to conform to his slightest wish. He said he never gave praise to anyone unless it was deserved, and so every word he spoke was what he really meant. — In their reply, Messrs. Stenning and Bransden thanked the Rector for his complimentary words, and deplored the fact that there was no ringer of advanced methods among their number who could teach them new methods.—"The Town and Trade," "The Chairman" and "The Visitors" were the other toasts. The songs which went towards enlivening the evening were many and good, and thanks are due to the following gentlemen for their songs: The Revs. A. E. L. Sayers and E. Cresswell-Gee, Messrs. Collis, Oliver, Blaker, Jephcott, Davey, Bransden and Couchman; also to Mr. Gladman for his excellent display with Indian clubs, and to Messrs. Davey, Mansbridge and J. Bransden and H. Bransden for a touch on handbells.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

On Thursday week, the ringers of the Parish Church of St. Giles' and All Saints' were entertained to their annual supper at the Rectory, by the Rev. W. C. Bishop and Mrs. Bishop. After supper, a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector and his wife, on the motion of Mr. W. F. Fox, seconded by Mr. A. Keeling (captain of the ringers), and a very enjoyable evening wound up about 11 o'clock. Songs were sung by Messrs. A. Keeling, W. F. Fox, A. Merchant, R. and W. Harrod, J. C. Bridge and Tom Kimmings, and a comic recitation given by the Rev. W. Tapper (curate), while the ringers rang a good selection of tunes and changes on their fine handbells.

Before the supper, the ringers visited the belfry, and rang several 120's of Grandsire Doubles, and also fired the bells 70 times in honour of the 70th birthday of the Countess of Shannon, who has been staying at the hall, and who is aunt to the squire, Major Whitmore. Her ladyship sent a very nice letter to Mr. A. Keeling, to thank the ringers for their kindness in ringing, and for their good wishes, and wished them all "a happy New Year, and many more to follow." The ringers were: Messrs. B. Harrod, W. Harrod, A. Keeling, H. Chinnery, H. Joslin, and T. Kimmings, and they were joined by Messrs. J. Field, H. Plowright and C. Bridge.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 2nd, after meeting short for a peal, 720 Oxford Bob: Rev. W. C. Pearson 1, J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in the method) 2, G. Flemming 3, G. Bennett 4, A. Flemming 5, G. Farnish (conductor) 6.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on January 9th, 720 London Surprise: A. Robinson 1, J. Cooke 2, Miss E. Steel 3, C. Stapleton 4, C. W. Clarke 5, W. Stapleton (conductor) 6.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

AN OLD SUFFOLK RINGER.

Our illustration is of the band at Leiston, who, on New Year's Day rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Button. It is not often that a ringer takes part in his own golden wedding peal, but Mr. Button, despite his more than 75 years, was able to ring the treble. The photograph includes five of the famous Bailey brothers, and Mr. Button is seated in the middle. The veteran was born at Rendham on April 3rd, 1838, and has taken a great interest in bells and ringing ever since he was a boy. He has walked many hundreds of miles after ringing, and on two occasions (in 1855) rang in a peal for a prize of gloves. One

has rung altogether 46 peals, including Bob Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Double Norwich, and the treble to Superlative and Cambridge. He took part in the first peal of Superlative on Leiston bells.

He has taught dozens of ringers, and is proud of the fact that he has a good company of men to ring for the Sunday services, which is his first object in teaching them to ring. He has turned out some good men among his pupils, one being Mr. Gabriel Lindoff. Mr. Button's three sons were all taught ringing, but only one has followed it up, and he now belongs to the Colchester company. Mr. Button is highly respected by the ringers of the Norwich Association, and particularly by the men of his own tower, for he has done much for ringing in this picturesque Suffolk village. He is the master of the com-



Photo by]

[J. S. Waddell, Leiston.

Back Row : J. M. BAILEY, E. H. BAILEY, G. WILSON, L. P. BAILEY, E. S. BAILEY.

Seated : C. SAMPSON, J. M. BUTTON, C. F. BAILEY.

of these peals was at Rendham and the other at Sweffling. At that time there were several good five bell companies in the district, among them being the ringers of Aldeburgh, Peasenhall, Middleton, Great Glemham and Bemhall, and Old Grandsire and Bob Doubles were the methods chiefly rung.

After his apprenticeship had expired in 1859 he went to live at Leiston, where ringing was at a very low ebb. With four others he soon made up a company, and several methods were mastered. In the year 1883 the bells had got into such a bad state that ringing had to be discontinued, and the next year the Rector and churchwardens took up the question of their restoration. Just about that time Mr. Richard Garrett died, and his family, as a memorial to their brother, augmented the peal to eight by adding two trebles and a tenor and recasting the third.

With the help of the Kelsale men, an eight-bell company was formed, but for several years not much headway was made, Bob Triples and Major being the extent of the method ringing. Mr. Button was 65 years of age when he rang his first peal of Double Norwich, and he

pany and steeplekeeper, and only once has he missed going round at Christmas with the handbells during the 50 years he has been associated with the tower.

ODD CHANGES.

Something out of the ordinary was rung at Chester last week, when the Chester Guild scored a peal of Double Grandsire Triples. This is the sort of thing which shows enterprise, and it would stimulate more interest if other novelties of this kind were more frequently introduced in other towers to add variety to performances.

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On Thursday evening last week Mr. Ernest F. Creed (captain of the Castle Cary ringers) was presented with a handsome silver plated hot water kettle, by the Rector and ringers of West Lydford. Mr. Creed takes the keenest interest in ringing, and has, since the West Lydford bells were rehung, been instructing the band in change ringing.

Another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples has been rung at St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, where the band seem to be doing well with the method, but, owing to the fact that they are all unable to get away from business at a convenient time, they are unable to arrange to go for a peal. The quarter was rung for morning service on November 24th by J. F. Colgrove 1, A. Smallwood 2, J. Heather 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, O. Throssell 5, A. J. White 6, S. C. Hamblin (conductor) 7, P. Barringer 8.

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Mr. C. F. Winney writes: An eloquent preacher once said we live in an age of "advertisement." "An ox in a teacup" an impossibility. I admire Mr. Grimes' generosity and marvellous energy. Most of his peals were taken part in to oblige others. The writer of the article did not hear the record peal of Bristol rung at Hornchurch. I would suggest he should have left out the words "the absence of anything approaching a muddle."

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The Biggleswade Branch of the Bedfordshire Association is making excellent progress. It has only been formed a year, in a district where very little energy had previously been shown. It now has 33 ringing and 12 hon. members.

ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

NEW MASTER ELECTED.

The annual general meeting of the Royal Cumberland Youths Society was held at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, on Saturday last, and despite the wretched state of the weather, was attended by upwards of 30 members. Considerable disappointment was felt that owing to the restrictions prevailing at St. Martin's there could be no ringing after 5.15. An adjournment was made at that time to the Vestry Hall, where an excellent tea was awaiting the members, having been generously provided by the Vicar (the Rev. L. Shelford), who personally welcomed the Society to St. Martin's.

Mr. J. Parker was chosen to fulfil the duties of Master for the present year, Messrs. Dains, Bennett, Hardy and Hairs being re-elected to their respective offices.—Messrs. C. Austin, of Edmonton and H. J. and A. E. Bradley, of Shoreditch, were elected members, and the election of 11 members in various towers was confirmed.—It was decided to hold the next quarterly meeting at West Ham.

The subject of erecting a headstone to the memory of the late Mr. Arthur Jacob was discussed at some length, it being eventually decided to allow the matter to stand over till the next meeting.

A pleasant evening was afterwards passed in the hall, the proceedings being enlivened by songs and courses of several methods on the handbells.

FATAL ACCIDENT TO A RINGER.

DEATH OF MR. B. PERRETT, WOODFORD.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. Bert Perrett, of Woodford, Northants, who died on Thursday, January 2nd, at the age of 36, as the result of an accident, he having been crushed between two waggons while following his employment at the Islip Iron Ore Furnaces. The deceased was leader of the ringers at Woodford. The bells of this church are under renovation, and are away at Messrs. Taylor's foundry. Another bell is to be added to make a peal of six, and the deceased, with his fellow ringers, went to Loughborough on December 30th to see the new bell cast. The late Mr. Perrett, who was well known and enjoyed great popularity in the district, was actively identified with public life. In addition to being a ringer, he also served the church in the capacity of chorister. He was a member of the Parish Council, and took an active part in friendly society and political work.

The funeral took place on Tuesday of last week, the ringers acting as bearers, while the choir walked by the side of the coffin. Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary of the Central Northamptonshire Association), Mr. F. Stubbs (district secretary, Raunds), Mr. W. Gilbert (Raunds), also attended. The bells of Great Addington were rung, muffled, during the evening.

PILL. GLOUCESTER.—On January 12th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: L. H. Moore (first 720 Kent) 1, G. H. Gale 2, *L. H. Moore, senr., 3, *J. Cable 4, H. J. Cavill 5, J. Thomas, London (conductor) 6. *First 720 with bob bell. Also 360 Canterbury Minor, conducted by G. H. Gale.

THE NORWICH SCHOLARS.

THE REVIVAL OF AN ANCIENT SOCIETY.

On Thursday of last week, the Society of Norwich Scholars spent a very enjoyable evening at their meeting-house "The Walnut Tree Shades." The company included ringers, their wives and a few friends, and the thanks of them all are due to Mr. F. Knights for the arrangements he made. The programme was well sustained by Mr. Knights and his family, who delighted everyone with their clever handbell ringing and comic songs. Messrs. Swain and Larder also rendered yeoman service, their first-class singing being greatly appreciated. Mr. E. Knights at the piano was not the least of the evening's successes. This social evening has been an annual event for 300 years, but last year, owing to a variety of circumstances, was allowed to lapse. This year the outlook being brighter, it was resolved to continue the old custom.

There is pretty general knowledge of the trouble that arose a few years ago between the authorities of St. Peter Mancroft and the society, since when the latter has had no tower for its headquarters, and it says much for the remaining members that they have kept the society afloat. There is a probability of the eight at St. Michael's, Cosland, being rehung shortly. That and the infusion of some fresh blood offers a fair prospect for the success of the famous old society in the future.

Whatever the rights and wrongs were of the trouble at Mancroft; it must be deplored that the renowned twelve are so seldom heard, and then invariably handled by visiting bands. It is to be hoped some steps may be taken to bring about an amicable settlement. If this be done, the Art is once more bound to flourish in the city which has played not a small part in the history of the Exercise.

It is interesting to note that the Purse Club (Sick Benefit Club) run in connection with the Ringing Society is doubly solvent, a fact which Mr. S. Smith and his colleagues can congratulate themselves upon.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Cary Deanery branch was held at Wincanton, on Saturday last, when, although the weather was rough and wet, between 50 and 60 were present, representing Bruton, Castle Cary, Ditchat, Queen Camel, Templecombe, Buckhorn Weston, North Cheriton, South Cadbury, and Wincanton.—A short service was held in the church, the Rev. H. M. Spackman, Vicar of Wincanton, officiating, and delivering a very instructive address upon the position of ringers, his text being Psalm xxvi, "Be thou my judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently." The choir were in attendance, and rendered some fine music, making the service as bright as possible.

Afterwards the ringers were very kindly entertained to tea in the Sunday Schoolroom by the Rev. H. M. Spackman and his churchwardens, Mrs. Spackman and other ladies presiding at the tables.

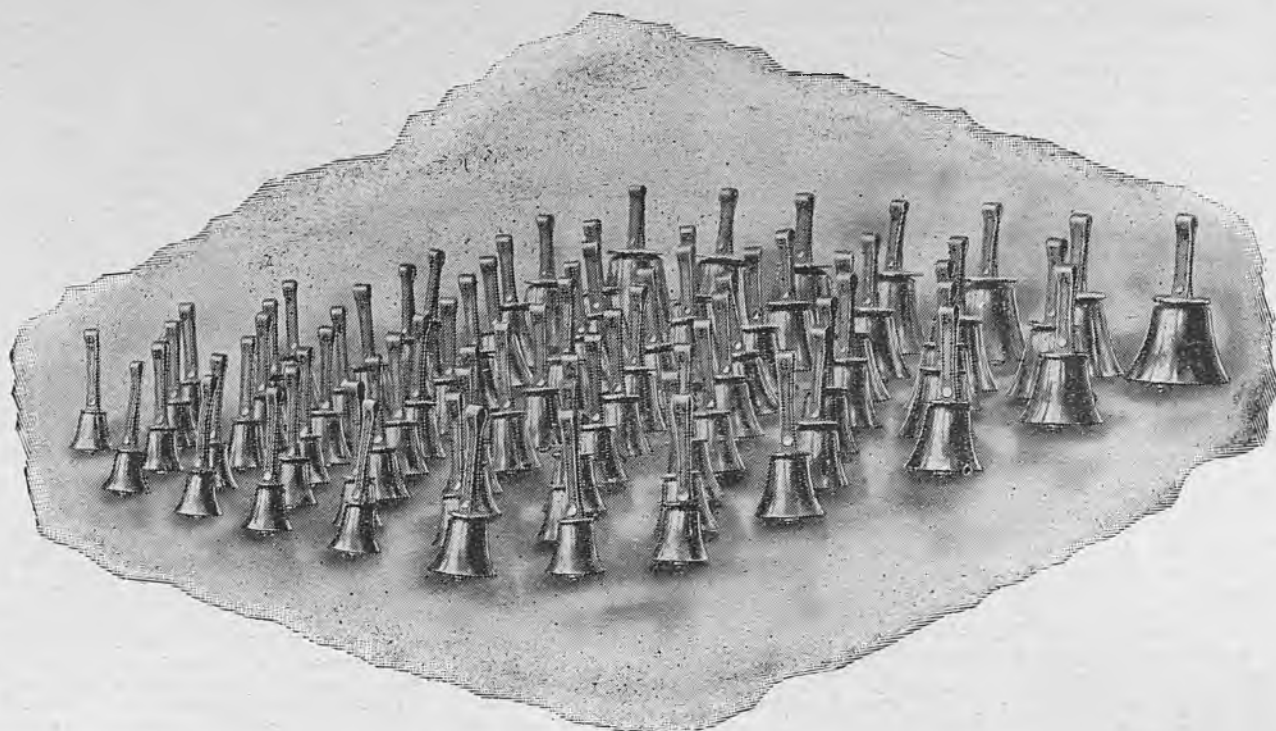
The business meeting followed, the Vicar being heartily voted to the chair. Mr. T. G. Vincent, senr., of Ditchat, was chosen as president to the branch for the year, and Mr. T. G. Vincent, junr., was again elected hon. secretary. Twelve new members were elected, and one tower affiliated to the Association. Marston Magna was chosen as the next place of meeting, in May.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells and arranging the service, and also to him and his churchwardens for their kindness in entertaining the ringers to tea.—The Vicar, in replying said he was pleased to think the Castle Cary branch had chosen Wincanton as a place of meeting, and whenever they felt inclined to arrange another meeting there they would be accorded the same welcome as they had been that afternoon.—This concluded the business, and a move was then made to the tower, where the bells were kept going in various methods until 8.30, and bringing a very pleasant meeting to a close.

LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Pudsey on Saturday. The attendance was not as large as usual, owing to the wretched state of the weather. The following towers were represented: Bolton, Bradford, Calverley, Guiseley, Holbeck, Headingley, Mirfield, Shipley, Tong, and the local ringers. A peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung in the afternoon by a mixed company, and touches were also rung in the evening by visitors.

The business meeting was held at the Golden Lion Hotel. The President (Mr. P. J. Johnson) was unfortunately absent owing to having a blood poisoned hand, and his place was taken by Mr. J. Broadley.—Mr. F. Robinson, of Mirfield, was elected a member of the society. The arrangements for a peal attempt at Armley, on February 8th, were left to the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens of Pudsey and local ringers was proposed by Mr. J. B. Jackson, seconded by Mr. W. B. Smith, and carried amidst applause.—Mr. E. Hoyle responded, offering a hearty welcome to all ringers and remarking that the bells were always available.—Mr. T. Maude, in a brief speech, said he always enjoyed coming to Pudsey, and hoped that before long they would have ten bells instead of eight.—The remainder of the evening was spent in handbell ringing. The nomination meeting will be held at Armley on February 8th, when a good attendance is requested.

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"FOUR PEALS IN A DAY."

STORY OF AN ATTEMPT IN FOUR COUNTIES.

AN ABORTIVE EFFORT.

For the past twelvemonth, an old ambition of the late '90's has continually cropped up, and at last led me to see what could be done by way of an attempt for four peals in a day. The original set of towers intended was Staines (St. Mary's), Chertsey, Old Windsor, and Wraysbury, but, owing to the lapse of a score of years, it has now been amended for Staines (St. Peter's), Egham, Old Windsor, and Wraysbury—the gift of a second ring of eight to the town of Staines in 1902, and the addition of trebles to the six at Egham in 1912, offering a more compact quartet of towers with easier bells for the undertaking. In the course of recent correspondence, I found out that others had had the same object in view, in one case the four peals being confined to one tower in a day in Sussex. While at Chipping Norton on the Oxford Guild tour of last October, my ideas were further whetted by the proximity of the famous "Four Shires Stone," which marks the point of contact for the counties of Oxford, Gloucester, Worcester and Warwick, and the only one possible, I believe, in the whole of Great Britain. Reading is another centre where Oxford, Bucks, Berks and Hants could be negotiated, whilst the East End of London, by means of the ferry across the river Thames, would give Essex, Kent, Surrey and Middlesex. Our Birmingham friends also have a group of four counties which could be utilised, but there does not appear to be a more favourable quartet of county belfries than those referred to in this article, and which are paired off by the bed of father Thames, not far from the famous old obelisk, known as the "London Stone," near Staines.

The Rochester Row band, during the height of their Surprise career, visited this district on April 27th, 1901, and scored three peals in three counties in the order named, each being the first peal in the method on the bells, but those at St. Mary's, Staines, have since got into ill-going order, and are now practically unringable: Old Windsor, London Surprise; Wraysbury, Superlative Surprise; Staines (Old Church), Cambridge Surprise.

These three counties were again visited by some of the London talent on April 24th, 1905, when London Surprise was achieved at Old Windsor, Wraysbury and Isleworth (Middlesex). In each case there were three conductors, and the same men rang in all three peals in both undertakings which were under the auspices of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Of course, nothing short of four peals of London can now supersede the day's performance of the Passmore band. I heard most of the peal at Wraysbury, and, notwithstanding the terribly false clapping of these bells, it was an excellently-struck peal, and this reference from an impartial witness is probably fresh news to the band concerned.

After an alteration of date, the present attempt for "Fourfold" was formally fixed up for Tuesday, January 7th, and from the first I was greatly encouraged in the proposal by the respective clergy, and have great pleasure in naming them as gentlemen who did their best for the venture with due care and consideration for their own parishioners. We were not wanted in the afternoon at one tower, by no means early morning at another—and not late at night at still another—however, the puzzle was fitted together at length like a chess board, but when we came to find the men and to place them, a very severe game of "checkmate" ensued. Rosy prospects arose at first, in November and December, since the names of willing candidates disclosed a good Surprise team, but business and the Christmas holidays intervened, and one after another had to decline the honour with thanks and good wishes for our success. Corpl. F. A. Holden, transferred from Chatham to Deal for two years, found it impossible to get leave again, and, by-the-way, he's after more stripes. May he get four up before the four-peal day comes off. Others who had to decline for various reasons were: Messrs. A. H. Pulling, F. Bennett, B. Prewett, J. Parker, G. Williams, K. Hart, etc.

I hardly like taking up so much of your columns with details, but the gist of the replies were mostly in favour of four Surprise, and a great deal of interesting advice and commentary is available if our Editor would permit. Well, at last, we had a band, such as it was—all strong and willing pealmen; and, notwithstanding a battle royal with some of the kings on our chess board, they each kept to their promises, and met punctually. The next difficulty to overcome was the question of society—four were proposed at one time, so that everything should be quadrupled if possible, such as four composers, four conductors, four bells per man, but we overlooked the fourth day of the fourth month, and perhaps that would be more appropriate in the year 1914. An opportunity once existed of adding the venture to the records of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, but when it was found so many of the prominent ringers belonging to the various County and Diocesan Associations around London also belonged to the old London Society, known as the Royal Cumberland Youths, a good majority declared in favour of the latter, if only to rouse up the brotherhood from its present lethargic and disbanded conditions.

Having fixed up the towers, the bands, and the society to our mutual

satisfaction, one would have thought the organiser was free from further care, but this was not to be. The methods had to be weighed up next, and four Surprise peals were found wanting. We could have managed, perhaps, two of them. However, on the principle of whole hog or none: we came down to Standard methods, again in four varieties, but with the additional feature of being the first peal in the method on the bells four times, if we were successful. Quite early in my correspondence, I found I had to "father my flock" while travelling. Some wanted to bring their cycles to ride round the parishes, another suggested a couple of motor cars, and others inquired as to trains, and towards old Christmas Day I began to think my tether was not only at an end, but was well nigh severed. It was due to an unexpectedly favourable telegram from Clapton on the Friday previous, that the whole affair was not abandoned on the Saturday, and even then the state of the River Thames owing to the excessive December rainfall was such (3ft. above head at Windsor) as to render a crossing by ferry boat in the darkness of a winter's night almost impossible. Yet "Father Thames" was willing. He subsided sufficiently and in good time to allow our party to go over from Bucks to Berks in two loads with the assistance of friendly lanterns on each bank as prearranged.

The programme stipulated for meeting at the Catherine Wheel, Egham, between 8 and 9 a.m. on Monday, January 6th. On Tuesday the band were aroused at 4 a.m., the arrangements being as under:—

St. John the Baptist's, Egham, Surrey (Rev. W. T. Nicholson, Vicar), Bob Major, 5 a.m.: breakfast. 8.15 a.m.; train, Egham to Staines, 8.55 a.m.

St. Peter's, Staines, Middlesex (Rev. H. E. Hall, Vicar), Double Norwich, 9.30 a.m. Lunch at the Packhorse Hotel at 12.30. Train, Staines to Wraysbury, 1.33.

St. Andrews, Wraysbury, Bucks (Rev. L. F. Hake, Vicar). Kent Treble Bob Major, 2.15 p.m. Tea at the George Inn at 5.15. Walk to ferry for crossing at 6 p.m.

St. Peter's, Old Windsor, Berks (Rev. J. R. Napier, Vicar), Oxford Treble Bob Major at 6.30 p.m. Supper at The Wheatsheaf at 10 p.m.; train to London from Datchet, 10.49 p.m.

This programme was practically adhered to with the following exceptions, to which I have added a few notes. The trains from Egham to Staines and Wraysbury were not used, Mrs. Harry Loe kindly allowing us to use her motor brougham, holding six, and the other two cycling.

The Wraysbury attempt lasted 2 hrs. and 5 mins., when two ringers changed their work. Most London men know the difficult striking and circle of those bells, but in addition we were smoked out, like rats in a hole, for over an hour with the sulphurous fumes of a heating apparatus chimney blowing directly into the belfry window; we were subjected to a long spell of powerful organ playing, coupled with a noisy ringing room just under the bells, and last, but not least, we rather overdid the hot lunch at Staines, and sadly wanted forty winks; while workmen were also about building a covered way and decorating the church for a wedding on the morrow. I mention these facts only as partial excuse for our failure. Such a band ought to have finished a good peal of Treble Bob—as they were all fairly fresh—and after putting up with such difficulties for over an hour. Mr. George Gigg, of Egham, kept us company round to Wraysbury, and there left us to return to Egham with a mysterious packet of eight sovereigns in his pocket. Mr. A. G. Kettle, captain of the Egham Society, sent us a hearty welcome with the best wishes of his company for our success. At Staines we were met by the Rev. R. W. Hodges, curate-in-charge, during the absence of the Vicar, suffering with a serious cold. Mr. Hodges very kindly officiated as our chaplain, and said the belfry office before we pulled off, and later congratulated us, and presided at our luncheon at the Packhorse Hotel, where we were joined by Messrs. Preston and Butler, of the local company.

Our mortification having subdured over tea at the George Inn, not before a good sluice of the nose and mouth in water had removed the burning dryness of coke firing, it was decided to go on to Windsor as arranged, but not to attempt a peal since the object of our visit could not be concluded that day. At Old Windsor we were met by Messrs. J. Guttridge and Wm. Welling, and touches of Superlative Surprise and Double Norwich Major and Stedman Triples were rung from 6.20 to 7.30 p.m. The Vicar and churchwarden not only came to welcome us, but each pulled a bell also. Instead of going home by the last up train from Datchet, at 10.49 to Waterloo, our party broke up at 8.30 p.m., not altogether satisfied, and by no means disappointed with their ringing ramble into four counties in one day.

All the bells were carefully greased and raised, ropes attended to, and the belfries put in readiness on the day before our visits, and our best thanks are due to the respective steeple keepers for doing their utmost to bring about success: Mr. Gigg, Egham; Mr. Parker, Staines; Mr. Burley, Wraysbury; and Mr. Guttridge, Old Windsor. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Loe, of the Catherine Wheel, Egham, entered into the spirit of our task, and ensured our being called at 4 a.m., and provided with an early breakfast for our day's start off. Although we have no record to chronicle, everybody gave us assistance readily, and so enabled us to economise time, one of the most important factors in such a contract. Well, whenever it is done, the 20,000 changes in four peals, with intervals, will not equal a 15,000 rung in one continuous peal.—W.H.F.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL. PRELIMINARY NOTICE.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The annual meeting will be held on Saturday, January 18th, 1913, at St. George's, Southwark. Tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—Frank A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The general meeting of this district will be held at St. Mary's, Islington, on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. The tower will be open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. at the Old King's Head. All members and friends cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meetings will be held at Lowick on Saturday, January 18th; Isham on January 25th; Irthlingborough on February 1st.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham, Road, Northampton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Quarterly meeting of the Maidstone District will be held at Aylesford, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m., followed by the usual business meeting. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at the Church Room, Dorking, on January 18th, 1913. Bells open at 4 p.m. Tea at 6, followed by general meeting.—R. H. Freeman, Honorary Secretary, Rectory Lane, Shere.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oldbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service in the Parish Church at 4.45. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at the Talbot Hotel at 5.30, 1s. 3d. each. Business meeting after.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Honorary Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Selling on Saturday, January 18th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Divine service at 5.15 p.m. Tea, provided by S. Neame, Esq., will be taken at 5.30 p.m. The annual subscriptions are now due, and may be paid at this meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Penwortham on January 18th. Bells from 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. New reports given out at this meeting.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Perry Barr, Saturday, January 18th. Bells available at 3. Service, with address at 5.30. Tea at 6.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at St. Nicholas, Liverpool, on Saturday, January 18th. Bells ready at 5. Meeting at 6.30.—Walter Hughes.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Congresbury on Saturday, January 18th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow. Tea 9d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Secretary, Burnham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on the 21st; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheap-side, on the 21st; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th; St. Magnus 7.30 p.m.; the others at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting:

at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. H. Pegg, Market Place, Whitwick, by the previous Thursday? The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once. — W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged for those attending who let me know by January 20th. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by Tuesday, 21st inst. Will secretaries kindly note subscriptions for 1912 are overdue and those for 1913 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Division Secretary, "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE BEDS ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Cardington on Saturday, January 25th. Eight bells. Motor 'buses. Tea 6d.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peplow, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome, and are requested to give notice of attendance not later than January 19th.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsbys.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division, 43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Hertford.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Selby on Saturday, January 25th. Service in the Abbey Church at 4 p.m. For the day's arrangements see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows' Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. All members intending to be present at tea are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, January 21st. Sixpence per head will be charged towards cost of the tea.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

VISITORS at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge district, held at Edenbridge on January 25th, are invited to save money by taking advantage of J. W. Steddy's **ANNUAL SALE**, which will be on at that time. Clothing and boots of every description at lowest prices, catalogue on application. Two hundred men's overcoats, worth 25s., all sizes, carriage paid, 15s. 6d. — J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District. — The annual district meeting will be held at Portsea on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at Parish Institute 5.30, meeting after. Short service at Parish Church 7.30. Members requiring tea kindly inform me by the 21st.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Fulbourn on Saturday, January 25th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea at 5.30.—P. Webb, District Secretary.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on January 25th, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45, members 6d., others 9d., business meeting after. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Those intending to be at the tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, January 21st. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All intending to be present please write Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 28th. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Bracken Road, Darlington.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. J. Hunt, late of Guildford, has removed to 94, Mayola Road, Clapton, London, N.E.—Mr. G. R. Newton has removed from 6, Aigbuth Vale, to Mossley Hill Mews House, Liverpool.

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FYLINGDALES, YORKS.—The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association.—On December 31st, before midnight, with the bells muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: W. Duck 1, C. Watson 2, J. B. Budd 3, G. Wellburn 4, J. W. Lowther 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 7, F. Townsend 8. After midnight, to usher in the New Year, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Watson 1, M. Duck 2, J. B. Budd 3, G. F. Alexander (conductor) 4, J. W. Lowther 5, J. W. Wilkinson 6, R. Duck 7, F. Townsend 8.

HAUGHTON, STAFFORD.—On Saturday, Jan. 4th, in 63 mins., 2040 Doubles, being 10 six-scores of Grandsire and seven of St. Dunstons, each called differently: T. Tunncliffe 1, B. M. Duke 2, C. H. Smith 3, G. Booth 4, J. J. Taylor (conductor) 5.

NORTHBOURNE.—The Kent County Association.—On Jan. 4th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. C. Castle 1, *E. Kemp 2, F. A. Holden (conductor) 3, *J. Trinder 4, *L. Ladd 5, E. W. Verrier 6. * First in the method. Also 720 Bob Minor, with H. C. Castle, conductor.

DEAL.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, 720 Bob Minor: J. Axon 1, A. Long 2, F. A. Holden 3, E. Kemp 4, L. Ladd 5, H. C. Castle (conductor) 6.

HORLEY, SURREY.—On Jan. 5th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, for evening service: F. Voice 1, J. Kenward 2, H. J. Dewey 3, A. Bashford 4, G. Illman 5, S. Kenward (conductor) 6, P. Etheridge 7, A. Songhurst 8.

FARNHAM ROYAL.—On Sunday, Jan. 5th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Smewings (first quarter-peal) 1, A. Bateman 2, G. Basden 3, E. Garbett 4, J. J. Parker 5, J. Elderfield 6, W. Henley (conductor) 7, J. Bovington 8.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On January 5th, for morning service, 1264 Bob Major, in 45 mins.: W. H. Stevens 1, H. Barrett 2, R. Mackrill 3, H. Cook 4, H. Stevens 5, E. Cassell 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, C. Hunt 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on January 8th, 1232 Grandsire Triples: J. R. Mackman (conductor) 1, W. Phillips 2, F. G. Symonds 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, C. H. Dobbie 6, A. Harris 7, J. W. Fruin 8.

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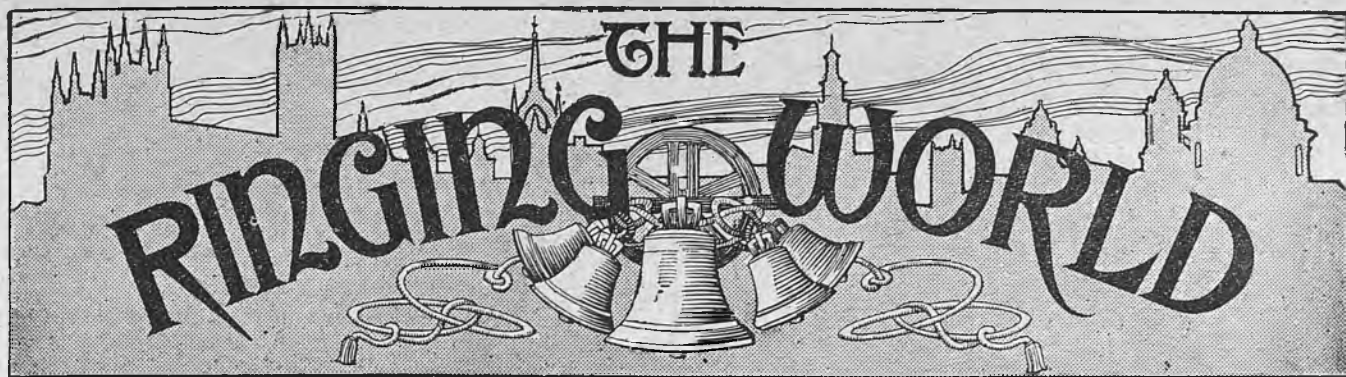
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
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MODERN WORK.

BELLS AND RINGING ABROAD.

It has often been said, and with truth, that bell ringing is essential an English science and pastime. Nowhere outside this country has it taken firm root-hold, for even in Wales, Ireland and Scotland, with a few noteworthy exceptions, there is no district in which it is generally practiced as it is almost throughout England. One frequently hears the question asked by the curious, "Why is it?" There are probably a variety of causes, but the chief is the lack of bells hung in peals for ringing. Even in the Colonies the Art has not established itself, except here and there in a precarious manner. Transplanted from its native soil, it does not seem to flourish long in any place, as we have seen from recent reports sent from overseas.

Most of the colonial cities are, of course, of comparatively recent growth, they are the products of the modern methods of civilisation, where everything is done by hustling and money is spent only upon that which is going to bring a return in money. The result is that the Church, in its efforts to expand with the increasing populations, has barely enough to carry out its spiritual functions, let alone provide for the places of worship such expensive luxuries as peals of bells.

Even at home the bells are the last consideration, while in the Colonies they are still less thought about, and the towers, when erected to give architectural dignity to the buildings, are of such a character that they would be totally unfit to stand the swing of a peal. The result is that when, under a generous impulse, some beneficent person desires to add a ring of bells to a colonial church, the conditions usually only permit of them being hung for chiming. Several peals in recent years have been sent to Canada to be erected in towers far too fragile to allow of the bells being rung, and those from the old country who might thus have the opportunity of planting the Art in a new centre are thus debarred.

Under these circumstances it is very pleasing to learn from Dr. Nicolls, of Boston, U.S.A., that the recent installation at Hingham, Massachusetts, has stimulated a movement to place English bells in two other towers of New England. The new peal in the lofty tower of the Perkins Institution for the Blind will shortly be dedicated, which will make the fifth belfry at or near Boston available for half-pull ringing. There is at present, however, a deplorable dearth of ringers, but that is a difficulty more easily surmounted than the obtaining of ringable peals of bells. If Dr. Nicolls could get round him from England the nucleus of a good change ringing band, much might perhaps be done to spread the Art under the Stars and Stripes. At any rate, it looks as if there is a field here for work, if only the men can be found.

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BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Four Hours and Seventeen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY REDCLIFFE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

HENRY PORCH Treble	HENRY PRING 7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT 8
HENRY BROWNJOHN 3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 9
ALBERT STOWELL 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
RICHARD CLARK 5	JOHN A. BURFORD 11
ALFRED E. REEVES 6	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

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

Rung as a welcome home to the Vicar, the Rev. J. N. Bateman-Champain and Mrs. Bateman-Champain, daughter of the Bishop of Kensington, who were married at Christ Church, Lancaster Gate, on December 28th, 1912.

TEN BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5005 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	*ROBERT W. GREEN 6
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... 2	†CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 7
ARTHUR D. BARKER 3	†FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	GEORGE BARRELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters with an inside bell. ‡ Fiftieth peal.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 6
GEORGE F. HOAD 2	*EDWIN L. MILES 7
DR. ARTHUR B. CARPENTER 3	ARTHUR DEAN 8
CHARLES DEAN 4	*CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 9
*DAVID WRIGHT 5	LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY W. HALEY, and
Conducted by WALTER S. WISE.

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

ASTON MANOR.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

ARTHUR EDGERTON Treble	JAMES HOPKIN 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	WILLIAM F. WEBB 7
JOHN JENNINGS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 9
MORRIS J. MORRIS 5	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

KIRTON-IN-HOLLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.
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(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, January 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

*JOHN W. DAUGHTON ... Treble	HARRY BISHOP ... 5
*THOMAS HOWARD ... 2	*HERBERT TAYLOR ... 6
ISAAC C. SLATTERS ... 3	FREDERICK TAYLOR ... 7
*GEORGE COLEMAN ... 4	WILLIAM BARKER ... Tenor

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On Wednesday, January 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN CARTER ... Treble	ALBERT WALKER ... 5
THOMAS J. BRATTON ... 2	SAMUEL GROVES ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
HARRY WITHERS ... 4	WALTER GOSSAGE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS J. BRATTON.

Rung for the conductor's 50th birthday which took place on the 7th and is the first conducted by him since 1898. He wishes, through the medium of this paper, to thank those eminent practitioners who so kindly consented to take part in the peal.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE OXFORD BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE PIGOTT ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	WALTER PIGOTT ... 6
HORACE HOWELL ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
JOHN BASS ... 4	SAMUEL GROVE ... Tenor

Composed by JOSEPH PIGOTT, and Conducted by SAMUEL GROVE.

First peal in the method by all except the ringers of treble, 4th and tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to George Pigott.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST AND THE
HOLY SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BRUNDELL ... Treble	WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN ... 5
JOHN FREEMAN ... 2	FREDERICK W. CURTIS ... 6
GEORGE MAYERS ... 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN ... 7
ARTHUR C. TYRRELL ... 4	JOHN E. BURTON ... Tenor

Composed by F. E. W. MEADOWS, and

Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF NEW CUMBERLAND SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.

THOMAS L. SIMMONS ... Treble	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 5
CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 2	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 6
FRANK T. MARTIN ... 3	HUBERT EDEN ... 7
HENRY HODGETTS ... 4	FREDERICK W. BRINKLOW Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and Conducted by GEO. N. PRICE.

First peal in the method in the county, by the Association and by all the band.

ST. LEONARDS-ON-SEA.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FRANCIS R. KENNETT ... Treble	GEORGE WATSON ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE ... 2	ERNEST GOWER ... 6
ARTHUR K. GOWER ... 3	JOSEPH SHARP ... 7
WALTER ALLCOCK ... 4	HARRY DENMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

This is G. Howse's 50th peal of Stedman Triples.

BENHILTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

*LEONARD F. TAYLOR ... Treble	CYRIL F. JOHNSTON ... 5
WALTER S. WISE ... 2	*EDWIN L. MILES ... 6
DR. A. B. CARPENTER ... 3	DAVID WRIGHT ... 7
CHARLES DEAN ... 4	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and

Conducted by DAVID WRIGHT.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Wright, wife of the conductor.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS GASSON ... Treble	GEORGE LEWRY ... 5
WILLIAM VINCENT ... 2	*ERNEST ATTWATER ... 6
ARTHUR AESOLAM ... 3	FRANK ATTWATER ... 7
GEORGE APPS ... 4	GEORGE WOODS ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST ATTWATER.

* First peal as conductor. Messrs. Appis, Woods and the brothers Attwater hail from Cuckfield, the rest belong to the local band.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(THE CATHEDRAL GUILD.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT ST. NICHOLAS CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF FORWARD MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

WILLIAM W. SINCLAIR ... Treble	ALFRED F. HILLIER ... 5
WILLIAM STORY ... 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN ... 6
ERNEST E. FERRY ... 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 4	ROBERT RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First in the method on the bells and by all the band except the ringers of the 3rd, 6th and 7th. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. William Story. It was arranged to ring Erin Caters, but meeting short, the above was rung instead.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY ... Treble	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 5
HAROLD BURTON ... 2	FRANK HAIRS ... 6
WILLIAM HEWETT ... 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Armiger Trollope.

READING, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(READING BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
LEONARD OSBORNE	Treble	*CHARLES HIGGS	5
*MISS ETHEL M. GOODSHIP ...	2	†FRANK GRIFFIN	6
ARTHUR E. BAILEY	3	REV. C. W. O. JENKYN ...	7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE	4	*LEONARD SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by REV. C. W. O. JENKYN.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. Miss E. M. Goodship is the first young lady in Reading to ring a peal.

LONG STANTON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr.	
REV. E. BANKES JAMES	Treble	REV. H. LAW JAMES	5
WILLIAM D. JAMES	2	REV. B. TYRWHITT-DRAKE ...	6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY	3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORNE ...	7
*FREDERICK BARKER	4	REV. H. B. WOOLLEY	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Stedman.

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

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

NORMAN A. TOMLINSON	Treble	ERNEST BRETT	5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER	2	JOHN E. MILLER	6
HERBERT ARMSTRONG	3	JOHN ARMSTRONG	7
JOHN W. CORNFORD	4	ALFRED G. CRANE	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

The company wish to thank Miss Parker for taking part in the peal at short notice and so preventing a disappointment.

HULME, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PHILLIP,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.			
WALTER BROWN	Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK	5
THOMAS BOTTRILL	2	WILLIAM COOPER	6
*WILLIAM HOLBROOK	3	ROBERT DAVIES	7
RICHARD NEWTON	4	HARRY CHAPMAN	Tenor

Conducted by R. DAVIES.

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

LEAMINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12½ cwt.			
WALTER MALINS	Treble	WILLIAM T. COX	5
FRANK E. PERVIN	2	CHARLES W. WHEELER	6
ALFRED J. HESSIAN	3	JOSEPH A. FENTON	7
REV. C. CAREW COX	4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK PITSTOW, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

First peal of Surprise on the bells.

WOODBIDGE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 28 cwt.	
HARRY BARTON	Treble	WILLIAM J. NEVARD	5
WILLIAM MOTTS	2	WILLIAM H. BALDRY	6
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	3	JAMES MOTTS	7
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	4	CHARLES CUTTING	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

This peal was arranged and rung previous to the members attending a quarterly meeting of the Norwich Diocesan Association at Ufford. The brothers James and William Motts hail from Ipswich, R. H. Hayward from Marlesford, H. Barton from Southwold, E. Symonds from Framlingham, W. J. Nevard from Great Bentley, Essex, and W. H. Baldry from Hazelwood, while C. Cutting belongs to Woodbridge.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
WILLIAM A. PYE	Treble	GEORGE R. PYE	5
JOHN DALE	2	HARRY F. DAWKINS	6
*EDWARD H. HAWKINS	3	ALFRED PYE	7
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	4	CHARLES BARLOW	Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED PYE.

* First peal of Grandsire Triples.

WHITWORTH, LANCASHIRE.
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 6048 CHANCES ;

HERBERT STANSFIELD	Treble	GEORGE GARNETT	5
THOMAS JAKEMAN	2	BENJAMIN GILL	6
CHAS. BOWER	3	SAMUEL BOOTH	7
SAMUEL WOODS	4	BENJAMIN THORP	Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOODS, and
Conducted by SAMUEL BOOTH.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Benjamin Gill.

GREAT BENTLEY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt.			
†GEORGE A. ANDREWS	Treble	†PERCY ALMEND	5
*HARRY COWELL	2	JOSEPH BOWELL	6
†ALFRED ANDREWS	3	†GEORGE JENNINGS	7
*ERNEST EADY	4	†WILLIAM J. NEVARD	Tenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. NEVARD.

* First peal. † First peal in the method, also the first peal in the method on the bells, and rung at the first attempt. ‡ First attempt as conductor on eight bells.

CHILVERS COTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13½ cwt.			
OSWALD J. HUNT	Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN	5
JOSEPH H. WHITE	2	WILLIAM T. COX	6
WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON	3	WALTER MALINS	7
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS	4	FRANK E. PERVIN	Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON.

First peal in the method as conductor.

GODALMING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 25 cwt.

*VICTOR H. SMITH Treble	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 5
*WILLIAM MOOREY 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
WILLIAM HOOKER 4	*ROBERT PAMMENT ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. The treble, 2nd, 4th and tenor ringers belong to the local company. It is 15 years since W. Hooker rang his last peal.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER Treble	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 4	OWEN H. GILES ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich.

MIDDLEHAM.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKELD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*SQUIRE CROFT Treble	CHARLES E. HOWROYD ... 5
JAMES BAXTER 2	JAMES METCALFE ... 6
DR. HENRY C. PAULI ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
HARRY PARISH 4	*CHRISTOPHER CLARKSON ... Tenor

Composed by REV. C. D. P. DAVIS, and

Conducted by JAMES BAXTER.

* First peal on eight bells. First peal on the bells. The tenor ringer is 72 years of age, and he rang the tenor in a most able manner.

EDMONTON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5
GEORGE A. CARD 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
*WALTER J. BOWDEN ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
GEORGE RADLEY 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

DUFFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(DERBY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

*GEORGE TANDY Treble	JOHN FLOWER 5
†GEORGE FREEBREY ... 2	GEORGE BASSOW ... 6
ERNEST H. CLARKE ... 3	CHARLES DRAPER ... 7
WILLIAM BATES 4	†BART. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FREEBREY.

* First peal. † 50th peal. First peal as conductor.

SUDBURY, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(SUDBURY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

SIDNEY J. HOWELL ... Treble	*WALTER GOODAY ... 5
WILLIAM HEARD 2	*CHARLES W. LEE ... 6
GEORGE TATUM 3	†CHARLES W. F. CLARKE ... 7
*ALFRED PERRY 4	*WILLIAM C. B. CROSS ... Tenor

Conducted by SIDNEY J. HOWELL.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire. First peal as conductor. Messrs. W. Gooday and C. W. Lee were elected members previous to starting.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... Treble	JOHN WYATT 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	CHARLES S. BURDEN ... 6
EDWARD F. GROVE 3	ALFRED B. PECK ... 7
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 4	CHARLES E. READ ... Tenor

Conducted by A. B. PECK.

This is believed to be the first peal of Stedman on the bells.

MIDSOMER NORTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt.

WALTER FARLEY Treble	JOHN HAMBLETON ... 5
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD ... 2	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 6
GILBERT H. HARDING ... 3	THOMAS F. KING ... 7
*FREDERICK SPEED ... 4	ROBERT JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal with a bob bell.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

WARBLETON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, December 21, 1912, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BARROW Treble	GEORGE E. DANN ... 4
JOHN BRETT 2	GILBERT BRETT ... 5
GEORGE BARROW, Junr. ... 3	EDGAR JARVIS ... Tenor

Conducted by GILBERT BRETT.

First peal on the bells.

BROMFIELD, SHROPSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, 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 9 cwt.

*ARTHUR NASON Treble	†GEORGE D. ACTON ... 4
GEORGE ACTON 2	WILLIAM SHORT ... 5
†WILLIAM F. PEACHEY ... 3	WILLIAM R. NASH ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. This peal was specially rung as a farewell to Messrs. G. and G. D. Acton, who are shortly leaving for Canada, their brother ringers wishing them every success and happiness in their new work and surroundings. It was also rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. Francis S. Wilson, of Ludlow, in honour of the 10th anniversary of their wedding. All the ringers hail from Ludlow, with the exception of Wm. Short.

NEWICK, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 5 cwt., in C.

*GEORGE RICHARDSON ... Treble	JOHN FEIST 4
ERNEST E. BISH 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 5
GEORGE H. STURT 3	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, which are the lightest ring in Sussex, and were augmented to a peal of six in 1867.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Beverley and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

*WALTER HUGHES ... Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First peal on six bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Turner.

MALDEN, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(MALDEN AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

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

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN BAILEY Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL 4
HARRY PRICE 2	ALBERT HENLEY 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

WILTON, TAUNTON.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

WALTER FUDGE Treble	HENRY J. CREED 4
THOMAS J. LLOYD 2	*ARTHUR WHEADON 5
TOM W. CREED 3	ISAAC CREED Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss A. Creed and Miss W. Osmond, the daughter and niece respectively of the conductor, on their coming of age; also to Master Lilley, son of Mr. C. R. Lilley. The band wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells, Mr. Mockridge for getting permission, and Mr. Wright for having everything ready.

ROYSTON, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROYSTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt., in F flat.

*HARRY BONNETT ... Treble	ROBERT WILKERSON ... 4
ERNEST BONNETT 2	SAMUEL E. ROBERTS ... 5
WILLIAM L. DARLOW ... 3	ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST BONNETT.

* First peal and first attempt. Quickest peal on the bells. This peal was rung in honour of the wedding of Miss F. L. Fordham, of Royston, and Mr. H. Hunt, of Farnborough. It was also a birthday compliment to W. L. Darlow.

BENTLEY, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 18 lbs., in E.

CHARLES EDWARDS ... Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
*PTE. J. HALL 2	GEORGE UPSHALL 5
*ALFRED CROUCHER ... 3	*THOMAS UPSHALL ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal in seven methods. Rung as a farewell to Pte. J. Hall, who, to the regret of all, is leaving with his regiment (2nd Suffolk) for Egypt on the 23rd inst.

SHARNFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

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

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

The ringer of the treble was made a member in the tower, and this was his first peal.

THURMASTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each Oxford Treble Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, College Single, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt. 2 qr. 1 lb.

*FRED BALL Treble	*EDWARD GEARY 4
VICTOR GEARY 2	ERNEST MORRIS 5
GEORGE H. GEARY 3	*FRED STANFORTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells. First peal on the bells by this Association.

KINGSTHORPE, NORTHAMPTON.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS LAW Treble	† WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... 4
*JOHN DUNKLEY 2	GEORGE PARKER 5
HARRY CLARKE 3	FRED HOPPER Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and the conductor's fiftieth peal for the above Association.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HERBERT L. HARLOW ... Treble	JOHN W. BARKER ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	REGINALD GARDNER ... 5
HARRY TYSOE ... 3	HERBERT SHARP ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

WARKTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being six Six-Scores each of Stedman's Slow Course, St. Simon's Chase, Canterbury, Old Double, Plain Bob, and Grandsire.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

HORACE PATRICK ... 1 treble	ROBERT BLACK ... 3
MATTHIAS HOBBS ... 2	EDGAR READ ... 4
CHARLES COOPER ... Tenor	

Conducted by MATTHIAS HOBBS.

This is the first peal of Doubles in seven methods by all except the conductor.

BEACHAMPTON.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE AND ANTELOPE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

PERCY GRANT ... Treble	HARRY RIDGWAY ... 3
EPHRAIM WYATT ... 2	PERCY WARNER ... 4
LEONARD SMITH ... Tenor	

Conducted by EPHRAIM WYATT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Percy Grant on his 21st birthday. The band wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells and for his kindness in providing tea.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, January 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1-2	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3-4	ERNEST PYE ... 7-8
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 9-10	

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpire: W. HEWITT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, January 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1-2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7-8

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung in honour of the 10th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wilson, of Ludlow. Mr. Wilson is a life ringing member of the Winchester Guild, and a great friend of the Guildford handbell ringers.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF OLAVE BROVD,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

GEORGE PANNELL ... 1-2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 3-4
OLAVE BROVD ... 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROVD.

Umpire: HARRY W. CATTERWELL.

First double-handed peal by all, and rung at first attempt.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Sunday, January 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HERBERT LANGDON ... 1-2	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 5-6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY ... 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 7-8

Conducted by C. F. WINNEY.

Umpire: WALTER S. WISE.

The conductor of the peal at Charing, on Jan. 11th, was C. L. Prior

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Northampton district was held at Weston Favel on Saturday week, about 20 members being present from Boughton, Kingsthorpe, Northampton, Easton Maudit, Flore, and the local tower.—Tea was provided at the Trumpet Inn, and was followed by the business meeting, at which the Rev. E. H. Terry (Rector of Weston) presided.—It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Easton Maudit, in April; Guilsborough, in June; and the next quarterly meeting at Brixworth, in July.—Several new members were elected, including the Rev. E. H. Terry as an hon. member.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for the arrangement of the meeting.—Plain Bob, Grandsire, Stedman and St. Simon's Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening.

THRAPSTON DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Thrapston district was held at Lowick on Saturday last. Touches of Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were rung during the afternoon and evening, and about 40 sat down to tea from Raunds, Thrapston, Addington, Twywell, Woodford, Islip, Denford, Irthlingborough and Lowick.

A short business meeting was held, presided over by the President (the Rev. St. George Coldwell), Rector of Islip, supported by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), and the district secretary (Mr. F. Stubbs).—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Raunds.—Several new members were elected.—The President made a feeling reference to the death of Mr. Bert Perrett, of Woodford, and a collection, amounting to 15s. 2d., was taken for the widow.—It was also resolved that the general secretary be asked to bring the matter before the next two meetings, which are to take place at Isham and Irthlingborough.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to those who had made the necessary arrangements.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Gainsborough district was held at Gainsborough on Saturday, but was poorly attended, only four visitors, three from Scunthorpe and one from West Stockwith, putting in an appearance, in addition to the local company. However, various touches were brought round during the afternoon and evening, in the following methods: Kent Treble Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major. Shortened evensong was held in the Parish Church, and an address given by the Rev. A. C. P. Burles.—Tea was provided at the Coffee Tavern, and followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. J. C. Tinker presided. The whole of the district officers were re-elected, and the following places selected for the district meetings for the ensuing year: March, Owston Ferry; May, Stow; July, Brigg; September, Kirton Lindsey; November, Upton; January, 1914 (Annual), Gainsborough.—A hearty welcome was given to the Scunthorpe visitors and duly acknowledged.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, the Rev. A. C. P. Burles, Mr. Montgomery (organist), and the choir boys for assisting at the service, and Mr. J. C. Tinker for presiding at the meeting.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE NEW MASTER OF THE CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

The change in the mastership of the Society of Royal Cumberland Youths has brought into the office a ringer whose name has for many years been well-known in the Exercise—Mr James Parker, of Edmonton. Those who remember the performances of the band at Crawley twenty and more years ago will recollect him as the moving spirit in the tower of the little Sussex town and as the conductor of Surprise methods, at a time few local bands were ringing peals of this intricate character, he had few equals. With equal enthusiasm he has since been largely responsible for the success of the Edmonton



MR. JAMES PARKER.

band, and now that he has been elected to the chair of the Cumberland Youths we may look for further efforts in re-establishing this ancient society in its former high position.

Mr. James Parker was born at Pulborough, Sussex, in 1866, and learned to ring on the six bells at Charlwood under the late Mr. F. Wickens at the age of 15. Afterwards he went to the village of Storrington, where he taught a "stoney" band to ring Doubles on the five bells there. In 1890 he removed to Crawley. There was no ringing there at that time, but he formed a local band, and, after a few practices, he rang his first peal (Kent Treble Bob Major) at Warnham. This was followed a few months later by 10,176 in the same method at the same church. He then started in earnest with the Crawley band, and within four years they rang peals from Grandsire Triples to London Surprise, and in 1894 rang

the then record peal of Superlative (9312 changes) which Mr. Parker conducted, as he had done most of the peals in the Crawley tower. During these years the local band rang Stedman, Double Norwich, Alliance, Superlative, Cambridge, New Cambridge, New Cumberland and London Surprise. At that time there were not more than five bands in the country who could ring all these methods.

Moving to London in 1896, Mr. Parker found that Surprise men were by no means easy to get together, and there were several years in which very little ringing was done. After settling at Edmonton, however, a band was at last got together which could ring Superlative, since which time the company has never looked back, and they are now capable of ringing any Surprise method and ringing it well. In the last 13 attempts for London Surprise not one peal has been lost, and in the year 1912 only every peal in a Surprise method attempted was brought round with one exception.

Although fond of peal ringing, Mr. Parker's main object has always been to get peals rung by local bands, or by those who ring for the services on Sundays. Particularly is this the case with new methods, and all his first peals in Surprise methods have been rung in this way. He considers—and many ringers will agree with him—that a peal of Grandsire Triples by a local band is worth more than all the peals of London by a mixed band of experts.

Mr. Parker is a conductor of great ability, and, while some may think him somewhat stern in his manner when ringing, there can be no question that implicit obedience to the conductor is the key-note of success in peals. Those who do not realise this when ringing with Mr. Parker sometimes hear "something to their advantage" afterwards. Of nothing in regard to ringing is Mr. Parker prouder than the success of his talented daughter, who has unquestionably inherited some of her father's skill as a method ringer.

In addition to his connection with the Cumberland Youths Mr. Parker is a member of the following societies: Sussex Association, Winchester Guild, Salisbury Guild, Middlesex Association, Hertfordshire Association, Lincolnshire Guild, Midland Counties Association and St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham. He has rung 290 peals, on tower and handbells, and these have been spread over 75 churches in 15 counties. Appended is the list:—

	Tower Bells. Rung.	Bells. Con.	Handbells.
Seven Minor Triples	6		
Grandsire Triples	7	5	5
Plain Bob Triples	1		
Court Bob Triples	2	2	
Oxford Bob Triples	1		
Canterbury Pleasure Triples	1		
Stedman Triples	38	17	
Bob Major	2	2	
Double Norwich Court Bob Major	28	14	
Alliance Major	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major (including 10,176)	14	5	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1		
Superlative Surprise Major (including 9312)	115	85	
Cambridge Surprise Major	3	1	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	8	1	
New Cumberland Surprise Major	1	1	
Gloucester Surprise Major	1		
Norfolk Surprise Major	1	1	

Bristol Surprise Major	5	4	
London Surprise Major	35	21	
Cumberland Delight	1		
Grandsire Caters			2
Stedman Caters	2		
Forward Royal	1		
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	3	
Stedman Cinques	2		
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	1	
Total	283	164	7

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to the pressure on our space this week several reports have had, unavoidably, to be held over, including the Romney Marsh Guild's annual meeting and the Fressingham Anniversary.

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The peal of eight bells (tenor 16 cwt.) of the church of SS. Peter and Paul, Eckington, near Sheffield, having got into an unringable condition, are to be retuned and rehung in a new steel frame, with all the most modern fittings. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Bell Foundry, London.

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Congratulations to the Bristol men on their peal of Cambridge Maximus on the magnificent bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. They are, we believe, only the third company to ring a peal in this complex method. Ipswich and the College Youths are the other bands who can claim success up to the present, although we may hear of others ere long, for at least two other bands are in practice.

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We have received a letter from "A Sympathiser" calling into question the peal of Bob Minor rung at St. Nicholas, Wallasey. He says "Great credit is due to the lads who took part in the performance for having made such progress under Mr. G. R. Newton's guidance, with assistance from many others, including Mr. Wilcox." He adds, however, that "Mr. Wilcox has condemned it as not being a true peal." Apparently there has been some correspondence with the conductor on the subject, but as our correspondent does not wish his name published, and as portions of one letter only are sent, we refrain from inserting them. If we are enabled to give both sides we shall, as always, be pleased to insert the correspondence.

ROBINSON MEMORIAL SCREEN DEDICATION.

The dedication of the screen at St. Peter's Church, Drayton, to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson will take place (p.v.) on Saturday, February 8th (instead of February 1st, as previously announced). The ceremony will be performed by the Ven. W. M. G. Ducat, Archdeacon of Berkshire, at 4 p.m. Will all those interested kindly take this as an invitation to be present. Clergy are requested to bring their robes.

The bells will be available for ringing between 2 and 4, and possibly later in the evening. Tea will be provided, after the service, free for all those who send me their names by Wednesday, February 5th.

Drayton is two miles from Abingdon Station, and the same distance from Steventon.—Cyril W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your last issue, Mr. Winney makes a very unfavourable "dig" at the above record, which is very misleading, and may lead some people to believe that the peal was not rung in the manner it should have been. I wish to inform Mr. Winney that the band who took part in it met together last Saturday, and were by no means pleased with his remarks, and I am requested to ask Mr. Winney what explanation is forthcoming. At present I ask him one question only, and providing a satisfactory reply is forthcoming, the matter will drop, but failing this I shall put one or two questions to him that he may experience some difficulty in answering, but will be compelled to do so in his own defence. The question I ask him is: Did he, while outside Hornchurch tower, hear anything that he would term a muddle?—Yours truly, W. PYE.

Sir,—I see in your last issue a letter from Mr. C. F. Winney, which I think calls for reply. First as to the question of advertisement. I can assure Mr. Winney that I did not ring 114 peals in one year for that purpose. I simply ring peals for pleasure, which, I believe, most ringers do, but I think if I wanted to "advertise," I could do it in a different way to that. I do not get my living out of ringing, but I know several who make a big meal out of it. As regards his next statement, I have not much to say, as I believe the writer of the letter does exactly what I have done, viz., take part in peals to oblige others. We cannot all arrange peals; if we did we should not be able to get bands to meet us. The third matter, however, is the most important. Now I am not going round the corners after Mr. Winney, or any of his clients, who have backed him up in this. The first question I ask Mr. Winney is, did he hear anything approaching a "muddle" in the long peal of Bristol rung at Hornchurch? Of course, I know what he was there for, and he had a perfect right to be there, as he rang the treble to the previous record. But they should send a man who knows the method so that he can take off the peal in a proper manner. There were ringers there, who heard all the peal, far more advanced in the method than Mr. Winney, and who can strike a bell equal to him or anyone else, and they never heard anything approaching a "muddle." If Mr. Winney wants my opinion of what a muddle is, I can soon tell him. If he just looks back to a few peals which have been published in "The Ringing World," I can tell him that they were not rung without a muddle. He should practice these things before he preaches. I should have very much liked to have seen another signature to Mr. Winney's letter, because I know who has put him up to this. Why does he not try and get another band together and beat the 15,264 like we did the Knebworth peal, only ring the next one on some metal. Then, if possible, we will come and hear it.—Yours, etc., Haggerston.

A. W. GRIMES.

AUTHORSHIP CLAIMS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Hattersley, in his letter, says that the first and second peals of New Cambridge Royal, published in their first letter, are not the same, and likewise the third and fourth peals. Therefore, if No. 1 is not the same as No. 2, it is absurd to say that it is the same as their 6048 Superlative Surprise Major. The same can be said of the third and fourth peals.

A little further on he asks whether I copied or reproduced his figures. "His" mind you, when he admits that twelve of the fourteen courses that I used were as much mine as his. Then take away the course that contains the key of the whole situation, which does not appear in his peal.

No, I no more reproduced Mr. Hattersley's peal than he reproduced J. Reeves', when he composed that peal of Treble Box Maximus I had the pleasure of ringing in Sheffield some years ago. Are we to take it that the three gentlemen who have taken up this matter have one code of morals for themselves, and a second code for other people?—Yours faithfully, G. LINDOFF.

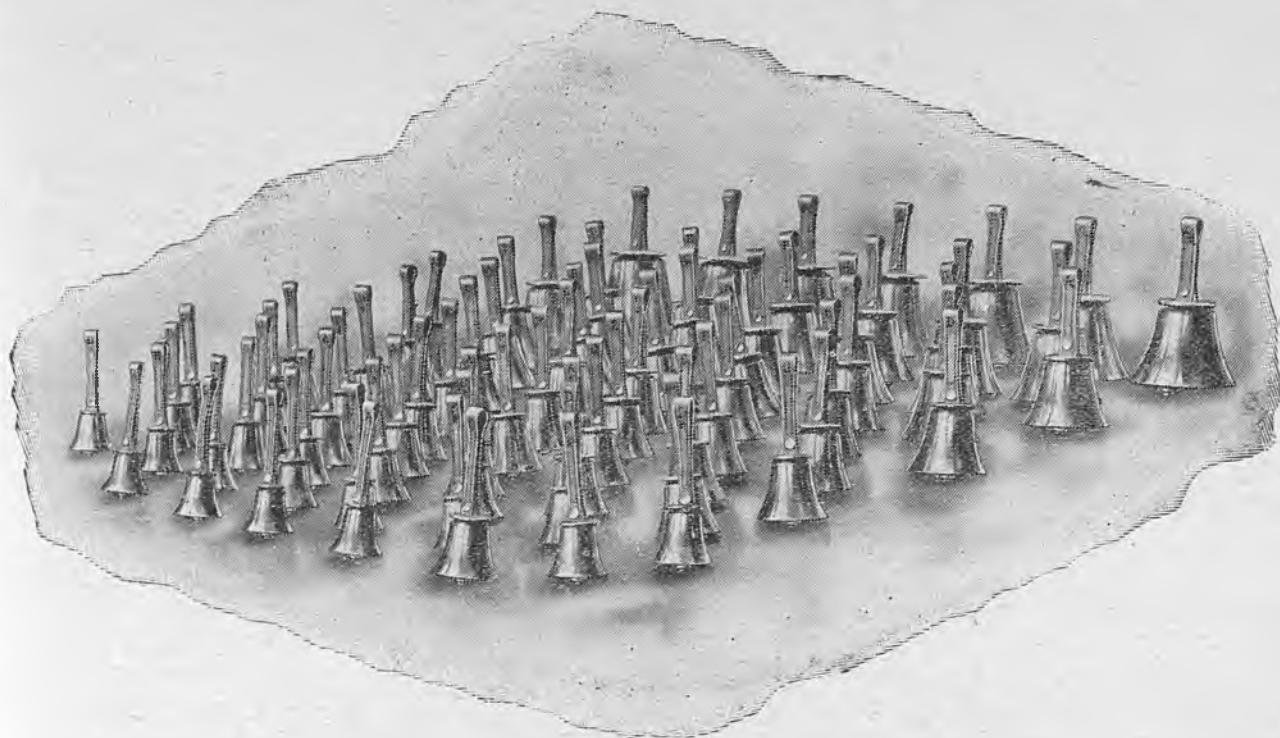
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SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

The last quarterly meeting of the Society's year was held at Perry Barr, on Saturday, when a fair number of members were present from Birmingham, Coseley, Lichfield, Perry Barr, Rushall, Smethwick, Lipton, Walsall, Wednesbury, West Bromwich, Wordsley, Wolverhampton, and Wood Green.

During the afternoon, the bells were kept going in various methods, and at the committee meeting four new members were enrolled.—A short service was held in church, when the Vicar gave a helpful address. The Rev. E. V. Cox assisted by reading the lesson.—A substantial tea was provided in Christ Church Schools, after which a vote of thanks to the Vicar (proposed by the Rev. E. V. Cox, and seconded by Mr. W. R. Small) for the use of the bells and room, as well as for his kindly address, also to the Rev. —. Knight for presiding at the organ, was accorded.—The Vicar, in reply, expressed the pleasure it gave him to welcome those present, and the hope that he would meet all again ere long.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**HOSPITABLE WELCOME FOR PRESTON BRANCH.**

The quarterly meeting of the Preston Branch was held at Penwortham on Saturday last, and was excellently attended. The bells were well utilised in a variety of methods during the afternoon. Following their usual custom, the ever-hospitable Vicar and his wife had invited all who attended to tea, and a company of 38 were present in the West End School. Full justice was done to the good things provided, and afterwards the Rev. Burton made a racy speech, in which he complimented the Preston branch on making such a good muster on a wet day. Referring to the recent Bi-centenary celebrations, he said it was surprising what an interest it had awakened in their parish in regard to its church bells. He mentioned the fact that they now had an enthusiastic band of learners, and, visiting the tower on a recent Sunday, he found there were more men than ropes. He had seen some of these ardent recruits jotting figures down in pocket books in all sorts of places, and he hoped they would keep it up. Finally, he gave one and all a hearty welcome, and said what a pleasure it was to himself and Mrs. Burton to see them all on these occasions.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and Mrs. Burton was proposed by Mr. J. Miller, seconded by Mr. Hutchinson, and was carried with acclamation.—At the business meeting, Coppull (a new ring of six by Messrs. Taylor) and Whittle-le-Woods were decided on as the next meeting-places. One new member was elected, and the meeting closed with the best thanks of the meeting to the authorities and local ringers for the use of the bells. Ringing was afterwards indulged in during the evening. The towers represented were: Chorley, Brindle, Preston Parish, Goosnargh, Eccleston, Leyland St. James', Samlesbury, and the local men.

MANCHESTER BRANCH.

A very well-attended meeting of the above branch was held at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday last, members being present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Eccles, Worsley, Pendleton, Stockport, Hyde, Reddish, Birch, Prestwich, Miles Platting, New Mills, Darley Dale, etc.—Mr. J. Barratt took the chair, and gave a hearty welcome to all present.—Mr. Higginbottom, warden at the Cathedral, honoured the meeting with his presence.—Three members of the Manchester police force were elected members, viz.: J. Wilson, W. Spicer, J. Turner.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the authorities for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers.—The following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**COMBINED PRACTICES SUGGESTED.**

The first quarterly meeting for the year in connection with the Northern Branch of the Worcestershire and Districts Association was held at Oldbury on Saturday. The attendance was not so large as expected, but it was full of enthusiasm, and the members were very pleased to see amongst them once again, after his long and severe illness, Mr. William Painter. The following towers were represented: Oldswinford, Stourbridge, Rowley, Smethwick, Netherton, Clent, Wollaston, Kidderminster, Northfield, Edgbaston, Birmingham, Old Hill, Halesowen, Wordsley, King's Norton, Oldbury and Selly Oak.—At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. P. H. Birley) officiated, and delivered a very instructive and practical address.—Mr. Johnson, of Old Hill, presided at the organ, and his services were much appreciated.

In the absence of the Vicar, who was unable to be present, the business meeting was presided over by Mr. H. Mason. Bromsgrove was selected for the next quarterly meeting, and Oldbury for the quarterly peal attempt. Four new performing members were elected.—Mr. H. Smith, of Kidderminster, suggested that it would be a great advantage to the Association, if it could be arranged to have two or three ringing practices during the year, and it was resolved to bring the matter before the annual meeting at Stourbridge on Easter Monday.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, and to Mr. H. Mason for presiding.

A return to the tower was afterwards made, and the bells were kept going in various methods, including attempts in London and Bristol Surprise Major.

ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

At the sixth annual meeting of the St. Peter Mancroft Guild, Norwich, the Vicar (the Rev. F. J. Meyrick) presided, and the hon. secretary, in his report, referred to the continuity throughout the year of the splendid work of regularly ringing the bells for Sunday services, including the early mornings on all festival occasions. At present there were fourteen performing members on the books, and as this was somewhat below the average, the Guild had taken in hand six recruits, who were making good progress.—The Treasurer (Mr. D. O. Holme) submitted the balance sheet, which showed a balance of £6 10s. on the right side. This balance was earmarked for renovating peal boards, some of which are amongst the oldest in existence.

Mr. H. J. Borrett was elected Master; Mr. F. H. Phillips, hon. secretary; and Mr. D. O. Holme, treasurer.

At the close of the business, the Chairman thanked the members for all the ringing they had done during the year. It gave him great satisfaction to know that the bells would be rung on any special occasion he might ask for.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**ROBINSON MEMORIAL AT CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL.**

Successful and well-attended, the annual meeting of the Sonning Deanery Branch of the Oxford Guild was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday. At evensong, the Rev. H. C. Wilder, Rector of Sulham, preached from St. Matthew v, verse 16, an appropriate sermon to the large congregation of ringers. After high tea, held in the Parish Room, the Master of the Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, in the unavoidable absence of the branch chairman, the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, who is recovering from illness, presided over the annual business meeting. The general secretary of the Diocesan Guild, Mr. A. E. Reeves, the Rev. E. E. Broome, hon. secretary of the branch, and several other clergy, were also present.

The Hon. Secretary reported a balance in hand of some £5. The membership stood at 113 change ringers, 10 life subscribers and 16 probationers, with five life members and 30 honorary members, an increase of six on last year. Ten peals were reported as having been rung during the year, while "combined practices"—a great help to the members—had numbered twelve.

The report and balance sheet were adopted, and a vote of sympathy with the Rev. R. H. Davis was unanimously carried.—The chairman and hon. secretary were unanimously re-elected, as were the usual committees.

Mr. Reeves gave some interesting details of the Guild report for the past year. Three new towers—Simpson, Beechampton and Shinfield—had been admitted, while one, Wood Eaton, had dropped out. One hundred and twenty peals had been rung during the year, fifteen of them in the Surprise methods, which showed advancement all round the Guild.

The Chairman then announced that the memorial screen to the memory of their late Guild Master, the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson, had been completed at Drayton Church, and that the dedication ceremony was fixed for Feb. 8th. Archdeacon Ducat (of Berks) had consented to perform the ceremony, and to preach. A tablet to their late Master's memory had in the last week been affixed in the cloisters at Christchurch (Oxford), recording that it was "erected in the memory of Francis Edward Robinson, sometime Vicar of Drayton, and Master of the Diocesan Guild of Bell Ringers."

Sonning had re-hung their peal of eight bells, while Twyford expected by Easter to have a peal of eight.

The Rev. B. Long, Rector of All Saints', Wokingham, gave a cordial welcome to the Guild in advance for the July meeting. — Votes of thanks to the Rector of St. Paul's, the Rev. H. M. Walter, who was represented by the Rev. S. J. Richards, and to the organist, workers and ladies of St. Paul's for their kindness, concluded a very successful meeting.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Northern District was held on Saturday last. The tower of St. Mary's, Islington, was open in the afternoon and evening, and some good touches in various methods were rung.

The business meeting was held at "The Olde King's Head," and was very well attended. Mr. A. Barker was again chosen to fulfil the duties of Master for the present year; and Messrs. Cornford, Walker and Porter were appointed to the offices of secretary, treasurer and steward respectively. The progress of the district for the past year has been very encouraging, both as to finance and membership; but it is hoped this year to do decidedly better. A very pleasant time was spent at the close of the meeting, enlivened by handbells, songs and recitations.

The annual meeting of the Southern District took place at St. George's, Southwark, on Saturday last. There was some good ringing in various Standard methods, and many notable ringing members were present. The business meeting was held at the Southwark Tavern, the Master, Mr. H. S. Ellis, presiding.—It was decided to hold the next meeting on April 19th, at Battersea, or, failing that, Hammersmith.—New members were elected, and the balance sheet adopted. There was a contest for the office of Master between Mr. E. A. Reeves and Mr. H. S. Ellis, the latter being re-elected. The secretary, Mr. F. A. Smith, and the treasurer, Mr. H. Mance, were unanimously re-elected. There was also a contest for the stewardship, and Mr. C. H. Hughes was re-elected.—A pleasant evening was afterwards spent with touches on the handbells, etc.

OLD KEIGHLEY RINGER'S DEATH.

A well-known Keighley ringer of former years has passed away, in the person of Mr. Asa Smith. The deceased was a ringer at the Parish Church for upwards of 30 years, although he had not taken an active part for the last twelve years. There were present at the funeral, in addition to members of the family, representatives of the Engineers' Society and other bodies in the town, as well as a number of ringers. At the conclusion of the service, a course of Grandsire Triples was rung at the graveside on handbells, by: J. Edmondson, R. W. Jennison, S. Bateman and T. Bancroft. The effect was solemn, and at the same time pathetic and sweet. On Sunday week, at the Parish Church, a touch of Grandsire Triples was rung, with the bells muffled, as a last token of respect to the ringers' departed comrade.

NOTICES.**THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.
PRELIMINARY NOTICE.**

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913. Reports of committees and notices of motion should reach me not later than Saturday, April 12th, in order that they may be forwarded in due course for insertion in the ringing papers. Hon. secretaries of the Diocesan or County Guilds or Associations affiliated to the Council will kindly bear in mind that affiliation fees (2s. 6d. for each elected representative) became due on the 1st inst., and should be forwarded to me without delay. The rights of representatives whose quota has not been paid are in abeyance until payment has been made. I shall be glad if they will at the same time kindly inform me of any change in their own address since last year or in that of any of their representatives, or of any change in the representation itself.—Charles D. P. Davies, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer, Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire. N.B.—Please do not make Postal Orders payable at Stonehouse, which is six miles distant.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of the South and West District will be held at Isleworth on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea by kind invitation of the Vicar, in the Hartland Road Mission Hall at 6, followed by business meeting. Members and friends cordially invited.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Malvern Link on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. Tea provided.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Whitwick on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4; tea (1s. each) at 4.45, both in the National School. The committee request that all subscriptions up to the end of 1912 be paid in at once.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 25th, at Bishop Ryder's Church, Birmingham. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Subscriptions are now overdue, and should be paid at this meeting. Committee meeting after tea.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on January 25th. Ringing from 3 to 8 o'clock. Service 5 o'clock; tea and meeting after service. Will secretaries kindly note subscriptions for 1912 are overdue and those for 1913 are now due.—Geo. H. Howse, Honorary Division Secretary, "Kenilworth," Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The annual meeting will be held at Southgate, by kind permission of the Rev. C. F. Peploe, on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at 3.30. Short service at 5.30. Tea at the Cherry Tree at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. Members

and friends cordially invited. Members are reminded that subscriptions for 1913 are now due.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Wraxall on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3.30. Divine service at 4.30. Tea and business meeting 5.30.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at Grantham on Saturday, January 25th. Bells ready at noon. Service in the Parish Church at 3.30 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Grantham Dairy Co., Westgate, at 4.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Business meeting after. Members and friends will be given a hearty welcome.—A. Markwell, District Secretary, Ingoldsby.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Aldenham on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Chequers at 5.30 at 9d. per head. It is hoped that members will endeavour to be present. All ringers welcome.—H. Eden, Honorary Secretary, Western Division, 43, Heath Road, Oxhey, Hertford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The annual meeting of this district will be held at Edenbridge on Saturday, January 25th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Committee meeting at 4. Service in church at 5. Tea in the Oddfellows' Hall at 5.45, followed by the general meeting. — W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

VISITORS at the annual meeting of the Tonbridge district, held at Edenbridge on January 25th, are invited to save money by taking advantage of J. W. Steddy's **ANNUAL SALE**, which will be on at that time. Clothing and boots of every description at lowest prices, catalogue on application. Two hundred men's overcoats, worth 25s., all sizes, carriage paid, 15s. 6d. — J. W. Steddy, Edenbridge.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Cheshunt on January 25th, when the bells will be available at 3.30. Tea at the Green Dragon, Church Gate, at 5.45, members 6d., others 9d., business meeting after. All will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, Honorary District Secretary.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next meeting will be held at Greenwich on Saturday, January 25th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 4.45 p.m. in the Church Room, followed by business meeting. Service at 6 p.m., with address by the Rev. T. R. H. Sturgess. Subscriptions are due, and should be paid at this meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 30th at 7.30 p.m.; Southwark Cathedral on the 28th at 8 p.m. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. A district meeting will be held at St. Mary Abbots, Kensington, on February 1st. Tower open for ringing at 3.30. Evensong 5.30. Tea in the Vicarage Hall at 6.15. Will members intending to be present kindly let me know by January 28th?—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on

Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. All intending to be present please write Mr. J. White, Ordsall, Retford, not later than January 28th. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Pre-Lent meeting will be held at Tanfield on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available afternoon and evening. Committee meeting at the Pack Horse Inn at 4.30 p.m. Tea 5 p.m. Members 1s., non-members 1s. 6d. Those intending to be present please notify Chas. Todd, Bracken Road, Darlington.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, before January 30th?—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—The next monthly ringing meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock; business meeting at 5. The annual meeting of the district for the election of officers, etc., will be held in St. Modwen's belfry on Tuesday, February 4th. Bells ready at 7 p.m. Meeting at 8.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The annual meeting of this society will be held at the Parish Church, Sheffield, on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m. — J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Gedney on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Dinner will be provided in the Church End Schoolroom at one o'clock, tickets 2s. 3d. Short service in the church at 3.30. Miss Banks has kindly invited the members to tea.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Barnsley on Saturday, February 1st. Church of St. Mary, 8 bells, tenor 14 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. There will be plenty of excursions to Barnsley on this date from all parts, owing to the Barnsley-Blackburn Cup Tie, which is to be played in

the afternoon, and it is hoped that ringers will take advantage of these.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Stalybridge, on Saturday, February 1st.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Branch Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bishopwearmouth on Saturday, February 1st, 4 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 1st. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. Farley, Honorary Secretary, Mill Street, Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, by kind permission of the Vicar on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before January 29th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on Saturday, February 1st. Service, with sermon, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at 4.15; tea in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock; business meeting at 6. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for any member who sends in his name before January 29th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton on Saturday, February 8th, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at the King of Denmark, 7d. per head, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—The figures published in this week's "Ringing World," and called Double Worcester Bob Major, are not a legitimate method. The lead given is not a Plain Lead, because it breaks the rule of method construction that a Plain Lead must be symmetrical; secondly, it is not Double. If Mr. Pigott will get Rules and Decisions of the Central Council published in 1904, and study the Legitimate Methods report on pages 16, 17 and 18, and the figures on page 24, he will see where his figures fail, and if he wants any further explanation and likes to write to me, I shall be pleased to answer any questions.

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THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Ufford, on Thursday week, when the bells of the Parish Church, and also those at Wickham Market and Pettistree, were at the disposal of visiting members throughout the day. Dinner was served in the Church Room by Mr. A. Ward, of the Lion Hotel.—The Rector (the Rev. W. J. Wyon) presided, supported by Mr. W. Ward (churchwarden), Messrs. F. R. Borrett, W. L. Duffield, J. Motts and C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from a good many towers in the neighbourhood.—After the loyal toast, the Chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors, expressing the hope that they would make the best use of the time and bells at their disposal.—The Secretary gave a brief account of the position of the Association, and the business meeting terminated with the election of new members. Various touches were afterwards brought round on both towers and handbells.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday week, five members of the above society journeyed from Peterborough and Yoxley to the village of Alwalton, where there is a nice ring of five bells, upon which they rang a well-struck date touch of Grandsire Doubles, in 1hr. 8 mins.: Oswald Richardson 1, William Waldron 2, Hugh Beechy 3, John Jutson 4, George Jutson (conductor) 5. This was the longest length for ringers of the treble and 3rd bells. After this the bells were lowered, and the band walked to Overton Station, and took train to Castor, where they were met by one of the Castor ringers, who wished to ring his first 720 of Bob Minor. The bells were raised, and then 1188 of Bob Minor was brought round by: H. Fitzjohn, W. Waldron, J. Jutson, H. Beechy, O. Richardson and G. Jutson (conductor). This was the first 720 for the ringer of the treble, and the first on an inside bell by ringer of the 4th. This concluded a very pleasant afternoon, and two of the band had a five miles' walk home.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The Northern District Practice held on January 8th, at North Shields, was attended by ringers from four towers. Some rang their first touches in Grandsire and Treble Bob, and good practice was also put in at Stedman Triples. One of the objects of the Durham and Newcastle Association is to secure the recognition of ringers as Church-workers; it was consequently a satisfaction and a pleasure to receive a visit in the belfry from the Vicar of North Shields. He expressed his interest in the proceedings, and informed the ringers that he is connected by marriage with the late Mr. Jasper W. Snowdon, whose name is familiar to every ringer as the author of many works on ringing.

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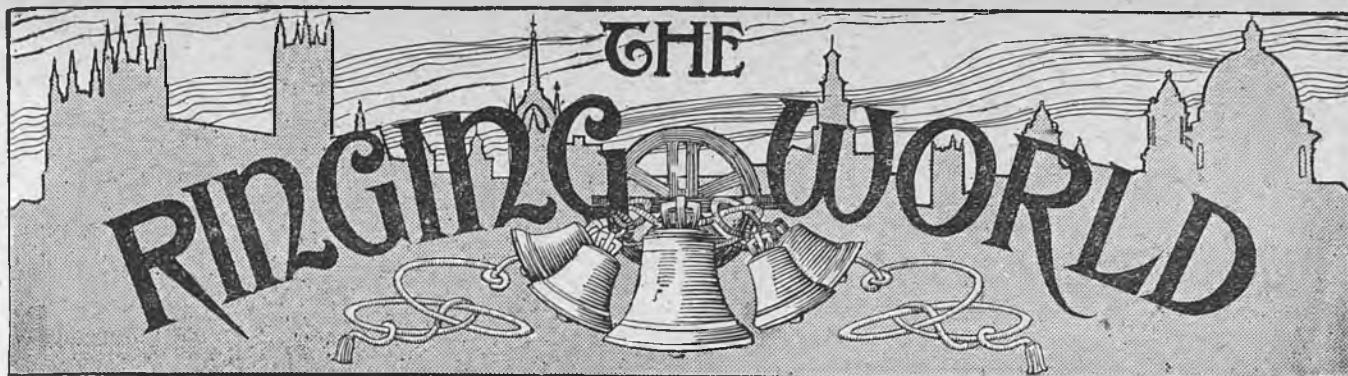
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*WILLIAM HENLEY 2	EDGAR HANCOX 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ARTHUR HARDING 8
*WILLIAM WELLING 4	HENRY H. CHANDLER 9
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5	WILLIAM HONOR Tenor

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A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5183 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS NEWMAN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
REV. H. LAW JAMES 2	JOHN W. DAVIS 7
JESSE GILLET 3	JOHN AUSTIN 8
THOMAS BALDWIN 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 9
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On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,

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SAMUEL COTTON 2	JOSIAH MORRIS 7
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JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ... 2	JOHN GOODMAN, Junr. ... 7
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CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 5	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SELLY OAK, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Monday, January 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS 5
JOHN BASS 2	SAMUEL GROVE 6
HORACE HOWELL 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOSEPH PIGOTT.

First peal in the method by all the band, on the bells and by the Association.

STREATHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 5
JOHN LEE 2	CALEB DANIEL 6
JOHN S. DANIELS 3	LOUIS ATTWATER 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4	HENRY J. RUMBLE Tenor

Conducted by LOUIS ATTWATER.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Rev. Heneage Horsley Jebb, M.A., Rector of Streatham, who was interred at Streatham Cemetery on the above date.

BIRLING, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(St. JOHN'S, DEPTFORD, SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12 cwt.

ROBERT FOSDIKE Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 5
*FREDERICK S. BACON 2	JOSEPH LAW 6
ALFRED G. BENNINGTON 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 7
*WILLIAM H. DAYNES 4	CHARLES H. MACKLIN Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells, which were augmented from six to eight, 1891. These bells are hung backward. This peal was rung on the 20th anniversary of the death of Canon Money, first Vicar of St. John's, Deptford, who was Vicar of Birling at the time of his death, and is buried in Birling churchyard. All the ringers are members of St. John's band.

GLOSSOP, DERBYSHIRE.
THE BOROUGH OF GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, WHITFIELD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES BUCKLEY Treble	ELI GARSIDE 5
*WILLIAM HOLBROOK 2	JOHN LAWTON 6
HERBERT BRADLEY 3	RICHARD NEWTON 7
THOMAS JACKSON 4	*ROBERT DAVIS Tenor

Composed by SAMUEL WOOD, and

Conducted by ROBERT DAVIS.

* Proposed members previous to starting. Messrs. Newton, Holbrook and Davis hail from the Manchester district.

WEST KIRBY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

SAMUEL WHARTON Treble	JOSEPH L. HAMMOND 5
CHARLES W. POWELL 2	THOMAS MURRAY 6
JAMES HALE 3	WILLIAM WILCOX 7
JOSEPH RUTTER 4	EDWARD HAMPSON Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

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

On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. CHAD'S (R.C.) CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

THOMAS MILLER Treble	JOHN CARTER 5
JAMES PAGETT 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
JOHN H. SWINFELD 3	ALF PADDON SMITH 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	JAMES E. GROVES Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

This peal was arranged for J. Pagett, of Derby, and J. H. Swinfield, of Burton-on-Trent.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10 cwt.

*FREDERICK DARRALL Treble	WILLIAM H. LAWLEY 5
HARRY FARLOW 2	BENJAMIN CLARK 6
THOMAS O'CONNOR 3	HERBERT KNIGHT 7
DANIEL JONES 4	EDWARD MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal and first attempt.

DERBY.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt.

HAROLD INCKLE Treble	BART MITCHELL 5
GEORGE WARD 2	ALBERT H. WARD 6
ARTHUR BRAINES 3	JAMES PAGETT 7
CHARLES E. HART 4	WALTER WALLACE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by WALTER WALLACE.

This is the first peal in the method by all the band and the first rung in Derby.

RYE, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

*PERCIVAL F. GILES Treble	VIVIAN D. LAURENCE 5
HAROLD F. COBON 2	JOSEPH B. BENNETT 6
ALFRED JOHNSON 3	GEORGE BILLENNESS 7
CHARLES PRICE 4	GILBERT J. YOUNGS Tenor

Composed by the REV. C. D. P. DAVIES, and

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

* First peal and first attempt, and elected a member of the Association previous to starting. A. Johnson comes from Appledore and the rest are Rye ringers. P. F. Giles is 16 years of age. Rung on the Vigil of the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul, and on the 28th anniversary of the establishment of the Sussex Association. It was also rung as a birthday compliment to C. Price, the esteemed verger.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... 5
*ALLEN F. BAILEY ... 2	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 3	CHARLES SAMPSON ... 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung on the fifth anniversary of the first peal of Superlative on the bells, and by the above Society.

CHERTSEY, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 20 cwt. o qr. 14 lbs.

CHARLES J. TRICKER ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
*HENRY R. STEVENS ... 2	*ALBERT E. GRAY ... 6
FERRIS SHEPHERD ... 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7
FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 4	*WILLIAM CHARGE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

* First peal of Stedman.

AUGHTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MARSH ... Treble	JOHN GARDNER ... 5
JAMES TAYLOR ... 2	WILLIAM FAIRCLOUGH ... 6
WILLIAM RIMMER ... 3	EDWARD CAUNCE ... 7
CHARLES SHARPLES ... 4	WILLIAM GIBBONS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

This was the conductor's rooth peal. E. Caunce hails from Grassendale, Liverpool; the rest are local ringers.

COLERNE, WILTS.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*THOMAS ROBERTS ... Treble	HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 5
FRANCIS W. CANNINGS ... 2	CHARLES W. BELL ... 6
†GEORGE JAMES ... 3	WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 7
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 4	LUTHER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. BELL.

* First peal of Triples. † First peal.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS, GLOUCESTER.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN AUSTIN ... 5
CHARLES L. SADLER ... 2	THOMAS NEWMAN ... 6
JESSE GILLET ... 3	JOHN W. DAVIS ... 7
JOHN W. JONES ... 4	WILLIAM T. PEGLER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM T. PEGLER.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

THOMAS TAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM COOPER ... 5
FREDERICK BENDALL ... 2	ELIJAH PAGETT ... 6
GEORGE GRIFFITHS ... 3	ALBERT MILLS ... 7
WILLIAM PEART ... 4	*WALTER REYNOLDS ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT MILLS.

* First peal. This peal was rung to celebrate the birth of a son and heir to Lord and Lady Lewisham, and a grandson to Lord Dartmouth, patron of the living at the above church.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. George, Camberwell,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM HEWETT ... Treble	GEORGE R. PYE ... 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	WILLIAM PYE ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	*MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
FRANK BENNETT ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael and All Angels,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

W. NAPPER (a) ... Treble	F. JAMES ... 5
T. EAST ... 2	R. JAMES ... 6
W. NAPPER (b) ... 3	J. S. NAPPER ... 7
J. BOWER ... 4	T. BUSBY ... Tenor

Conducted by T. EAST.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. John Bower, of Goring.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Lawrence,

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

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*ALLAN R. HICKTON ... Treble	NEVILLE H. WIDDOWSON ... 5
JOHN CHARLES DICKEN ... 2	*RICHARD DRAGE ... 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	PERCY PRICE ... 7
JOSEPH BAILEY ... 4	ALBERT H. WARD ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal in the method.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 7 cwt. o qr. 17 lb.

THOMAS CHINERY ... Treble	PERCY GRIDLEY ... 5
SIDNEY GRIDLEY ... 2	FREDERICK INCH ... 6
WALTER P. GRIDLEY ... 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 7
ARTHUR MAXIM ... 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by S. EVANS.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM HENLEY Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
JESSE ELDRIDGE 2	ARTHUR MARTIN 6
WILLIAM WELLING 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's in fourteen methods:—i, Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley; ii, London and Wells; iii, York and Durham; iv, Hexham and Berwick; v, Annable's London and Hull; vi, Bourne and Nether-seale; vii, Norwich. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY ... 4
GEORGE SNELLING 2	JOHN SNELLING 5
BERTIE TURNER 3	FREDERICK SEAGER ... Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

First peal in fourteen Surprise methods by all the band and by the Association.

HALE MAGNA, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ROBERT STEWARD Treble	THOMAS T. HUMBERSTONE 4
CHRISTOPHER WARD 2	WILLIAM DICKINSON ... 5
WALTER H. WOOD 3	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by RUPERT RICHARDSON.

* First peal.

WARRINGTON.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD

On Friday, January 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob, Double Oxford Bob, Oxford Bob, Double Bob and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES J. WILSON Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 4
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	EDWIN H. LEWIS 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3	HENRY W. WILDE Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

First peal on the bells, which were hung in 1840. Rung on the Eve of St. Paul's Day.

FRYERNING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH EASTERN DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being forty-two Six-Scores of Stedman, Grandsire, and Plain Bob.

Tenor 10 cwt.

PERCY LITCH Treble	ARTHUR BRADLEY 3
GEORGE CAMP 2	EDWARD LITCH 4
WILLIAM GREEN Tenor	

Conducted by WILLIAM GREEN.

First peal ever rung on the bells and the first peal by all the band, with the exception of A. Bradley, this being his first peal of Doubles. It was also rung as a farewell to Percy Litch, who is leaving for Canada early next month. It was rung by the local band, who, less than a year ago, joined the Essex Association, and have been ably instructed by Mr. W. Lincoln, of Writtle.

HANSLOPE, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London College Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 22 cwt.

LEONARD SMITH Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 2	ALBERT J. GREEN 5
EDWIN YATES 3	CECIL A. VALENTINE ... Tenor

Conducted by CECIL A. VALENTINE.

First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. C. Edwards. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. W. J. Harkness) for the use of the bells and Mr. T. Nicholls, the steeple-keeper for having everything ready.

FULBECK.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's each of College Single and Plain Bob, and three 720's of Oxford Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*WILLIAM JARVIS Treble	GEORGE SCOTT 4
CALEB L. SIMCOCK 2	CHARLES W. BAINES ... 5
RICHARD W. PORTER ... 3	CHARLES W. ELSE Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. ELSE.

* First peal.

BISHOP'S HULL, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

ARTHUR SYMONS Treble	*ARTHUR HAYWARD ... 4
ERNEST WILKINS 2	WILLIAM FUDGE 5
ERNEST BULL 3	PERCY MERSON Tenor

Conducted by P. MERSON.

* First peal of Minor.

LITCHBOROUGH, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Martin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

*WALTER C. STARMER ... Treble	WILFRED SHARP 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*ARTHUR T. STARMER ... 4
THOMAS LAW Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION AND
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of London Surprise, one each of York, Chester, and Beverley, and two of Cambridge Surprise. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	GEOFFREY J. STONELEY 4
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 5
WALTER J. HORNTON ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

This peal was rung for the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul. It was the first peal in five Surprise methods by all the band, and by the Association.

FOY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Grandsire and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

*WILLIAM STEELE Treble	EDWARD SUMMERS 4
†ALLEN GWYNNE 2	JOHN CLARK 5
JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

* First peal. † First peal on an inside bell.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY... .. 5—6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3—4	*ALLEN F. BAILEY... .. 7—8

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: CHARLES SAMPSON.

* First peal on handbells by Allen Bailey, who is only 16 years of age.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Tuesday, January 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. BROYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

In seven methods, viz.:—Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford and Plain Bob, was tapped by

OLAVE E. BROYD.

Umpires: H. W. CATTERWELL and G. PANNELL.

Witnesses: A. CATTERWELL and W. NICE.

This peal is believed to be the first tapped by one person in seven methods.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS 1—2	THOMAS BERNARD 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON... .. 3—4	TOWER TAYLOR 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-one Minutes,
IN THE SECRETARY'S ROOMS, TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent and Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES 3—4
FREDERICK BARKER... .. 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

[The following peal has not hitherto been published.]

BUXTON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 27, 1912, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 12 cwt.

WALTER C. MEDLER... .. Treble	WALTER ALLEN 4
GEORGE FARROW 2	JAMES CUSHION... .. 5
JOHN COOPER 3	ROBERT COOK Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLER.

The peal of Minor at Royston, Herts, on Jan. 18th, included 720 of Oxford Bob, which was omitted from the report.

LATE PEAL.

SHOREHAM SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,
A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE HOWSE... .. Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
JOHN CAPP 2	HENRY STALHAM 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
*ERNEST GOWER... .. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal of Superlative. This was the 500th peal the conductor has rung for the Sussex County Association.

THE LEGITIMATE METHODS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On December 6th last, Mr. F. Blood asked the Whitley Bay ringers, through the columns of "The Ringing World," to inform the Exercise of the methods they had rung and the names and dates since "Legitimate Methods" was published. Mr. Blood also says he has the name and date of every method it has been possible to get, so I ask him through your columns if No. 13 in the Delight class is among his collection. This method I composed myself, and it was rung by our band eight or nine years ago under the name of Oswald Treble Bob. In the Surprise class, No. 24 is one I composed and named Lancashire Surprise; we rang it first time on May 27th, 1906. Another of our band, Mr. Isaac Whalley, composed No. 22 and named it Immanuel. This also was rung on May 27th, 1906.—Yours faithfully,

C. SHARPLES.

[No. 13 of the 4th's place Delights is now officially known as Willesden, and No. 13 of the 3rd's place Delights as Kent. No. 24 in the Surprise class is known at Stamford. The name of Lancashire has been given to No. 22.—Ed.]

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

At Cardington, a village still fragrant with the memory of that great prison-reformer, John Howard, a meeting of the Bedford district was held on Saturday. The weather was not of the best, but, notwithstanding, there attended ringers representing eleven towers, and the beautiful ring of eight bells was kept going to Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent, Stedman, Double Norwich and Cambridge. It was a very instructive meeting, and a number who attended derived great advantage.

A tea, arranged at one of the local inns, was partaken of in the most fraternal and jovial spirit, after which followed a short meeting. —The District Secretary, Mr. J. W. Barker, read a letter of thanks from the Mayor of Bedford, also an invitation from the Sharnbrook ringers.—Following a discussion, it was decided to hold the next meeting at Sharnbrook, and, at the wish of the district secretary, it was decided to make it the general business meeting for the ensuing year.

It having come to the knowledge of the members that the President (the Rev. W. W. C. Baker) had recently celebrated his silver wedding, the secretary was requested to convey the hearty congratulations of the meeting to the President.

Considering that the ringers present so thoroughly enjoyed themselves, it need hardly be recorded that a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar (the Rev. W. S. C. Secombe) for giving facilities for the meeting, and for granting the use of the bells.

The Rev. Tyrwhitt-Drake addressed the meeting on a scheme of his, for the recognition of those companies who make the best average of attendance and progress during the year, and was promised hearty support from all present.

To antiquarians who visit the district, it may be interesting to add that there is in the wall of the tower the face of a very old sun dial. It was discovered when the church was rebuilt in 1898, and, though the writer has been unable to verify the statement, he was told by a local authority that it is the only known specimen of a Saxon sun-dial with a whole face.

ST. BOTOLPH'S RINGERS' TRIBUTE.

On Wednesday, January 15th, the whole pull and stand was rung with the bells half muffled, at St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, London, as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Horner. The deceased, whose death occurred with appalling suddenness, was highly esteemed and respected by all who knew him, and was for many years a regular worshipper at St. Botolph's. The ringers, who are members of the local band, were: W. Arnold 1, H. Laver 2, F. Andrews 3, J. Cornford 4, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 5, W. Edwards 6, T. Walker 7, A. Pettett 8. Afterwards 336 Grandsire Triples were rung by: W. Arnold 1, F. Andrews 2, Rev. J. A. S. Bullock 3, T. Walker 4, J. Cornford (conductor) 5, R. W. Green 6, A. Turner 7, W. J. Nelder 8. 168 each of Grandsire and Stedman followed, conducted by T. H. Taffender.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO LEWISHAM DISTRICT SECRETARY.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham District was held at St. Alphege, Greenwich, on Saturday. This year of ten was available during the afternoon, and about 80 members assembled in the Parish Room for tea and business, among those present being Miss Christabel Airey, and the Revs. F. J. O. Helmore and T. W. Sturgess, the last-named occupying the chair. The secretary's report again proved highly satisfactory, while the report of the district representative (Mr. W. J. Jeffries) on the proceedings of the Central Committee was followed with interest.—Several new members were elected, and the meeting then decided on Chislehurst as the place of the next quarterly meeting.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, the hon. general secretary of the Association, then said he had a very pleasant duty to perform. It was to ask Mr. Thos. Groombridge, the district secretary, to accept a little acknowledgment and appreciation of his ten years' work, in the shape of an address and a purse, adding, "I've no doubt there is something in it." Mr. Helmore then went back to the time when he first took office, before there was a Lewisham District branch of the Association. He spoke of the first secretaries, who each held office for a year or two, and the gradual success of the district, but he felt sure that all present were of the opinion that the present high position which the district held was largely due to the energy of their present secretary, Mr. Groombridge. Mr. Helmore added that it gave him great pleasure to come up from East Kent to perform such a pleasant office, and asked Mr. Groombridge to accept the address and purse.

THE ADDRESS.

The address, which was handsomely illuminated and framed, bore a picture of St. Mary's Church, Lewisham, and was worded as follows:—
"The Kent County Association of Change Ringers.

"To Thomas John Groombridge, Hon. Secretary Lewisham District.—On behalf of the Lewisham District of the above Association, we, the undersigned, desire to express our sincere thanks for the unflinching energy and enthusiasm you have shown in the execution of your duties as hon. secretary of the district during the past ten years. During that period the number of members has been almost doubled, the standard of the ringing has been raised, the spirit of association has ripened, and we gladly recognise the fact that this conspicuous improvement has been effected to a very great extent through your untiring efforts. We know that it has been with you a labour of love; and we hope and trust that the Association may continue to enjoy the benefit of your help and guidance for many years to come.—E. Barnett, H. Warnett, I. Emery, J. Wheadon, C. H. Walker, S. H. Keech, G. H. Daynes, Committee; W. J. Jeffries, Hon. District Representative; F. J. O. Helmore, Hon. General Secretary.

Mr. Groombridge, who was most enthusiastically received, said the members had completely taken the wind out of his sails. He went on to say that it had always been a labour of love to him to do what he could for the district. He thanked all for their kindness.—Mr. Hoskins moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Jeffries, who had been the prime mover in the object, and Mr. Jeffries replied thanking the district for the ready way they had supported him.

The usual vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells.

The members then attended evensong, at which the Rev. T. W. Sturgess gave the address. At the close, the belfry was again visited, and much good practice was had during the day. Afterwards some of the members assembled at the Globe Hotel, and a pleasant hour was spent. Mr. F. W. Richardson presided at the piano, and songs were rendered by Messrs. Jeffries, J. E. Davis, D. Wright, F. W. Thornton, C. Walker, W. Smith and F. W. Richardson, and the proceedings terminated another of the always successful and enjoyable meetings of the Lewisham District.

Mr. Groombridge requests us to insert the following letter to the members of the Lewisham District: "Being so taken by surprise at the very kind remarks of the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore at our meeting on Saturday last, and the handsome present I received from his hands through your kind generosity, I found it impossible to thank you in a way I should like to have done, and desire, therefore, to take this opportunity of sincerely thanking you all for the handsome appreciation you have shown me for the services I have rendered you as your district secretary. The reverend gentleman's account of the doings and growth of the district was a great recompense to me for what I have done, but the handsome address will keep in my mind as long as I live the many happy hours we have spent together. Again I most sincerely thank you all, particularly those gentlemen whose names appear on the address, for their exertions, and also the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, who made the journey from Canterbury especially for the occasion, thus conferring another great honour on me. I trust this district and the Association may continue to prosper."

MEETING AT SELLING.

A very representative meeting was held at Selling on Saturday week, attended by 53 members. Ringers appeared early and rang various methods before 5.15 p.m., when the Vicar (the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford) conducted a very impressive service, following the form prepared for the Association. Afterwards the members adjourned to the White Lion for tea, very kindly provided by Mr. S. Neame, who was also present.

Subsequently, with the Vicar in the chair, the Rev. C. Whitmore Ford, the Rev. T. Harrison and Mr. S. Neame, hon. members and 18 new practising members were duly elected, and Chilham and Littlebourne towers were accepted into union. Mr. E. G. Buesden was appointed instructor to Chilham.

Mr. C. H. Drake proposed, and Mr. E. E. Foreman seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the service and the use of the bells, and Mr. W. E. Pitman proposed, and Mr. A. H. Saxby seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Neame for the tea.—Both gentlemen suitably responded.

At the conclusion of the business Grandsire and Stedman were rung on handbells. Further touches on the tower bells were rung, and refreshments afterwards brought a very successful meeting to a close.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday last at Southgate, and was attended by 50 members, the following towers being represented: Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hornsey, Southgate, Tottenham, Clapton, Clerkenwell, and Walthamstow (St. Saviour's). A short service was held, and an instructive address given by the Vicar (the Rev. C. F. Peploe). Tea was served at the Cherry Tree, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Coles) gave a short report of the work of the district during 1912, and submitted the balance sheet, which, in spite of an increase in several items of expenditure, showed a balance to the good of nearly £3 on the year's working.

On the proposition of Mr. James Parker, seconded by Mr. H. Reeves, the whole of the officers were re-elected, this in itself being sufficient proof that the members were satisfied with their work.—Seventeen new members were elected, including the recently-formed band at St. James', Clerkenwell, who were present, and took part in various touches during the day. Instructors were appointed, by request, to coach the ringers at Barnet and Hadley.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the district at Hornsey.—The Hon. Secretary spoke of the importance of attending the annual general meeting, which is to be held at St. John's, Hillingdon, on the Saturday after Easter. This being the only occasion during the year when the two districts of the Association meet in an official way, he hoped that the members would make every effort to attend.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and for his interesting address at the service, and to the local ringers for their kind welcome, concluded the business. The bells were utilised during afternoon and evening, the methods rung including Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Superlative, London and Bristol Surprise. It was one of the most successful district meetings in the annals of the Association.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A very successful meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at St. Mary's, Portsea, on Saturday. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman were rung during the afternoon, and tea was partaken of at the institute, over 40 being present, including representatives from Titchfield, Portsea, Fareham, Swanmore, Curdridge, Havant, Bishop's Waltham, Brading, Ryde, and Gosport, and visitors from Lee-on-Solent, Twyford and North Stoneham.—At the business meeting, which followed, the report and balance sheet were adopted, and the officers re-elected as follows: The Rev. C. E. Matthews, chairman; Mr. J. Whiting, secretary; Messrs G. Chappell and E. J. Harding, representatives; and Mr. J. Symonds, auditor. One honorary and two performing members and nine probationers were elected, together with the whole of the Gosport band, numbering 18 members. Much satisfaction was expressed at the Gosport band again becoming affiliated to the Guild.—Votes of thanks were accorded the officers for so successfully transacting the business of the district, and to the Rev. C. Garbett for the use of the bells and institute.

The bells of St. Thomas' were available, and this tower was, therefore, also visited. Evensong was attended at St. Mary's, and a part of the ringers' service was used.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Southern branch was held at Grantham, on Saturday, about 29 members being present from Barkston, Bourne, Stamford, Edenham, Ingoldsby, and Grantham. The Rev. Law James (Master of the Guild) and the Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston, Notts, and several friends from Peterborough were also present. A special service was held at the Parish Church, and an excellent address was given by the Vicar. After tea, the balance sheet was presented and adopted, and the officers elected.—The Rev. E. W. Carpenter, who was prevented from being present, owing to indisposition, was re-elected President; Mr. Sidney Proctor, the conductor of the Grantham company, was elected secretary, Mr. A. Markwell being obliged to resign owing to pressure of business. The other officers were re-elected, with a slight alteration of committee.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the use of the bells, and also for his excellent address.—A vote of thanks was given to Mr. A. Markwell for his services as secretary for the past year. During the day, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Treble Bob and Stedman were rung. We are asked to state that any correspondence relating to the Southern branch should be sent to Mr. Sidney Proctor, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

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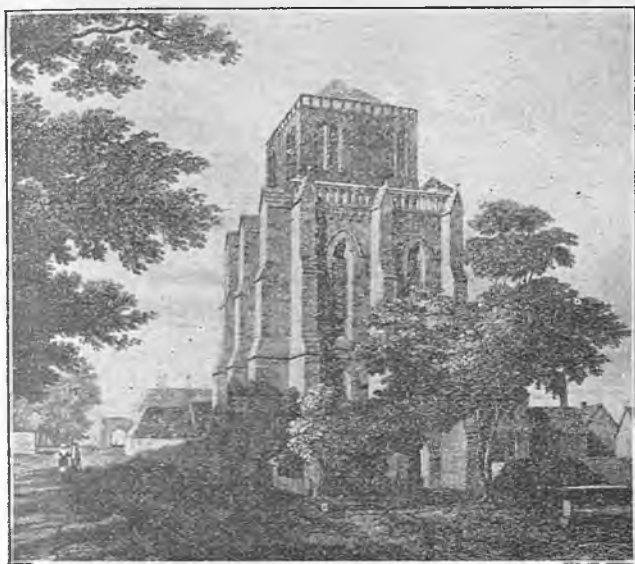
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— SALISBURY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The old bell tower, which stood on the north side of the cathedral, about 60 yards therefrom, contained a peal of eight bells, tenor 38 cwt. I have been unable to find out the dates or founders of the front five; but the seventh and tenor were recast in 1680 by Clement Tosier, in conjunction with Elizabeth Flower, widow of Robert Flower, bell founder, and the sixth (the only one now in existence) was cast by William Purdue in 1661.

The history of the destruction of the tower and bells is as follows:—On October 10th, 1746, several of the bells being cracked, and the fittings out of order, it was ordered that they be rung no more after November 5th till the cracked ones be recast. This, however, was never



THE ANCIENT CAMPANILE OF SALISBURY,
in which the Cathedral bells were originally hung. This picture
is reproduced from an old print.

done; but in 1762 a faculty was applied for to Bishop Thomas to sell the second, third, fifth, seventh and tenor, all of which were cracked. This was refused; but in 1777 Bishop Hume granted a faculty for their sale, and we find this entry in the records of the Dean and Chapter: "March 14th, 1777. Ordered that Mr. Lush (then clerk of the works) do sell the five bells that are down in the belfry, the Lord Bishop of Sarum having consented to their sale for the benefit of the fabric." Robert Wells, the Aldbourne founder, then gave £4 4s. per cwt. for them, the total weight being computed at 7 tons 14 cwt. 1 qr.

In March, 1790, the old clock and the sixth bell were removed to the central steeple of the Cathedral, where they still remain; though the clock has been replaced by a new one, given by the Wilts Regiment in 1883, which chimes the Cambridge quarters on four bells.

In January, 1793, the two remaining bells (treble and fourth) were sold to Robert Wells for £105. The bell tower was then pulled down, the upper part above the bells, which was of timber covered with lead, having been

demolished in 1769, on account of its dangerous condition. At that date the bell chamber was covered by a slated roof.

At the present time the central steeple contains the large service bell (the sixth of the original peal), weighing 24½ cwt., and the four clock bells. In the gable of the south transept hangs the Bishop's bell. The inscriptions and diameters are as follows:—

Service bell.

WILLIAM PVRDYE FVSA ANNO REGIS
CAROLI 2^{DI} XIII^O A^{OE} DNI 1661 +++ IMPENSIS
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Bishop's bell.

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[Diameter 26 in.].

Before being recast the Bishop's bell was inscribed " +
Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudeorum " in black letter alphabet.

A short description of the old bell tower may be of interest. It was a massive building, 33 feet square inside the walls, which were nearly eight feet thick. It was 80 feet high to the top of the parapet, over which was the bell chamber, built of timber covered with lead; above this was an octagonal turret surmounted by a spire, also formed of timber covered with lead. The total height was about 200 feet. The ringing floor was 37 feet from the ground.

ODD CHANGES.

We have had unavoidably to hold over until next issue, further correspondence on the peal at Wallasey; a lengthy letter from Mr. Dains in reply to Mr. Lindoff, and some other reports.

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Another "tapping" performance is recorded this week, and is even more wonderful than the two peals recently scored by Mr. J. Segar, junr., of Retford, inasmuch as the peal consisted of seven methods. To Mr. Olave Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, Essex, belongs the honour of this latest achievement, which included, in addition to 720 of Plain Bob, two 720's in double methods, three 720's in Treble Bob methods, and 720 of Cambridge Surprise.

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We learn that Mr. H. W. Catterwell was invited to be present at the performance as an independent witness and one not belonging to the Gestingthorpe company. Being curious about the possibility of such a peal, Mr. Catterwell arranged with the other umpire, Mr. G. Pannell, that each should hunt a bell through the seven methods. Mr. Catterwell took the fourth and Mr. Pannell the tenor.

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The former, in describing the performance, says: We found the bells which we were following to be correctly struck at an average of 36 rounds a minute. We asked Mr. Broyd to call out the bobs and singles, which were ticked down, and found to be exactly as arranged beforehand. The handbells used were of rather more than average size. The six of them took up nearly three feet, so that readers can imagine what a difficult thing it was when the treble and tenor were together either in front or behind, and hence the much longer time occupied than in the peals tapped by Mr. Segar. While congratulating Mr.

Segar, I hope we are the first in the field with seven different methods. I can fully sympathise with the performer in the physical strain involved, because my eyes were almost dazzled before the finish.

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Five hundred peals for one association is a record of wonderful service rendered, and this valuable service has been given by Mr. Keith Hart, who, with a peal at Shoreham on Monday completed his fifth century for the Sussex Association. Speaking without any means, at the moment, of checking the absolute accuracy of the statement, we believe that only three other ringers can claim such a record. Mr. William Pye and Mr. Bert Prewett have each scored 500 for the Middlesex Association we believe, and probably the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, to whose memory a screen is to be dedicated in Drayton Church, on Saturday, February 8th, rang 500 for the Oxford Guild.

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From inquiries made, Mr. J. McMillan believes that the St. John's Guild, Portmadoc, can claim to be the first Welsh speaking band to ring a peal. Their performance was one of Grandsire Triples at Portmadoc on Boxing Day, and was recorded in our issue of the 3rd inst. We presume that the bobs and singles were called in English, despite the fact that all the band spoke Welsh. Our knowledge of the Celtic tongue is nil, but while we understand it is a very musical language, the "calls" in a peal of Grandsire would have to be somewhat shorter than the name of that little village in Anglesea, which is spelt with some 69 letters, or else the conductor would have to start his bobs about a lead before they had to be made.

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That peal of Cambridge Maximus at Bristol on Saturday week was a really great performance. An attempt was made for it on December 28th, on the occasion of the marriage of the Vicar, when the band rang 2 hrs. 36 mins. It was then arranged for the New Year, but fell through owing to a misunderstanding on the part of two of the band, who failed to turn up. But the home coming of the Vicar and his bride gave the company another opportunity, which they used well. The band owe a debt of gratitude to many for being allowed to realise the height of their ambition on the bells of St. Mary Redcliffe. In the first place to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells for practice, and again to the clergy, who have on several occasions allowed them to ring through a service, and, lastly, to the steeplekeeper (Mr. P. W. H. Came) for his assistance on all occasions.

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The Fulbeck company have rung 720 of No. 5 of the Legitimate Plain Hunt methods, and desire to know if they can name it. The method, however, has already been named "Hereward." So far as we are aware the only methods that remain unnamed in that section are Nos. 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22 and 27.

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The performance of Allen Bailey, of Leiston, who is now only 16 years of age, is worthy of the famous band of brothers. In this issue we record a peal of Bob Major rung on handbells in which this young man took part, and also his first peal of Superlative inside. This latter was rung after only one practice—on the preceding Tuesday, when he rang two courses. This is extremely creditable progress.

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A large clock has been erected in Rackenford Church, Devonshire. It is fitted with all the latest improvements,

and generally made to the designs of the late Lord Grimthorpe. The work has been carried out by Messrs. John Smith and Sons, Midland Clock Works, Derby, who made the clocks in the neighbouring churches of Huntsham, Southmolton and others in Devonshire.

DOUBLE WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Since the publication of the above, it has been pointed out by Mr. Carter that this method is given in one of the old books (Hubbard's, I think) as Double Yorkshire Court Bob Major, and in his opinion, possessing musical qualities superior to Double Norwich. I have not this book by me for reference, but have compared the method with Yorkshire Court, as given in Standard Methods, and find that if the latter is doubled, this is without the least doubt what "Double Worcester" is. It is, therefore, only fair to withdraw any claim to the design, so I am publishing the peal under what I think will be admitted to be its proper title.

Turning to Mr. Law James' letter in last week's issue, I have not "Rules and Decisions" of the C.C., 1904, by me, so cannot refer to what he intimates. However, I have the C.C. "Glossary" of same date, which I find gives the following interesting information on page 8:—

'Lead—(b) The series of rows or changes beginning from and ending with a whole pull right by the Treble in its natural position at the commencement of the row or change, this bell having meanwhile occupied every place in the rows or changes the full number of times required by any given mode of producing permutations," etc., and this ends with: "The whole series is usually called a Treble Lead." Would this term have met Mr. James' requirements? If so, and we turn to page 13, we find "Plain—devoid of calls, unaltered by a call, etc."

Again on page 14: "Plain Lead—(a) A lead introduced without a call. (b) The first Treble lead of the Plain Course," etc. Now as to the method as a whole, if we proceed to page 20 we find the term: "Double—(a) A descriptive adjective attached to the name of a method in which half the plain course work of the bells in one direction is exactly repeated in the opposite direction to form the other half." Surely the other C.C. publication does not contradict this! If so, which may we take as correct?

Finally, I do not propose to enter into any argument on this subject, but just give the facts as they appear to me. It is one thing to have "ideas," and another to get other people to accept them. The Stedman argument of some little time ago was convincing proof of this. I feel I can leave this to the judgment of the ringing fraternity in general, and can only add that "The result is the thing!" and whether this method is legitimate or not, it is generally agreed by the band who rang it; that it is far superior, both from a musical and a ringing point of view, to many of the so-called legitimate methods.—Yours, etc.,

Smethwick.

JOSEPH PIGOTT.

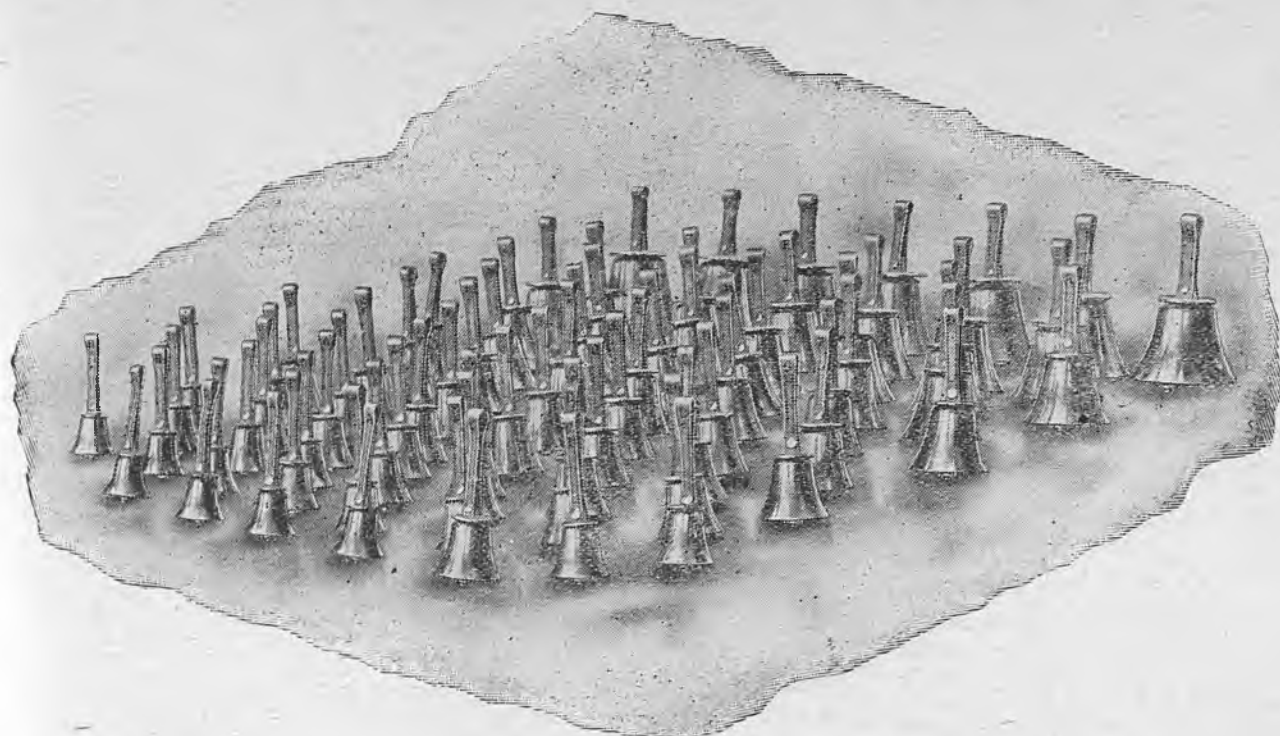
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

For the first time in its history, a quarterly meeting of the above Guild was held in Birmingham last Saturday, Bishop Ryder's Church being the tower selected. Although so central, the number of members attending was not up to the average; indeed, it was rather disappointing. Albeit, a pleasant meeting resulted. The places represented were Coventry, Birmingham, Tamworth, Polesworth, Rugby, Penny Compton, King's Norton and Stratford-on-Avon. Tea was partaken of at Treadwell's Restaurant in Corporation Street, and the business meeting followed, Mr. James George (Master) presiding, supported by the hon. treasurer, hon. secretary, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon. The places proposed for the April meeting were Sutton Coldfield, Solihull and Erdington, but eventually the two first-named were withdrawn in favour of Erdington. Three new members were elected, including Mr. C. F. Johnston as a life member, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar of Bishop Ryder's for the use of the tower. The bells—a light ring of eight, tenor 12 cwt.—were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Superlative Surprise Major. By the kindness of Mr. W. Frank Webb, steeplekeeper of St. John's, Deritend, that tower was also placed at the disposal of members after tea, and Grandsire, Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Double Norwich were the methods rung on the bells there.

BEDFORDSHIRE PRESIDENT'S SILVER WEDDING.

On January 11th, the occasion of the silver wedding of the highly esteemed Rector of Dunstable, the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, who is an ardent campanologist and President of the Beds Association, a quarter peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1312 changes) was rung in 51 mins., by: W. Payne 1, G. Healey 2, G. Baldock 3, J. Simms 4, B. Wilson 5, F. Hunt 6, S. Dobbie 7, A. King (conductor) 8. It was the first quarter-peal in the method by ringers of 2, 3 and 4. The ringers of 1, 5, 6 and 8 belong to Luton, and 2, 3, 4 and 7 to the Dunstable band.—After tea, at the Marchant Restaurant, the health of the Rev. and Mrs. Baker was drunk with musical honours.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**SACRED WORK IN THE BELFRY.**

A district meeting of Ely Archdeaconry branch was held at Fulbourn on Saturday. During the afternoon, touches of Plain Bob, Grandsire, Oxford Bob and Kent Treble Bob were brought round, and a course of Cambridge Surprise was rung for the service, which was fully choral, and for which the Association's special form was used for the first time.—The Rector (the Rev. J. V. Durell) gave a very encouraging address.

An excellent tea was provided in the Assembly Room, through the generosity of the Rector, who was present, as was also Mrs. Durell. There were also present Mr. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), Mr. P. Webb (district secretary), Messrs. J. Taylor, W. B. Kempton, F. Kempton, A. Wilkerson (Cambridge), A. E. Austin (Stapleford), F. Hurry (Lawston), F. Handicombe (Melbourn), A. Starr (Ickleton), and the local company.—At the business meeting, which followed, several new members were elected. It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Longstanton.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also for his kindness in providing tea and for presiding.—The Rector, in reply, extended a hearty welcome to the Association. He added that if the people generally knew of the difficulties of the art of ringing they would respect and encourage change ringing a great deal more than they had done in the past. He was pleased to say all his ringers were highly respected by the parishioners, and he intended to speak in his sermons the next day about the bells, and to ask all to patronise ringers, as the work done in the belfry was as sacred as the work done in the chancel.

The tower was again visited, and various methods rung, including a good 720 of Kent Treble Bob, by: W. B. Kempton 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Webb 3, J. Taylor 4, A. Wilkerson (conductor) 5, F. Kempton 6.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting was held on Saturday at Cheshunt, when the ring of eight bells were at the disposal of the members during the afternoon and evening. Twenty-two members attended. At tea, at the Green Dragon, the business meeting was held, the Rev. T. W. Barker presiding, in the unavoidable absence of the Vicar.

A district meeting was also held at Aldenham, on Saturday, when 24 members assembled. Touches in various methods were rung, including Stedman, Superlative and Bristol. It is pleasant to record the affiliation of the Tring ringers with the Association, and the addition thereby of 12 new members. Change ringing has lately been established at Tring, and if enthusiasm can do anything towards a change ringing band being successful, we shall soon hear of the latest recruits scoring a peal. It was noticeable that youth was greatly in evidence, a fact which was pointed out to the writer by one who brought his son (5ft. 11in., age 16) to bear him company.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A good number of members attended the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch, at Malvern Link, on Saturday. At the service, the Vicar (the Rev. A. Day) gave a very practical and interesting address. Tea followed, at which 42 members sat down.—The Vicar presided at the subsequent meeting, and gave consent for the quarterly peal to be attempted at Malvern Link, after Easter, R. G. Knowles being chosen as conductor.—Ombersley was selected for the next quarterly meeting, to be held on June 21st.—The Vicar was proposed, and unanimously elected as an hon. member.—The meeting closed with the usual votes of thanks.

Members were present from the Cathedral and St. John's, Worcester, Powick, Leigh, Ombersley, Sackley, Hallow, Upton, Madresfield and Malvern Link companies, and during the day touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung.

DEATH OF A GREAT YARMOUTH RINGER.

The death of Edwin Ross Todd, which occurred recently, after a short illness, at his residence, Mill Road, Southtown, at the age of 64 years, has robbed the Great Yarmouth band of a valued member. The funeral service, which took place at Gorleston-on-Sea, was conducted by the Rev. F. E. Cole, curate-in-charge of St. Luke's, while many of the deceased's brother ringers were present, having previously forwarded a wreath in the shape of a bell as a token of respect and sympathy. Muffled peals were rung at both Gorleston and Yarmouth, before and after the service, and his age also was fired on the bells.

The deceased came to Yarmouth in 1900, and it was not long before he was admitted a member of St. Nicholas' belfry. He was one of the earliest members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, and for a time he was Master of the Pettistree company, while a good deal of his peal ringing was done at Wickham Market, Ufford, Harwich, Kelsale and Pettistree. He has taken part in 28 peals, and his first peal on ten bells was one of Grandsire Caters, at Great Yarmouth in March, 1912, conducted by D. Hayward. The deceased took a great interest in change ringing, and will be greatly missed by the Yarmouth company.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.**PROGRESS IN THE UXBRIDGE DEANERY BRANCH.**

The annual meeting of this branch was held at Congressbury on Saturday week, 25 members being present from Burnham, Congressbury, Cheddar, Winscombe, Weston-super-Mare, Worle, and others. Service was held in the church, and a very able address was given by the Vicar, the Rev. Maunsell Eyre. After tea, in the Schoolroom, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. Maunsell Eyre, in the absence of the chairman.—Two hon. and twenty-nine performing members were elected. Berrow was chosen for the next quarterly meeting, and Banwell for the intermediate meeting. The balance sheet, showing a balance in hand of 4s. 8d., was adopted.—In the Secretary's report it was shown that the branch had made steady progress during the year. Three new towers had been added, and five hon. members and twenty-six performing members elected.—The Rev. G. H. Lewis was re-elected chairman for the year; and Mr. G. H. Pruett, vice-chairman, while Mr. J. Harris was re-elected secretary. Mr. G. Chamberlain was re-elected on the general committee.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Maunsell Eyre for use of the bells, arranging the service, giving the address, and presiding at the meeting.—The Vicar, in responding, gave the Association a very hearty welcome.—The choir and organist were also thanked for attending.—During the afternoon and evening some capital touches were rung on the fine peal of bells.

ILCHESTER BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Ilchester branch was held at East Coker on Saturday week, when, although the roads were in a bad state, and the weather very unsettled, ringers attended from Ilminster, Odombe, Kingsdon, Matlock, Stoke-sub-Hamdon, Norton-sub-Ham, and Yeovil. The ringers' service was conducted by the Rev. Monck, and Miss Powell presided at the organ.—The business meeting followed tea at the New Inn.—The Rev. G. G. Monck was unanimously re-elected chairman for the ensuing year, and Mr. G. H. Head, of Kingsdon, was re-elected hon. secretary.

Practice was obtained in Grandsire Triples, Minor and Doubles, in which some of the younger members took part. The bells are a light ring and "go" splendidly. It is hoped in time to get the local men, and also those of West Coker, to join the Association. A local man, late of Norton, called a touch of 360 Minor, although he had not touched it for some time.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH.

On Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Bridgwater, and was attended by members from Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Enmore, Wembdon, and Taunton. The service, which was choral, was held at St. Mary's Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. J. Langham), who based a practical address upon the words, "We are labourers together with God."

Tea was provided at the Parish Hall, and was followed by the business meeting, at which Mr. A. O. Major, of Bridgwater, presided.—The Secretary presented an encouraging report of the year's work, and a satisfactory balance sheet. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Rev. Samuel (curate of St. Mary's), branch chairman; Mr. A. E. Coles as representative upon the Central Council; and Mr. W. G. Sellick, junr., branch secretary.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Rev. J. J. Langham, who was unable to attend the meeting, for his excellent address and the use of the bells, and to the organist and choir for their services.

After the meeting, the belfry was again visited, when various methods kept the bells rolling for the remainder of the evening.

GILLINGHAM BELLS RESTORED.

After being silent for nearly two years, the bells of the Old Parish Church have recently been restored and rededicated. A special service was held, which was attended by the Mayor and Corporation in state, accompanied by the members of the Ancient Court Leet, Education Committee, Corporation Officials, Firemen, Policemen, and the Old Brompton Church Lads' Brigade. The church was filled to overflowing, and a most beautiful service was held, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Canon W. H. Robins, D.D.), and his curates, the Revs. H. K. Woodward and F. H. Heyworth. After the processional hymn, "Now thank we all our God," the senior curate read the dedicatory prayers at the belfry door, and this was followed by the singing of the National Anthem.—Canon Denham, of Rochester Cathedral, preached a most eloquent sermon on the message of bells, taking for his text: "He that hath ears to hear, let him hear" (St. Luke xiv, 35).

The bells were rung before and after the service. They are a peal of eight, the two trebles and the seventh having been recast, and the others quarter-turned and retuned, with new bearings and fittings throughout. They have been rehung in a new iron frame, in place of the old wooden one. The work has been most ably carried out by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich, and the ringing and tone of the bells speaks volumes for the satisfactory manner in which he has discharged the duties entrusted to him.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 22nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, E. J. Ridler (conductor) 2, W. Phillips 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman 7, W. E. Holloway 8. First quarter-peal by entirely local band. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. E. Holloway, who leaves for Canada in a few days.

ROMNEY MARSH GUILD.

ANOTHER PROSPEROUS YEAR.

The annual festival of the Romney Marsh and District Guild was held at Appledore on Saturday week, and the proceedings added another triumph in the guild's history, for the gathering was absolutely successful. There, however, was not much ringing, because the programme was arranged to conclude with an evening of harmony. Grandsire Doubles and Triples were rung previous to the service, which was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. A. O. Scutt), assisted by the curate (the Rev. Mr. Wright), and the appropriate hymns, "Ye servants of the Lord" and "Fight the good fight," were lustily sung, Miss Avery kindly presiding at the organ.

At six o'clock the members adjourned to the Swan Hotel, where an excellent meat tea was served by Host Grant.—The President (the Rev. A. O. Scutt) presided, and the Master (Mr. G. Billenness) occupied the vice-chair. After tea several more members arrived, and the company numbered twenty-five. The churches represented were: Ashford, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and the local tower.

The balance sheet showed a balance of £1 15s. 3d., and the Hon. Secretary (Mr. G. J. Youngs) remarked that the membership had been steadily increasing during recent years.

The Master presented the annual report, which stated that the work of the past year in the zone of the guild could be looked back upon with a great amount of satisfaction, and gave encouragement to all the members to enter into the present year with even more vigour and enthusiasm than they had hitherto displayed in matters appertaining to campanology. Their members showed an increase on the previous year, the total membership being forty-two, and there seemed to be every prospect of that figure being maintained. Twelve meetings and an outing had been held during the year. Never in the annals of the guild had there been so many meetings held in one year before. The attendance had somewhat varied, but on the whole, had come up to the expectations of the officials, and useful and instructive practices had attended the labours of the members. Peal ringing showed a very appreciable advance. Six peals had been accomplished, and now that they had an improvement in that direction, it augured well for the future. It rested with the members to endeavour not only to keep up the reputation they had established, but to still further increase the number of peals during the ensuing year. As regards the restoration of rings of bells, although the bellhangers had not been at work in the guild's district, it was very gratifying to know that contracts had been accepted for the rehanging of Warehorne and Sandhurst, while at Northiam the restoration fund was gradually increasing. Last year the guild started with £2 8s. 4d. in hand, and the amount in hand at the commencement of this year was £1 15s. 3d. Their expenses had been greater, and if they had not spent more than they did in 1911, their balance would have totalled about £3 5s. Cordial thanks were due to the clergy who had kindly granted them permission to assemble at their respective churches, and their hope to receive a continuation of that kindness during the current year.

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the adoption of the balance sheet and report, said he was pleased to see such a satisfactory balance in hand. He hoped in the coming year the membership would still further increase, and that in the summer another outing would take place.—Mr. G. Johnson seconded, and the balance sheet and report were unanimously adopted, with applause.

The Master proposed that the Rev. A. O. Scutt be asked to again consent to accept the presidency.

Mr. A. Johnson seconded, and the reverend gentleman was reappointed amid vociferous applause.

In response, the Chairman said a society like the Romney Marsh and District Guild was not only benefiting its members, but serving a useful purpose in the various parishes within its radius. He expressed the satisfaction of the Appledore ringers that the annual meeting of the Guild was held there, and added that he regretted he knew nothing of change ringing, and but little of the archæology of bells. He had been given to understand that the bells at St. Mary's, Oxford, had rhymes, set to music, engraved on them, and one of those rhymes referred to the frequent perspirations of bell ringers (laughter).

Mr. C. Tribe, in moving the re-election of Mr. Billenness as Master, considered that during recent years the business of the guild had been conducted in a proper businesslike manner, and it was, therefore, in the interests of the society that the offices should remain in the same hands.—Mr. H. S. Humphery seconded, and the motion was carried unanimously.—Mr. Billenness, in responding, spoke of the pleasant term of office he had enjoyed, and of the excellent work done by the hon. secretary.—In proposing the re-election of Mr. Youngs, Mr. C. W. Player said it was through his efforts that the guild was in such a flourishing condition.—Mr. Burden seconded the motion, which was carried amid applause, and duly acknowledged.

The following committee were elected, on the motion of Mr. A. Johnson, seconded by Mr. G. Johnson: Messrs. C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. B. Anderson (New Romney), A. C. Kay (Ashford), R. Dunster (Ashford), A. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), and G. Kenward (Iden).

Mr. Arthur Meller (Stone-in-Oxney) was elected a member of the guild.

The February meeting will be held at Stone-in-Oxney on the fourth Saturday in the month.

The question of attempting peals was discussed.—On the recommendation of Mr. A. Johnson, which was supported by Mr. H. S. Humphery, it was decided to attempt two peals of Grandsire Triples, one at New Romney, and the other at Appledore.

Mr. C. Tribe moved a vote of thanks to the president for presiding; for the use of the bells, and for the service. He referred to the great courtesy and consideration received from the Vicar, and, continuing, said that their guild had been the subject of conversation at a committee meeting of the Kent Association held at Maidstone. At that meeting the Hon. Secretary of the Association (the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore) said according to reports the Romney Marsh Guild was doing good work. He advised the same kind of thing for other parts of the Association. It was open to any members to amalgamate as they were in Romney Marsh and District, and a guild like the Romney Marsh must do good. It was a great help to the Association in that part of their territory. Those were the Rev. Helmore's words, and he thought the members would like to know what the reverend gentleman had said of their society.

Mr. A. Allen seconded the motion, which was carried with hearty applause.

The President, in acknowledgment, again said how pleased he was to assist the guild in any possible way.

This concluded the business, and the president vacated the chair in favour of the Master. A musical programme followed, songs being rendered by Messrs. R. H. Phillips, C. Tribe, B. Pilcher, H. Hyder, G. J. Youngs, D. Johnson, C. Grant, and R. Kennett; recitation by Mr. H. Balcombe, and courses of Grandsire Triples (double-handed) rung on handbells by Messrs. C. Tribe, H. S. Humphery, C. W. Player, G. Johnson and G. Billenness. Mr. R. Kennett accompanied the vocalists, and thanks were accorded him for his services.

FRESSINGFIELD ANNIVERSARY.

A SUFFOLK CELEBRATION.

Fressingfield, a large and scattered parish and village in the centre of a correspondingly large agricultural district of Suffolk, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles from the nearest railway station on a branch line, and containing about 1,000 souls, celebrated its ringing anniversary recently. It is impossible adequately to give town-bred readers anything but a bare idea of what an "anniversary" of this kind means, but its principal feature is a time-honoured annual meal partaken of by the ringers of Fressingfield, as early in the new year as convenient, and at which the Vicar takes the chair, and one of the wardens the vice. Friends and neighbours are invited, neighbouring bands of ringers are welcomed, individual ringers from important local centres are to be found there—thus north and south meet at the Fressingfield anniversary in January, bidding defiance to the usual inclement weather at this period. And then the ringing; well, it is an interesting mixture of good and indifferent. A peal may be attempted early in the day, according to circumstances, and miscellaneous touches then intervene till the dinner, at 2 p.m. This all-important function is held at the ancient and interesting inn, the Fox and Goose, abutting on to the churchyard, and generally supposed to have been built in the early part of the 17th century, and the income of which is claimed for ecclesiastical and charitable purposes. A short adjournment is afterwards made for further ringing, and then all meet again for the "social." The exigencies of travelling made it impossible for me to stay to this, but the reverend chairman explained it to me as consisting of "speeches, interspersed with music and refreshment." Your readers, as well as myself, can without much difficulty picture the scene. A large upper room with low ceiling, some 40 ringers and friends assembled intent upon one purpose and that only, namely, to fully enjoy themselves for the remainder of the day.

Now for a few dry facts connected with the day. A peal of Stedman Triples was attempted by a band, each member of which has probably called several peals, but as is so often the case, it came to grief just past the half-way, the conductor (a native of Fressingfield, and now residing at Ipswich) being caught napping at 12—13. He, however, being one who has endeared himself to the Exercise by his many good qualities and abilities, was freely forgiven, particularly when later in the day he offered his explanation. Our conductor's birth-place was none other than the noted "Fox and Goose," and during the progress of the peal, as he related, the weird sensations he experienced when spending the night there alone, as a youth, came back to his mind, and by the time his mental balance had been recovered, the 7th had been in and out quick.

At the dinner the chair was taken by the Rev. H. Raven-Hart, Vicar (who succeeded his father, Canon Raven, the author), one of the most genial of parsons, proud of his church and its bells and ringers. On his right was Miss R. Stanford, a most promising lady ringer, of Halesworth, who had braved the elements for the occasion. To my mind, it is a pleasing feature that gatherings of this kind are now frequently graced by at least one lady member of the Exercise, and is a good augury for the cause generally. Others present included Messrs. J. Motts (Ipswich), J. Souter (Diss), E. F. Poppy, G. Day (Eye), J. Nevard (Great Bentley), P. Lambert, J. O'Neill, J. Howard and A. H. Took (Halesworth), and many others.—H.B.

NOTICES.

ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP GUILD.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Malins Lee on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Business meeting at 4.30 p.m. Tea at 5 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Great Baddow on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Bells at 4. Tea and meeting at King's Head 5.30, 8d. each. Kindly send notice for tea not later than Wednesday, the 29th inst. — Henry F. Cooper, District Secretary, County Offices, Chelmsford.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Ordsall on Saturday, February 1st. Tower open 2 p.m. to 9. Retford Station seven minutes' walk from church. Tea at 5 p.m., 1s. per head. A good attendance is desired.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, 103, Gateford Road, Worksop.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will take place at St. Peter's, Croydon, on Saturday, February 1st. Parish Church bells (8) open at 2.30, St. Peter's (10) at 3.30. Service at St. Peter's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 at St. Peter's Hall. Business meeting after. — Cyril F. Johnston, Honorary Secretary, Bell Foundry, Croydon.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Baldock on Saturday, February 1st. Tea and meeting at the White Lion at 5.30 p.m. Will those intending to be present kindly inform Mr. J. Cawdell, White Horse Street, before January 30th?—B. H. T. Drake, District Secretary.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Eastern Counties Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Gedney on Saturday, February 1st, 1913. Dinner will be provided in the Church End Schoolroom at one o'clock, tickets 2s. 3d. Short service in the church at 3.30. Miss Banks has kindly invited the members to tea.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—A practice meeting will be held at Bishopwearmouth on Saturday, February 1st, 4 to 7 p.m. All ringers welcome.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Alresford and Bishop Sutton on Saturday, February 1st. Bells of both towers available from 2.30. Tea in Church Room at 5.30. Old Alresford bells not available. Winchester Cathedral tower will be open from 7.30 to 9 p.m.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Glastonbury Deanery Branch.—A meeting will be held at Wells on Saturday, February 1st. St. Cuthbert's bells (8) available from 2 p.m. Cathedral (10) from 5 p.m. Service at St. Cuthbert's Church at 4.30 p.m. Tea and meeting to follow. All ringers invited.—W. Farley, Honorary Secretary, Mill Street, Wells.

LADIES' GUILD.—Southern District.—A meeting will be held at St. Michael's Church, Basingstoke, by kind permission of the Vicar on Saturday, February 1st. Bells available from 3.30. Tea at 5 p.m. Gentlemen are cordially invited. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Miss E. Belcher, Mereside, Fleet, Hants, before January 29th.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—East Berks and South Bucks Branch.—The annual general meeting will be held at Boyn Hill, Maidenhead, Berks, on Saturday, February 1st. Service, with sermon, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, at 4.15; tea in the schoolroom at 5 o'clock; business meeting at 6. Bells ready at 2 o'clock. Tea will be provided for any member who sends in his name before January 29th to R. Coles, Honorary Secretary, Snaefell, Priory Road, High Wycombe.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 4th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton on Saturday, February 8th, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at the King of Denmark, 7d. per head, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 8th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting (nomination) will be held at Armley on February 8th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting at the White Horse Hotel at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, February 8th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—V. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by February 10th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

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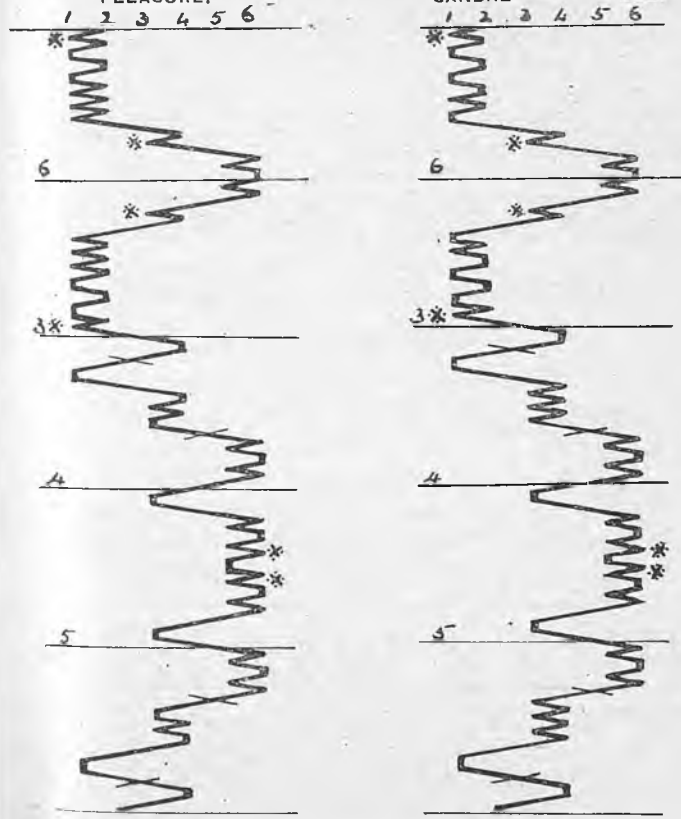
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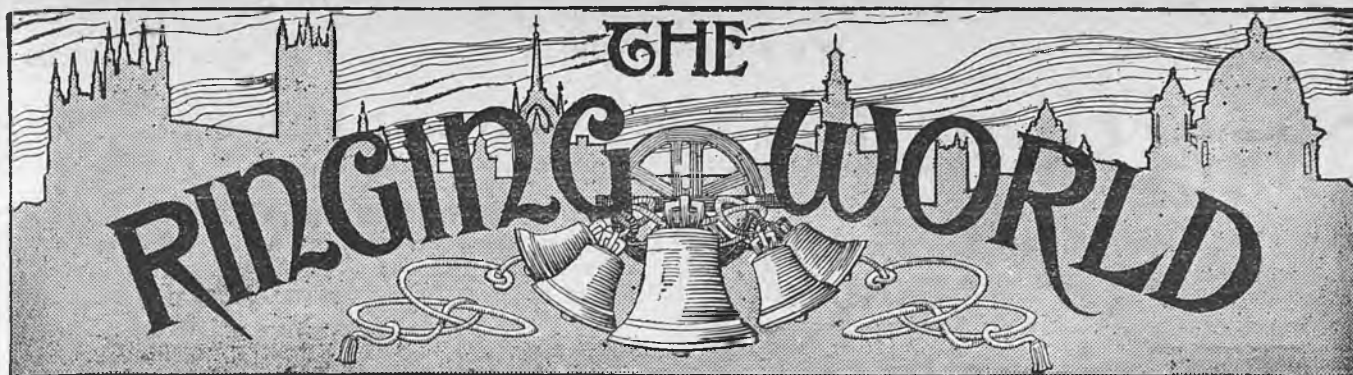
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Gentlemen,

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

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The misfortune which has befallen the village of Long Stanton, in Cambridgeshire, can seldom, if ever, have been the lot of a rural parish. They have only just had their bells increased from three to eight, and now, while a very considerable sum is still outstanding on the restoration, the ancient tenor has cracked in such a way as to render it useless, and the new peal has been spoilt until the bell can be recast. Such a happening would be enough to dishearten the authorities of any church, but in Long Stanton the circumstances are specially unfortunate. The recent increase of the bells to an octave was only carried out in the face of all kinds of discouragement and opposition. But from all this opposition the Vicar of Long Stanton and his co-workers emerged triumphantly, and the scheme was carried through, although it remains encumbered with a debt of £130, and this in a small village where the sympathy of one or two who might help has, to all appearances, been permanently alienated. The Vicar, himself an enthusiastic ringer—no Vicar but a ringer would, we believe, have had the courage and temerity to go on with his scheme in the face of the opposition offered—has got together and taught a band of over a dozen young ringers, who were making excellent progress. And now, when the restoration, except for the payment, seemed complete, the tenor bell has cracked, and they are confronted with an additional outlay of £35 at a time when resources are completely drained. In view of the debt on the restoration they dare not recast the tenor without first getting the money to pay for the work.

Under these circumstances the Rev. H. B. Woolley, the Vicar, makes an urgent appeal to ringers for help, and surely no appeal was ever more deserving of support. An effort was being made at much sacrifice and in the face of much opposition to plant the Art in a new corner, and now comes an unfortunate set-back which, unless it can be surmounted, will not only put the bells out of action for an indefinite period, but probably leave the debt on the original restoration fund as an incubus for a long while to come, for it may prove difficult to raise subscriptions to pay for a dumb peal of bells. We commend the appeal therefore to our readers. The smallest donations, we are sure, will be thankfully received by Mr. Woolley, at Long Stanton Vicarage, and we hope to see a ready and substantial response. After all, £35 is not much to raise among the ringers of England. The passing of the hat round the belfries on a Sunday would mean but a small effort individually, but collectively it would have a big result. We ask ringers—and we feel sure we shall not ask in vain—to put their shoulders to the wheel and get their secretaries to send along their mites to the Vicar.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. SAVIOUR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lb., in B.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 8
*JOHN S. GOLDSMITH 3	*KEITH HART 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	ERNEST PYE 11
*CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal of Maximus. Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred W. Grimes.

TEN BELL PEALS.

REIGATE.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

HENRY JOHN DEWEY ... Treble	*WILLIAM BASHFORD ... 6
ARTHUR HOLMAN 2	HENRY F. EWINS 7
*FREDERICK BASHFORD ... 3	THOMAS SPARKS 8
ALBERT HARMAN 4	HENRY A. HOAD 9
OSCAR GILBEY 5	GEORGE F. HOAD ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by GEORGE F. HOAD.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HIGH WYCOMBE.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt., in C sharp.

FRED HAYES Treble	JOHN GRANSBURY 6
JOHN C. TRUSS 2	*JOHN EVANS 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JAMES W. WILKINS 8
RICHARD BUCKLAND 4	BENJAMIN PAGE 9
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 5	RALPH COLES Tenor

Composed by FRED HAYES, and
Conducted by JOHN EVANS.

* First peal of Caters as conductor. Rung to celebrate the coming-of-age of Miss A. E. Evans, second daughter of the conductor.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN, STEPNEY, E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt., in D.

HENRY SPRINGALL ... Treble	WILLIAM TRUSS 6
WILLIAM TANNER 2	SAMUEL JOYCE 7
EDWIN GIBBS 3	THOMAS TAFFENDER ... 8
HERBERT LANGDON 4	EMANUEL HALL 9
JAMES SCHOLES 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by J. H. BARRETT, and
Conducted by H. SPRINGALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Tanner, who attained his 64th year a few days previous. It is 23 years since W. Tanner rang a peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.**LEOMINSTER.****THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Saturday, January 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 22 cwt.

FRANCIS S. WILSON Treble	CHARLES L. SADLER 5
J. R. NEWMAN 2	WILLIAM SHORT 6
GORDON CHECKITTS 3	JOHN CLARK 7
J. H. JONES 4	W. H. WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

G. Checkitts and J. H. Jones were elected members of the Hereford Guild previous to starting. This, the first peal of Stedman Triples on the bells, was rung as a compliment to Mr. George J. Abell, thrice Mayor of this Borough.

MANCHESTER.**THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

*On Thursday, January 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John, Deansgate,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	HARRY WASHBROOK 5
WILLIAM WASHBROOK 2	WILLIAM COOPER 6
WALTER BROWN 3	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
JAS. W. WASHBROOK, Senr. 4	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

CONGLETON, CHESHIRE.**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

*On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE TURNER Treble	WALTER R. WASHBROOK 5
GEORGE A. SMITH 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

This is the first peal of Superlative on the bells.

SILVERDALE, STAFFORDSHIRE.**THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Luke,*

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK SMITH Treble	JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr. 5
HARRY WASHBROOK 2	WALTER R. WASHBROOK 6
GEORGE A. SMITH 3	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
JAMES W. WASHBROOK 4	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK, Senr.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Sunday, January 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Remigius,*

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

GEORGE H. CROSS Treble	ALFRED GOODRUM 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FRED. J. HOWCHIN 6
ROBERT BLAKE 3	GEORGE MOORE 7
BEN. S. THOMPSON 4	ALBERT G. WARNES Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.**THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.**

*On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.**

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOHN HOWES 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 6
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 3	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM WARNE Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.**THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.**

*On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,*

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.**

Tenor 24 cwt.

WILLIAM IRELAND Treble	THOMAS FORD, Junr. 5
GEORGE ARCHER 2	ERNEST F. POPPY 6
CLEMENT MORE 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
WILLIAM SALTER 4	JOHN SMITH Tenor

Conducted by J. SOUTER.

BRISTOL.**GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. STEPHEN'S GUILD.**

*On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Stephen,*

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

GEORGE TOMKINS Treble	WILLIAM KNIGHT 5
HARRY BROWNJOHN 2	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. 6
RICHARD CLARK 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 7
RAYMOND JOHN WILKINS 4	WILLIAM A. CAVE Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM A. CAVE.

G. Tomkin's first peal of Major. G. Condick's first peal of London.
R. J. Wilkin's 150th peal. W. A. Cave's 100th peal.

BADSEY, WORCESTERSHIRE,**THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION. (SOUTHERN BRANCH.)**

*On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;**TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.**

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWIN KNIGHT Treble	LOUIE SPARROW 5
FRANK COOK 2	CHARLES KNIGHT 6
AUGUSTINE DORE 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ALLEN KNIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

NORTHAMPTON.**THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.**

(THE ALL SAINTS' SOCIETY.)

*On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,*

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

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.

HENRY BLUNDELL Treble	*JOHN T. HENSMAN 5
ALFRED P. HENSMAN 2	*JOSEPH S. WHITE 6
*ERNEST HARRIS 3	WILLIAM J. ALLEN 7
HERBERT RAINBOW 4	WILLIAM FAREY Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR CRAVEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FAREY.

* First peal in the method. First in the method as conductor, and first in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to J. T. Hensman.

STROUD, GLOUCESTER.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(C.E.M.S. PEAL.)

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
*ROBERT W. WATTS... ..Treble	ALBERT WRIGHT 5	HUBERT SCRIVENS 6	
WILLIAM HALE... .. 2		*EDWARD PAUL 7	
WILLIAM HASTINGS... .. 3	WILLIAM IRELANDTenor		
HARRY SMITH 4			

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

* First peal. The ringers of the 2nd, 5th, and tenor are from Painswick, the rest from Stroud.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lb.	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE...Treble	THOS. HENRY HAWKINS... 5	JOSEPH LAW 6	
THOMAS G. DEAL 2		GEORGE HENRY DAYNES ... 7	
ISAAC GEO. SHADE 3	ALBERT JAMES FORD ...Tenor		
FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON... 4			

Conducted by FREDERICK WILLIAM RICHARDSON.

Rung, after meeting short for Stedman, as a compliment to the Vicar (the Rev. Arthur Hart) on his completing eleven years' ministry in Deptford.

EASTBOURNE.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.	
FREDERICK WAYMARK... ..Treble	EDWARD W. BRAY 5	EDWARD J. MALLARD 6	
ERNEST GOWER 2		JOSEPH SHARP 7	
BENJAMIN HOBBS... .. 3	HERBERT SMITHTenor		
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4			

Conducted by JOSEPH SHARP.

This is E. Mallard's first peal with an inside bell, and was rung at the first attempt.

OXHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs.	
WILLIE ROUGHTONTreble	*E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
THOMAS L. SIMMONS... .. 2	WILLIAM HODGETTS... .. 6
FRANK T. MARTIN 3	HUBERT EDEN 7
GEORGE N. PRICE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT...Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HUBERT EDEN.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. C. N. Leman (one of the local company), which took place at Stoke Poges on the above date.

BLOCKLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
EDWIN KNIGHTTreble	LOUIE SPARROW 5
FRANK COOK... .. 2	CHARLES KNIGHT 6
AUGUSTINE DORE 3	JAMES ADDIS 7
WILLIAM SPARROW 4	ALLEN KNIGHT... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRANK COOK.

The band wish to thank the Rev. Canon Houghton for the use of the bells and for entertaining them at the Bell Inn after the peal. The ringer of the treble is in his 70th year. All the above are market gardeners.

WOKINGHAM, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ALBERT HILLTreble	FRANK LUSH 5	JOHN RANCE 6	
*ALBERT PIERCE... .. 2		WILLIAM J. PAICE 7	
SAMUEL PAICE 3	GEORGE GREEN... ..Tenor		
JOSEPH WHITE 4			

Conducted by WILLIAM J. PAICE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the conductor; also as a birthday compliment to the Rector, whom the ringers wish to thank for the use of the bells and for kindly altering the hour of evensong.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.	
JOHN ASTLEYTreble	FREDERICK G. BRADLEY... 5
THOMAS BEAVER 2	ARTHUR HARTLEY 6
HERMON LANCASTER 3	REGINALD L. INCE 7
ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL ... 4	EDWARD GENTTenor

Composed by B. ANNABLE, and

Conducted by EDWARD GENT.

First peal for all the band, with the exception of the ringer of the 7th, and his first in the method. First peal of Bob Major on the bells. The ringer of the treble was elected a member previous to starting, and this was his first attempt.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
FREDERICK MOODYTreble	HERBERT LUDKIN 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	ARTHUR GILL 6
MARK TATE 3	THOMAS SMITH 7
HARRY WALTERS 4	THOMAS M. BARKER ...Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and

Conducted by ARTHUR WALKER.

Rung as a wedding compliment to the ringer of the 6th.

SHIFNAL, SALOP.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*WILLIAM FELTONTreble	WILLIAM PAGE... .. 5
†ERNEST BAKER... .. 2	JOHN BRADNEY... .. 6
ERNEST HYDE 3	GEORGE PICKEN 7
CHARLES PICKEN 4	†MARTIN JARVISTenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal away from tenor. † First peal. First peal as conductor.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S NO. 10.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
FRED DERBYSHIRETreble	JOHN POTTER 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD 6	
ARTHUR RIDYARD 2		JAMES H. RIDYARD 7	
GEORGE WAY 3	WILLIAM GRUNWELL ...Tenor		
*JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr. 4			

Conducted by JAMES H. RIDYARD.

* First peal on a bob bell. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Emma Hopwood to Mr. John T. Bilcliff, the band wishing them much happiness.

ILKLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES RALPH Treble	† JAMES W. BIRKIN 5
GEORGE THORNTON 2	WILLIAM D. CLOUGH 6
*JOHN B. JACKSON 3	JAMES HORNER 7
WILLIAM B. SMITH 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* 50th peal. † First peal in a Major method. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. D. Clough. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to a splendid repast by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Birkin, and the ringers take this opportunity of again thanking them for their hospitality.

BIRCH-IN-RUSHOLME.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK PAGE 5
WILFRID J. MOSS 2	*FRANK BRICKELL 6
JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... 3	RICHARD NEWTON 7
THOMAS BOTTRILL 4	ROBERT DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES W. WASHBROOK.

* First peal in the method. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector for the use of the bells, and also Mr. Ryder for having everything ready.

KELSALE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 16½ cwt.

ALLEN F. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	HENRY PHILLIPS 6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3	JAMES M. BAILEY 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	GEORGE HARDY... .. Tenor

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

The conductor has now called a peal on every bell in the above tower.

SKELTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

WILLIAM HOLMES Treble	JOHN APPLETON 5
WILLIAM LETTY 2	THOMAS METCALFE 6
*ALFRED LAING 3	*JOHN W. SMITH 7
THOMAS BECKWITH 4	*ROBERT GOWLAND ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM HOLMES.

* First peal. First peal as conductor. First peal in the method by all the band except the ringer of the 5th, and rung as a 21st birthday compliment to the conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

THOMAS WHITE Treble	WILLIAM TAYLOR 5
HUGH GREGORY 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE ... 7
JAMES L. WRIGHT 4	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... Tenor

Composed by F. HOPGOOD, and
Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

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

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

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

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

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Composed by F. W. RICE.

* First peal in the method; also the conductor's 200th peal.

POOLE, DORSETSHIRE.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*ERNEST BLOOM Treble	FREDERICK S. CASE... .. 5
*ARTHUR JAMES 2	FREDERICK W. TOWNSEND 6
*CHARLES A. LINE 3	CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH 7
*HAROLD BAVERSTOCK ... 4	CHARLES W. FROUD ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. GOODENOUGH.

* First peal. Quarterly peal of the Association. Rung on F. W. Townsend's birthday.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

LLANDEFEILLOG-FACH, BRECON.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, January 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 9 cwt.

GEORGE GIBLIN Treble	JOHN HAMMOND 4
SAMUEL BROOKS... .. 2	CHARLES POWELL 5
ALBERT MATTHEWS 3	WILLIAM EVANS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HAMMOND.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung with new fittings by Messrs. James Barwell, Ltd., Birmingham. The peal was rung as a compliment to F. D. Dickinson, Llandefeilog House, through whose energy and perseverance the bells have been restored.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*CHARLES WARRELL Treble	*FRED BREAKWELL 5
GEORGE POPNELL 3	JOHN BARBER, Senr. ... 6
*JOSEPH SHERRIFF 4	JOHN BARBER, Junr. ... 7

CHARLES SHERIFF... .. Tenor

Conducted by JOHN BARBER, Senr.

* First peal.

SHROPHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 20 Six-Scores of Grandsire, 12 of Plain Bob and 10 of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 11½ cwt.

RALPH ALLEN Treble	EDGAR HUNT 3
WILFRED ALLEN... .. 2	FRED SHINGFIELD 4

HERBERT H. MASON ... Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. MASON.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Fairman J. Mann, of the Manor House, a former churchwarden, and for 48 years a supporter of the local company.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt., in A.

HARRY WRIGHT Treble	HARRY W. CATTERWELL ... 4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 2	OLAVE E. BROYD 5
GEORGE PANNELL 3	WALTER NICE Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE E. BROYD.

First peal and first attempt by Harry Wright, who was elected a member before starting. He rang his first 720 only three weeks previously. The peal was rung on the back six.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 18½ cwt., in D.

MORTIMER MATTHEWS ... Treble	MARK LANE 4
CYRIL HERBERT 2	ERNEST HERBERT 5
EDMUND HOBBS 3	HORACE SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HORACE SMITH.

Quickest peal on the bells.

DESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(LEICESTER BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In seven methods, viz.: Double Court, Oxford Bob, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury, Grandsire and Plain Bob Minor.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... Treble	ALBERT MASON 4
EDWARD JACKSON 2	T. HENRY HARDY 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 3	WILLIAM WILLSON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

First peal on the bells, and first attempt at seven methods by all except E. Vallance and the conductor. Rung as a wedding tribute to the Rector. (the Rev. D. Thomas) and his bride (née Mdlle. A. A. Franké).

HADLEY.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Canterbury Pleasure, and two 720's each of Oxford Bob, College Single and Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE WEBB Treble	WILLIAM WEBB 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	BERTRAM TUBB 5
FREDERICK TUBB 3	FREDERICK BARKER Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

First peal of Minor since the bells have been overhauled by Messrs. John Warner & Sons. The ringers of the treble, third, fourth, fifth and tenor hail from Finchley; G. M. Kilby from Willesden. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for letting them have the use of the bells.

SADDINGTON, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

*WALTER WALPOLE ... Treble	*ALBERT MARTIN 3
ERNEST MORRIS 2	FRED STANFORTH 4
*ALFRED BRYAN Tenor	

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal, members of local band. First peal on the bells. First peal on five bells by F. Staniforth who belongs to Kibworth. The conductor hails from St. Margaret's, Leicester.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	WILLIAM B. REEVE ... 4
CHARLES E. FISHER ... 2	ROBERT MILES 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 3	ALFRED CLEMENTS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

This peal was rung for afternoon service, and is the first by ringers of treble, 3rd and 4th, and their first attempt.

GREAT HAMPTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Called in ten different ways. Tenor 10½ cwt.

†RALPH COOK Treble	JAMES HEMMING 4
†HERBERT JORDAN 2	†FREDERICK JORDAN 5
*PERCY ENSTONE 3	*CHARLES JAMES Tenor

Conducted by RALPH COOK.

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

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN LAMBERT Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4
HARRY PRICE 2	JIM BEACH 5
ANDREW MARSHALL 3	FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

Quickest peal on the bells. It was arranged for Messrs. Price and Marshall, who belong to Lamberhurst.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-Nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5688 CHANGES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... 1-2	THOMAS BERNARD 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3-4	TOWER TAYLOR 7-8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Witness: MISS DAISY MILLER.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, January 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5021 CHANGES;

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 3-4	*FRANK T. MARTIN ... 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5-6	FREDK. W. BRINKLOW 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, January 30, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. NORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS... .. 1—2	THOMAS BERNARD... .. 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON... .. 3—4	TOWER TAYLOR... .. 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Umpire: W. BARWOOD. Witness: G. CLEMENTS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

*SEPTIMUS RADFORD... .. 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER... .. 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 3—4	†THOMAS W. RADFORD... .. 7—8

FRANK BLONDELL... .. 9—10
Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters away from 9—10. † First peal of Grandsire Caters in hand. Rung as a birthday compliment to M. Smither and T. W. Radford.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, January 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL... .. 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS... .. 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER... .. 3—4	*JAMES PARKER... .. 7—8

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JOHN THOMAS.

* First peal of Bob Major in hand.

A "BLACK COUNTRY" RINGING WEEK.

The following peals were rung out of six attempts during a "Black Country" ringing week:—

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Monday, January 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL, WOOD GREEN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 17 cwt. 3 qrs. 17 lbs.	
HORACE BELCHER... .. Treble	THOMAS HUGHES... .. 5
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 2	THOMAS HILL... .. 6
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 3	WILLIAM FISHER... .. 7
THOMAS J. ELTON... .. 4	*THOMAS JUSTICE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. Rung on the occasion of the annual Parochial Tea. C. Wallater's 50th peal.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Tuesday, January 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.	
JESSE SCREEN... .. Treble	ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 5
ARTHUR BAKER... .. 2	*THOMAS HILL... .. 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL... .. 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 7
THOMAS HUGHES... .. 4	JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR... .. Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by JOHN GOODMAN, JUNR.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung on the occasion of the Vicar's Bible Class Annual Social.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
On Wednesday, January, 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

GEORGE HUGHES... .. Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 5
WALTER MASSEY... .. 2	JESSE SCREEN... .. 6
*EDGAR MARLOW... .. 3	JOSEPH FAULKNER... .. 7
ALBERT E. BLUNDELL... .. 4	ALFRED DAVIES... .. Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal of Bob Major. Rung after meeting short for Kent Treble Bob.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

CHRISTOPHER HICK... .. Treble	*WILLIAM A. COOPER... .. 6
GEORGE PEATE... .. 2	WILLIAM T. POWELL... .. 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER... .. 3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH... .. 8
EDGAR T. SMITH... .. 4	THOMAS J. ELTON... .. 9
JOHN C. ADAMS... .. 5	*THOMAS JUSTICE... .. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung on the Vigil of the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT HASTINGS.

The quarterly meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, on Saturday week. The weather being fine, there was a strong muster of members, the company numbering forty, representing Christ Church and All Saints', Eastbourne; Christ Church, St. Leonard's; St. Clement's, Hastings, Battle, Rye, Heathfield, Salehurst, Seaford, and the local tower. The members attended service, the curate (the Rev. E. Parslew) intoning the prayers, and the appropriate hymns, "O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace" and "Ye Servants of the Lord," being sung. The organist kindly gave his services, and the choir boys were in attendance.

The Vicar (the Rev. W. A. Armstrong) read the lesson, and delivered an eloquent address, basing his remarks on Romans xi, 36, "For of Him and through Him are all things to Whom be glory for ever." The preacher spoke of the different purposes for which bells were used. All the glories and messages of the bells came from God. Surely then there was one thing due from those who were ringers. That was that they should dedicate themselves afresh to God, entering His house for His glory and praise. Let them make that a realising power in their hearts, and go out of that church with a resolve that something more of the beauty and the gladness of the bells should be set forth in their lives, coupled with more order and discipline of good ringing, without which the world would be out of tune.

A splendid tea was partaken of in the adjacent Schoolroom. The donor of the meal (the Rev. W. A. Armstrong) presided, and the business meeting followed.

Messrs. George Terrin, David Martin and David Arthur Craig, of Rye, and Edward Bristow, of Blacklands, were elected members, and on the proposition of Mr. B. Hobbs, seconded by Mr. W. White, it was decided to attempt a quarterly peal of Stedman Triples at Christ Church, Eastbourne, the arrangements being left in the hands of the divisional secretary.

Mr. G. Watson, general secretary, proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman for his kind hospitality in providing such an excellent tea, for presiding at the meeting, for the use of the bells, and for arranging the service.—Mr. W. Franks seconded, and the motion was carried with applause.—The Rev. Armstrong briefly replied.

A collection was made on behalf of the Association's Benevolent Fund, which already stands at £18, or thereabouts.

In the evening, the party divided into two sections, a portion remaining at Blacklands, while the other contingent went to St. Clement's, the Rector (the Rev. H. C. B. Foyster) having kindly granted permission for ringing there. The bells, which are composed of steel, have recently been rehung, but a tremendously long draught and new ropes made it necessary to handle them carefully, in order to strike in a satisfactory manner.

During the day, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung. Double Norwich was attempted, but without success.—Thanks to the admirable reception accorded them by the ringers of the cinque port town, the visitors spent a thoroughly enjoyable day.

LETTER FROM BOSTON, U.S.A.

AN OPENING FOR RINGERS.

The recent enterprise displayed in Massachusetts in providing new peals adapted to scientific ringing is an encouraging indication of the expansion of interest in our church bells. In addition to the magnificent peal of ten installed last September in the Memorial Tower at Hingham, a heavier peal of eight now awaits opening in the lofty, massive tower of the Perkins' Institution for the Blind, at Watertown, a suburb of Boston.

To crown all, the well preserved, tuneful ring of Christ Church, cast in 1744 by Rudhall, at a period when Gloucester was turning out its best productions, is now being rehung. That the work in these three belfries has been entrusted to the Whitechapel foundry is an assurance that the "go" of the bells will satisfy the most fastidious ringers.

If the abolition of cannons, now pronounced as useless as a collar on a sheep, has impaired the appearance of the instrument, it has certainly facilitated its management. Indeed it is a distinct revelation to discover the ease imparted to the swing of even the heaviest bells by the modern steel headstock secured directly to the crown, an advance originating, by-the-way, in the United States. But, as an Irish barrister remarked, in his opening for the defence, "Its a mighty thin tile that doesn't have two sides to it," and it is a matter of disappointment that while our appeal to favour the Exercise has met with a sympathetic response on the part of a generous public, the bells to whose cost they have so liberally contributed remain virtually mute.

To paraphrase lines of Dr. Holmes:—

Though all unmatched the founder's skill,

Those brazen throats are dumb and still.

In the absence of competent instructors, it is useless to attempt to train a band of beginners, and we must look, therefore, to our English confreres to man these idle ropes. The steeple of Christ Church offers an ideal rendezvous for practice, for it is situated in a district now appropriated chiefly by Italians accustomed to welcome the sound of bells from the early Ave to the evening Angelus.

To ringers contemplating, then, for any reason a change of residence, the occasion is opportune for settlement in Boston, where the prospect of securing employment to those holding first-class recommendations was never more favourable. With any ringers moved to join our limited number, I shall be glad to communicate.

55, Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.,

A. H. NICHOLS. M.D.

January 24th, 1913.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Chew Deanery Branch was held at Wraxall, where there is a fine peal of five bells, on Saturday week, and proved the most successful held in the history of this branch, about 50 members attending from Barrow, Gurney, Clapton, Easton-in-Gordano, Long Ashton, Nailsea, Portishead, Wraxall, Yatton, Congresbury and Cheddar. At a short service, held in the church, a most able address was given by the Rev. H. W. Humphreys. Subsequently the members adjourned to the Battle Axes, where a most excellent tea had been most generously provided by the Rev. Preb. Vaughan.—The business meeting was presided over by Preb. Vaughan, and one honorary and nine performing members were elected. Mr. T. Wyatt was re-elected chairman, and Mr. G. H. Gale and Mr. G. G. Court, vice-chairmen, whilst Mr. G. Yeo was re-elected hon. secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year.—Portishead was chosen for the place of the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. Preb. Vaughan for presiding at the meeting, for his kind hospitality, and for the use of the bells, to which the rev. gentleman responded.—The bells were well used during the afternoon and evening.

GLASTONBURY DEANERY BRANCH.

The annual meeting of the Glastonbury Deanery Branch was held at Wells, on Saturday, when about 40 members were present from Meare, Glastonbury, Midsomer Norton, Shepton Mallett, Cheddar, Dinder, Baltonsborough, Wells, and two from Trowbridge, Wilts (Mr. S. Hector and Mr. A. Harrison). Service was held in St. Cuthbert's Church, a very able address being given by the Vicar (the Rev. Preb. Beresford).—After tea, the business meeting was presided over by the Rev. W. M. K. Warren, chairman of the branch. All the officers were re-elected for the year. Three honorary and 21 performing members were elected. Baltonsborough was selected for the next place of meeting.

Good progress is being made in this branch of the Association, two new towers having been added, and it is hoped to add three more at the next meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was given to the Rev. Preb. Beresford for conducting the service, and for the use of the bells.—In responding, the Vicar said he was always very pleased to welcome the Association to Wells.—Grandsire Doubles and Triples were afterwards rung on St. Cuthbert's bells, and a well-struck 392 of Grandsire Triples was rung on the back eight of the Cathedral bells, conducted by S. J. Hector, of Trowbridge. This brought a very successful meeting to a close.

By a typographical error in our report last week we spoke of the Uxbridge Branch of the Bath and Wells Association. This, of course, should be the Axford Branch. The branch has a balance in hand of £4 8s.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

READING BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND DINNER.

The annual meeting of the Reading Branch was held at Reading, on Saturday week. Previous to service, at St. Giles' Church, the bells of St. Mary's and St. Giles' were rung in touches of Stedman, Bob Major, Bristol Surprise, and London Surprise.—The Rev. R. P. Newhouse, R.D., gave a very appropriate address, taking as his text, St. Paul's words: "Woe be unto me if I preach not the Gospel."

A capital supper, followed by a business meeting and smoker, was held at the White Hart Hotel, fifty members attending. Mr. W. P. Routh, the President of the branch, presided, and proposed the toast of "The Church and King."

The balance sheet, read by Mr. A. W. Osborne, showed a very satisfactory balance in hand, and was adopted.

Mr. W. P. Routh was re-elected president, and Mr. A. W. Osborne, hon. secretary and treasurer of the branch.—Mr. Routh, responding, said he would much rather see some younger blood take his place, but as the members would not hear of it, he would do his best to serve them again as he had done before.—Mr. Osborne also wished them to make a change, but this assertion also would not be heard of. As the members placed so much confidence in him, he could, he said, only thank them for electing him again, and do his best to further the interests of the Reading branch.

Mr. Routh proposed the toast of "The Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn," which was drunk with musical honours.—The Master, in reply, said how pleased he was to be among them that evening, but was sorry to know the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, their respected treasurer, who was ill, was unable to be present, and also that the Rev. G. F. Coleridge was absent. He was very pleased to welcome among them the Rev. R. P. Newhouse, Vicar of St. Lawrence, also the Rev. R. Wickham Legge, Vicar of St. Mary's. He regretted very much the absence of the members from the outlying towers of the branch, and urged the members of the respective towers to have their belfries open much earlier on their practice nights, to give some of the younger ringers a chance of having a pull. When they met late in the evening, there was not time to get them all to take a rope. They were very fortunate, he added, in getting for their clergy in the four churches in Reading, men who took a great interest in their ringers.

THE PROGRESS OF THE GUILD.

Mr. A. E. Reeves, in the absence of the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis, gave some very interesting details on the work of the Guild. He was pleased to say three more towers had joined the Guild, namely, Simpson, Bechampton and Shinfield, while Cookham, with ten members, two of them ladies, were to join later. The number of peals showed a considerable rise, no less than 122 having been rung in the year 1912. The Reading branch were to be complimented on ringing all the high-class methods, mostly Surprise. There were 32 members who had rung their first peal, and 82 their first in new methods. There was a slight decrease shown in the balance sheet of the "Mother" Guild, of about £4; there being some branches where members were in arrears, including 24 in Reading branch.—The foreman of the towers gave their reports, which were all very encouraging, showing progress all round.

Mr. Wright proposed the toast of "The Reading Branch," coupling with it the names of their president and secretary and treasurer, Mr. Routh and Mr. Osborne.

Mr. Routh, responding, said he was pleased to see the branch was in a flourishing condition, but they must try and get the outside members to attend their annual meeting better, and thus show a little interest.

Some discussion took place regarding the combined practices, which were not the success one would like to see them. During the year 1912, scarcely one of the country members came in to Reading to take part in any of them, while when one was arranged at the outside towers their members did not turn up as wished. It was agreed to call a meeting to settle what should be done in the future.

At this point, the Rev. F. J. C. Gillmor came into the room, followed by his Worship the Mayor of Reading (Mr. C. G. Field). The visit of the latter came quite as a surprise, it being the first time the branch has had the honour of receiving the chief citizen of Reading at one of their meetings.—Mr. Routh proposed a very hearty welcome to his Worship, and this was carried with acclamation.—The Mayor, responding, said how pleased he was to be able to make the acquaintance of the ringers, and he thanked them for their hearty welcome.

Mr. Routh proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. R. P. Newhouse for his splendid address to them that evening at St. Giles' Church, also to the organist and choir for the musical part of the service.—Songs were sung during the evening by Messrs. R. Dormer, L. Reeves, W. Dormer, W. Newell, C. Higgs, W. A. Webb, G. Goodship, J. Goodenough.

THE RECORD PEAL OF BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am not having a "dig" at the record peal of Bristol, but desire to correct what I consider a mis-statement. I was speaking to a friend at 6 o'clock, when a nasty trip was occurring: he said it quite upset him, and I cheered him up, by remarking they will soon be clear of that. I was told by one or two I met there had been a serious trip at 1 o'clock.

C. F. WINNEY.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.**AN APPEAL FOR HELP.**

Misfortune has overtaken the new peal at Long Stanton, Cambs. Since their dedication in November last, the bells of All Saints' Church have been in constant use. A numerous local company has been formed, and is making excellent progress, and in addition to this, experienced ringers have paid frequent visits to this Cambridgeshire village, and exercised their skill upon the new ring. Two peals of Stedman Triples have already been accomplished, another only just lost, after more than 3 hours' ringing, while a fourth attempt lasted for over two hours.

Under these circumstances, we greatly regret having to report a serious accident which occurred to this much-used peal on Septuagesima Sunday, Jan. 19th. The tenor, an old bell dating from 1655, was being "rung in" for evensong, when she suddenly cracked at the sound bow, and is now useless. As there is a large debt on the restoration of the tower and bells still to be paid off, there are no funds with which to defray the cost (£35) of recasting the tenor, and the Vicar and churchwardens, therefore, appeal to a kind public for help, as meanwhile the peal is quite crippled.

Donations may be sent to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, at the Vicarage, or to Mr. W. Doggett or Mr. H. Croot, churchwardens, Long Stanton Cambs.

SALISBURY GUILD.**DORCHESTER BRANCH AT FORDINGTON.**

The quarterly meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at Fordington St. George, on Thursday week. Representatives attended from Charminster, Dorchester, Milton Abbey, Puddletown, Wyke Regis, and a full muster of the local band. The bells (6) and also those at St. Peter's, Dorchester (8) were available, and the ringers attended the special service of the Guild, at which the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. Bartelott) officiated. Afterwards the ringers adjourned to the Moule Tavern, where they were kindly entertained to a high tea by the Vicar, who presided, and was supported by his churchwardens, the Rev. H. C. Cooté (the new Rector of St. Peter's, Dorchester), Mr. R. N. Dawes (chairman of the branch), and Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater, late general hon. secretary of the Bath and Wells Association).—The Vicar welcomed the Guild to his parish, and said he hoped at some future time to restore the bells, and do his best to add two more to complete the octave. He dealt at length on the history of Fordington bells. The legend was that when King Henry VIII confiscated the Abbey of Bindon (a few miles from Fordington) the bells were sold, to be removed to the Continent. The Fordington parishioners, who were tenants of Bindon Abbey, on hearing of this went over by night and captured as many bells as they could, hiding some in the stream at Wool, and others in the well at Combe Keynes, eventually hanging them in Fordington tower. The following couplet spoke for itself: "Wool streams and Combe wells, Fordington Rogues stole Bindon Bells."

PROPOSED GUILD BADGE.

The Chairman of the Branch proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bartelott for his bountiful entertainment, and for the use of the bells, etc.—The business meeting was presided over by Mr. R. N. Dawes.—The Hon. Secretary stated the Upwey band (twelve in number) had become members of the Guild, and Mr. White was instructing the Fordington band, who were now able to ring Grandsire Doubles.

It was resolved to hold the next meeting (annual) at Dorchester.—The proposed badge for the Guild (which Mr. Hervey Beams had in hand) was next discussed. The design consists of four bells, in the shape of a cross. The finished design will be about the size of a half-penny, and the branch unanimously approved of it.—The Rev. H. C. Cooté thanked Mr. Bartelott for his kindness and the Guild for inviting him there. He assured them of a hearty welcome when they came to his parish for their next meeting.—Mr. A. E. Coles also thanked Mr. Bartelott and the branch for their kindness. He had been, he said, a member of the Salisbury Guild a number of years. He was for four years the general secretary of the Bath and Wells Association. When he took over the secretaryship it had 130 members, and at the completion of the four years it had over 1,300.

The ringers adjourned to the two towers available, and kept the bells going to the tune of Plain Bob, Stedman and Grandsire.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at All Saints' Church, Westbury, Wilts, on Saturday, and although the weather was exceedingly stormy, 15 members attended. Tea was partaken of in the Parish Room (kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar). Owing to the absence of the Chairman, the Rev. W. H. M. Clarke (Vicar of Westbury) occupied the chair, and was supported by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. Brownlee West), and ringers from Bratton, Southbroom, Erchfont and Westbury.—Two new lady ringers from Erchfont were duly elected as members of the Guild.—Mr. West then proposed, and Mr. Hart seconded a vote of thanks to the Vicar of Westbury for the use of the bells and also the Parish Room.—The Vicar responded, saying that it gave him great pleasure to meet the ringers at Westbury, and that he should be pleased to welcome them again upon a future occasion.—Both before and after the meeting, the bells of the fine old church were well used.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.**CLERGY JOIN THE ACTIVE RANKS.**

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held at Alresford last Saturday, and was well attended. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples were rung, and several members visited Bishop Sutton, and rang touches on the six bells there.—The Rector (the Rev. A. A. Headley) presided at the tea in the Parish Room. There were also present the Rev. W. E. Colchester (treasurer of the Guild), the Rev. W. J. Cumpsty, Mr. G. Williams (general secretary), Mr. Wilfred Andrews (captain of the Cathedral band), and members from North Stoneham, Twyford, Winchester, Bishopstoke, Upham, Farnham, Aldershot, Bishop Sutton, and Alresford.—A letter was read from the President (Mr. J. P. Stillwell) acknowledging congratulations sent to him by the Guild on his 80th birthday, and another sent by him to the North Stoneham band, thanking them for having rung a peal in honour of the same event. The Rev. L. M. Haslope, Vicar of Owslebury, and the new Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. T. Salmon) have joined the Guild as performing members.—Sincere regret is felt in the district at the loss, through illness, of the late Rector of North Stoneham (the Rev. E. K. Browne), who has always proved a true friend to ringers.

The Chairman, in replying to a vote of thanks which had been accorded him for presiding, and for the use of the room and bells, said he was glad to again welcome the Guild to his parish, and glad to see his old ringer, Mr. James Sait, sitting at the table, for he had been a ringer for many years, and for 57 years had not missed ringing out the old and ringing in the New Year on the Alresford bells.

A vote of thanks was also passed to the enterer (Mrs. Crook).

At a subsequent meeting of the committee, at which Mr. G. Williams presided, several new members from Alton and Owslebury were admitted to the Guild, and Mr. Wilkes said he hoped soon to have several new ones at Southampton.—The district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins) reported that the subscriptions were coming in better this year, and Mr. Williams said he had always felt that the Guild subscription should be a first charge on any fund a band might have.

The tower was again open during the evening, and the bells were kept going till nearly nine o'clock. The bells of Old Alresford could not be used, owing to the recent death of the Rector. Forty-two members were present at the meeting.

MEMORIAL TO THE LATE MR. R. S. STORY.**RE-OPENING AT BELLS AT WHITLEY BAY.**

On Saturday week (the Festival of the Conversion of St. Paul) the new ring of eight bells at St. Paul's Church, Whitley Bay, Northumberland, were dedicated and opened in the presence of a numerous gathering. The service was conducted by the Rev. Canon Gough, of the Cathedral, Newcastle-on-Tyne, assisted by the Rev. E. Smith (Vicar), and local clergy.

The bells, which are the product of the Loughborough foundry, are as under:—

Treble.—Weight, 4 cwt. 4 qrs. 13 lbs. Inscription: Gift of T. T. Gofton and Alice his wife, 1912.

2nd.—Weight, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs. Inscription: Gift of T. T. Gofton, 1912, in memory of his father who died 25th December, 1891.

3rd.—Weight, 5 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs. Inscription: Robertus F. Wheeler, M.A., Presbyter Hujus Ecclesiæ. Recast 1912, in grateful memory of Robert Spencer Story, 22 years' President of the Newcastle and Durham Diocesan Association of Ringers.

4th.—Weight, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 25 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Alfredi Molineux Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers: T. T. Gofton, Master; J. A. Gofton, secretary; R. Gofton, T. R. Percival, R. A. Gofton, Arthur Payne, J. E. Gofton, T. M. Whitfield.

5th.—Weight, 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 22 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Carolii Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers.

6th.—Weight, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 16 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Georgii Robson Palmer. Recast 1912 by the local ringers.

7th.—Weight, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs. Inscription: Donum. Johanne Palmer, 1865. Recast 1912 in memory of Hannah Relton Stobbs, daughter of Dodds Edward and Isabella Stobbs, who died April 8th, 1901, aged 8 years.

Tenor.—Weight, 17 cwt. 1 qr. Inscription: Donum. Caroli Marci Palmer. Recast 1912 in commemoration of King George V, 22nd June, 1911. Edward Smith, M.A., Vicar; Robert Mason, J.P., chairman; Augustus Whitehorn, clerk, Urban District Council.

Immediately at the conclusion of the service, the following members of the Durham and Newcastle Association rang a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47½ mins.: C. Todd 1, T. T. Gofton (conductor) 2, W. Story 3, Jas. Gofton 4, A. F. Hillier 5, R. A. Gofton 6, T. Metcalfe 7, J. A. Gofton 8. During the evening the bells were kept merrily going in Stedman, Kent, Bob Major, etc., great satisfaction being expressed at their tone and "go."

At 6 p.m., a special service for the ringers was held in the church by the Rev. E. Smith, M.A., during the course of which the tablet erected by members of the Association and friends in memory of the late Mr. R. S. Story—who was connected with this tower for 30 years—was unveiled.

ROYSTON.—Herts Association.—On Jan. 24th, 720 College Single: H. Bonnett 1, E. Bonnett 2, R. Wilkerson 3, W. Mansfield, Burley (first in the method) 4, S. E. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

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Stedman Cinqes by the Middlesex Association.
Cambridge Surprise Maximus by the College Youths.
Stedman Cinqes by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinqes by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
Stedman Cinqes by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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ANOTHER "PEAL TAPPER."

The wonderful performance by Mr. Olave Broyd in tapping a peal in seven Minor methods is worthy of more than passing notice, and we are enabled to give our readers this week a photograph of this talented young ringer, for like Mr. Segar, whose peal in five methods he has outstripped, Mr. Broyd is still quite a young man. Mr. Broyd was born in the village of Gestingthorpe, Essex, in 1892, and he began ringing in 1909. He took to the Art as a duck to water, and his advance was very rapid. He rang his first 720 after three practices, and conducted a 720 of Bob Minor on February 2nd, 1910, and in the same month could ring Oxford Treble Bob. At this time also he rang 5-6 to a 720 of Bob Minor on handbells—indeed, he seems to be specially gifted as a handbell ringer. He has rung two handbells, and called short touches in ten methods without a break, and when his band are having



MR. OLAVE BROYD.

handbell practice he will ring any two, whether in the orthodox pairs or otherwise. In tapping his peal in seven methods he accomplished the feat by coursing the bells, and in this way his performance differed from Mr. Segar's, who transposed the changes row by row.

Mr. Broyd has not rung a large number of peals—only thirteen in all. His first was Bob Major at Lavenham, on June 11th, 1910, and following that he rang a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Foxearth. His first peal of Minor was at Gestingthorpe. This was in four methods, and was conducted by himself. His peals are:—

Bob Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Minor in 7 Methods	4	Conducted 3
Minor in 4 Methods	2	Conducted 1
Bob Minor	1	Conducted 1
On Handbells	1	Conducted 1
Tapped in 7 Methods	1	

One who knows Mr. Broyd and has watched his progress with interest, says he has not seen his equal on six

bells; while he has a wonderful ear, and can prick down course-ends from outside the tower. Only recently, when listening to a peal, he was able to tell his friends not only the part-ends as they came up, but when every bob was made, and by which bells. This is a gift which but few possess. Mr. Broyd, we understand, will not attempt to tap another peal for some time, but he hopes eventually to tap one in seven Treble Bob Methods.

ODD CHANGES.

The dedication of the screen, erected in Drayton Church, to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, for many years Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, takes place tomorrow (Saturday) at 4 p.m.

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Only three men, so far as we are aware, have rung two tower bells to a peal—Messrs. J. W. Washbrook, J. E. Groves and W. H. Lawrence. Last Saturday Mr. John Thomas attempted a similar feat at St. Matthew's, Clapton, when he started for a peal of Grandsire Triples, ringing 2-3, and conducting. The attempt, unfortunately, came to grief after 1 hr. 40 mins. ringing through no fault of his.

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Mr. James Motts, of Ipswich, we are reminded, is another ringer who has scored 500 peals for one association, in his case, the Norwich. That brings the total up to five. Mr. I. G. Shade is close on the border line, and will be ringing his 500th for the Middlesex shortly, if all's well.

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Mr. Sam Wood, of Ashton-under-Lyne, writes that the peal of 5016 of Bob Maximus referred to in the recent article by Mr. Trollope was rung at Ashton-under-Lyne on March 30th, 1909, beginning at the 11th course. It was composed and conducted by Samuel Wood, and the figures were published at the time. A better peal is obtained by singling it, as given by Mr. Trollope, in the 9th course, and this was attempted at Ashton about 12 months ago.

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The bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford, a ring of ten, tenor 22 cwt. in E, are to be recast into a ring of 12, tenor 30 cwt. in D, and Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, have received instructions to carry out the work.

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There is a very strong feeling that as St. Mary's, Chelmsford, is to be the cathedral church of the proposed new diocese of Essex, the ringers as a body should give some material assistance in carrying out this extensive scheme. It has been suggested it should take the form of a present of the treble bell, with a suitable inscription upon it, such as "The Essex Association of Change Ringers gave me."

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It is often said that once a man has been interested in ringing he can never entirely shake it off, and even if he retires from active participation in the Art there comes a time when the appeal of the bells inevitably draws him back to the belfry. Last Saturday Mr. William Tanner rang his first peal after a lapse of 23 years, at St. Dunstan's, Stepney. Even if Mr. Tanner has not been out of ringing altogether, it is a long break in his peal record.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT SELBY.

SUGGESTED DIVISION OF COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS.

Selby Abbey—the only complete Benedictine Abbey standing in the North—may be said to rank in grandeur of architecture next after York and Beverley, but in the number of styles represented, Norman, Transition, Early English, Decorated and Perpendicular—every style, in fact, except Anglo-Saxon—many would give it the first place. Fortunate it is, therefore, for the nation that this great monument of the past has been so splendidly restored since the disastrous fire in 1906. It will be noted, from whatever standpoint it may be viewed, how importantly the grand new tower dominates the whole structure. Mention must also be made of the recent addition, namely, the new South Transept. The new wing, with its beautiful stained glass window, is the gift of Mr. William Liversidge, a native of Selby.

With the privilege of visiting this grand old Abbey and noting how wonderfully it has been restored, and with the chance of a pull on the magnificent bells, Yorkshire ringers turned up in fairly good numbers for the annual meeting of their Association on Saturday week. The attendance, upwards of 130, representing 41 towers, is not a large one for the Yorkshire Association, and this is no doubt due to the fact that Selby is very inconvenient as a railway centre. It goes without saying that the ring of ten at the Abbey—tenor, 25 cwt.—was well patronised all day. The peal of six at Hemingbrough was also at the members' disposal. Business commenced before noon with the annual audit, when all accounts, etc., were found in proper order. During the afternoon, the Vicar and others very kindly conducted parties round the Abbey, and pointed out its many objects of interest. Here it may be mentioned that the great fire proved in one way a blessing in disguise, for when an examination was made of the walls and foundations after the debris had been cleared, it was found that the tower was quite unsafe, owing to the foundations of the enormous supporting pillars not being secure enough to bear the great weight. Underpinning had to be resorted to, and concrete was filled in to a depth of no less than 36 feet to make everything perfectly safe.

SELBY'S ANCIENT BELLS.

The annual service, fully choral, was held in the Abbey, the lessons being read by the President (Rev. C. C. Marshall) and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough (President of the Cleveland and North Yorks Association). The sermon was preached by the Vicar, the Rev. Dr. Solloway, D.D., from Psalm xcvi, 1, "O come let us sing unto the Lord." As a reason for this text, the preacher said that this inscription would probably be found more frequently on bells than any other. This and texts inscribed on bells such as "Jesus be our speed," "Glory to God in the Highest," showed us the high ideals held with regard to bells and ringing, and he considered that bell ringing should be regarded on the very highest level. Ringers, therefore, ought to regard their important branch of Church work as a joyful privilege. The ringer's motive should always be summed up in that sentence found on many bells, "To God alone be Glory." The preacher also gave an interesting account of the Abbey bells, from which it was learned that an ancient peal disappeared at the dissolution of the monastery, and for a time there were no bells. Then in 1614 a native of Selby gave eight bells, which remained till 1690, when the tower fell. They were afterwards recast in 1710, and again in 1863, from which date they did service till the disastrous fire in 1906, when they fell with the tower. The metal is included in the grand new ring which they had heard pealing out that day.

A splendid tea was partaken of in the Church Institute, and the annual business meeting followed, with the President in the chair, supported by the hon. secretary, Mr. Clement Glenn; the hon. treasurer, Mr. Cotterell; and several of the committee. The treasurer's balance sheet was passed, and the report of the committee adopted. An interesting paragraph in the latter, which all members will do well to ponder over, states that: "The committee have had under consideration the division of the county into districts, as they feel that it is impossible to keep in touch with all the towers in the county under our present organisation, and they would ask members to consider whether the time is not ripe to take some definite action in this direction."

The poll for four members of committee (seven candidates) resulted in the following being elected: Messrs. P. J. Johnson, W. Pearson, J. H. Blakiston, and A. C. Fearnley.—The following addition to the regulations, proposed by Mr. P. J. Johnson, with J. W. T. Holgate seconding, was carried: "That no printed or duplicated matter be allowed to be issued in support of any person nominated for a seat on the committee; and that the issuing of any such matter on the candidate's behalf shall disqualify such candidate from holding a seat on the committee."

THANKS.

A most hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Chairman, and seconded by Vice-President G. Bolland, was accorded to the Vicar for the service, sermon, use of the bells, and for placing the Institute at the disposal of the Association; also to those associated with him in conducting parties round the Abbey; coupled with a vote of thanks to the organist, Mr. Sykes; the choir-master, Mr. Eggleshaw, and members of the choir for the beautifully-rendered and inspiring service.—The Vicar, who, in responding, was enthusiastically received, said that the churchwardens and himself regarded the visit as a privilege con-

ferred on them. They were very proud of their bells, and if he were to go in for ringing instead of golf to reduce adipose tissue, he might have in due course a decent waist (laughter). He could only conclude by expressing the wish that they would come again soon.—The Rev. W. P. Wright, in responding to a vote of thanks for the use of his bells, smilingly said that Dr. Solloway might say Selby was old, but little Hemingbrough was older still; in fact, it was mentioned in the Domesday Book.—Thanks were accorded to the local branch, headed by Messrs. F. Cryer and A. Hall, for their work accomplished so well to make the visit of the Association in every way a success, and to the ladies, many of them ringers' wives, who assisted at the tea tables.—Votes of thanks were also passed to the auditors and returning officers, Messrs. Thos. Smith and A. Hall, and to the treasurer, secretary and president for their services during the year; thanks being also accorded to the latter for ably presiding over what had proved a most pleasant "annual."

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

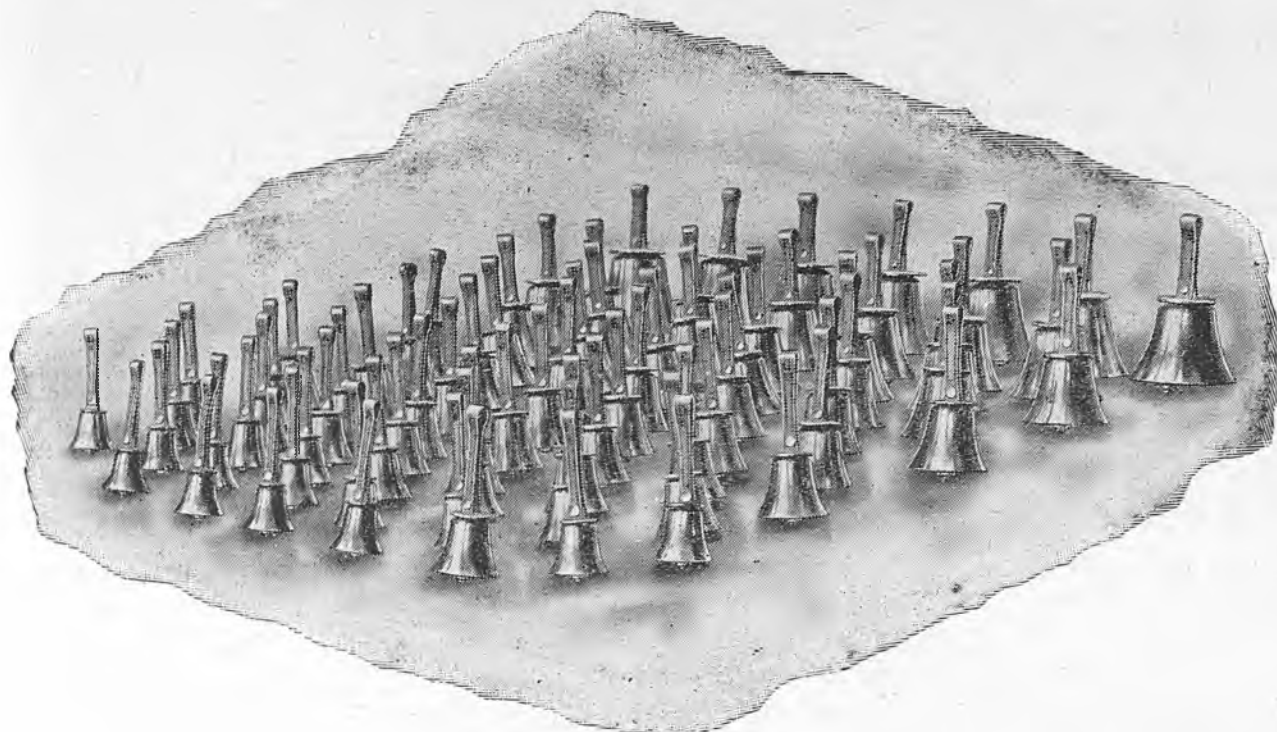
The annual report of the Yorkshire Association is, as usual, a very voluminous publication, and is complete in all its details. The committee urge the members to endeavour to enroll as hon. members the clergy and churchwardens of their parishes, so as to keep them in touch with the aims and objects of the Association. After referring to the proposal, mentioned in the report of the annual meeting, to divide the county into districts, the committee in reviewing the work of the past year, state that the number of peals rung on tower bells was 96, and on handbells 19, making a total of 115. The list was quite up to the average, both as to quality and quantity. One or two more difficult methods—of which there was a great variety for those who did not aspire to the rank of Surprise ringers—in the place of some of the Kent Treble Bob peals, and the appearance of a peal of Stedman Cinques, would make the list well-nigh excellent. The committee noted with pleasure two additions to their tower-bell list of methods, Norfolk Surprise and Little Bob Major, the handbell list also having been added to by a peal of the latter, which was the first to be rung in the method on handbells. There was a good variety of "Little" methods in existence, which, in the committee's opinion, were worthy of attention. The report adds that Drighlington now heads the list of towers, being the first to be credited with one hundred peals for the Association, which total was attained during the year. Mr. J. Broadley was congratulated upon being the third member to reach the 200th peal mark (the two others are Messrs. C. Glenn and C. Jackson). Sixty-one new members were enrolled during the year, but the committee would like to see more than this, especially in view of the heavy number of lapses, there being no less than 30 names to be struck off through non-payment of subscriptions. This last was the most disappointing feature of the year's work. There were now six patrons, 42 honorary and 1,405 ringing members on the books. This showed only a net gain of one on the year's work. Referring to the balance sheet, the committee remarked that they again see that there is no hope of putting the Association on a sound financial basis from their present resources, and it was evident that the limit of expansion with their present income had been reached. The income was practically the same as last year, as was also their ordinary expenditure, leaving them with a little margin on the right side. This was creditable in its way, but they felt it was not what it ought to be, and they were no nearer the goal of their ambition than before, viz.: To be able to place each year a substantial amount on one side for expansion, as their predecessors were able to do during the early years of the Association's existence. They felt that this must have the attention of the committee, as the matter of placing the finances of the Association on a sound basis was of paramount importance for its continued success.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST DISTRICT MEETING.

The first meeting of the Southern District of the Ladies' Guild was held at Basingstoke, on Saturday. In spite of unpropitious weather, there were present: Miss Alice White, President (Basingstoke); Miss Edith Parker, general sec. (London); Miss Eva Bolcher, Southern District secretary (Bramley); Mrs. Mack and Miss D. White (Basingstoke); Miss Chillingworth (Bradfield); Miss Goodship (Reading), and Mrs. Whittington, who, with her husband, pluckily cycled from Cranleigh to Woking in the drenching rain, to be present at the meeting. There were also in the company eight or ten of the less gentle sex, from Reading, Hershams, Basingstoke, and Oakley. Ringing at St. Michael's began about 4 o'clock, and some pretty touches of Stedman and Grandshire Triples were brought round, ably conducted by Miss Parker. A very pleasant party sat down to a capital tea, provided by Mr. Philpott, after which Mrs. Mack, Miss D. White, and Miss Sparshott, were elected members; and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar of Basingstoke for the use of the bells. On returning to the belfry, while mere men stood aside wondering, the eight ladies, refreshed with tea, brought round the literally "maiden" touch of Grandshire Triples rung in this belfry, conducted by Miss Parker. And so, with touches in different methods the agreeable gathering was carried to a close. It may not be impertinent for one who was present as a privileged guest, to congratulate the ladies on their skill, energy, and excellent striking; and it augurs well for the lift which is being given to the tone and spirit of the Exercise at large, by the existence and praiseworthy work of the Ladies' Guild.

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THE PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In your issue of January 24th, "Sympathiser" alludes to my condemning a peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on Boxing Day. Well, I heard some of the ringing, which was very good, but several changes were badly muddled up, next they all "fired" (not a straggling fire), and then, after a bit of struggling, they settled down again, but I had lost all interest in further listening to it; so I had condemned before I knew what band was ringing. On the Sunday I heard that Mr. Newton was in it, so I wrote him, saying that I hoped he would not call it a peal. And I received a reply which I enclose. I still think the conductor should have terminated the ringing when the muddle took place, so that they might have had a better peal at the next attempt. I hear a rumour that one or two others are of the same opinion as myself, but I suppose do not care to trouble.—Faithfully yours,

WILLIAM WILCOX.

THE CONDUCTOR'S REPLY.

Dear Sir,—As being responsible for the peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on December 26th last, and published among the other records as a true peal, I hope you will allow me enough space in your valuable paper to give both sides of the correspondence that has taken place between Mr. Wilcox and myself, and afterwards to explain to those interested what are the true facts of the case. On the 29th December last, I received the following postcard from Mr. Wilcox: "I heard the bells ringing at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, on Boxing Day. I heard a jumble at 5.10 p.m., and the bells fired, then struggle on. I put it down 'no peal', but have been informed this morning that a peal had been rung, and that you were one of the band. I sincerely hope it is not a peal intended for the Chester Diocesan Guild (Wirral Branch)."

I was very much annoyed when I received this postcard, because I knew it was unwarranted and the outcome of jealousy, so I hastily sent back the following lines on a postcard: "Yes, it was a peal intended for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and a far superior one to any that you ever rang. Surely you are not comparing your toy 5½ cwt. tenor (Bidston) with bells 16½ cwt. (Wallasey) and a wealth of metal. I am not like yourself, a pioneer of ding-dong monotony. You must remember these lads have had only twelve months, and it was their first peal. Surely they can make a mistake. Read the Central Council's definition before you go any further. If you show any more ignorance or ill-feeling you can have another dose."

Now, Sir, I have never yet heard or read of a peal being disputed unless there was some personal grievance of some kind underlying it all, and this case is no exception to the rule. The trouble is that we were successful without their assistance, and hope to be on many occasions in the future. About this performance that is now in question, I wish to say at the outset that I was very well pleased with the peal when we rang it, and as regards firing I never heard any. Perhaps I was not far enough away. What happened throughout the whole three hours and seven minutes was that on two occasions only two of the band hesitated at the lead, but the mistake was rectified immediately, and the bells were not out of course a single change. Surely all conductors have not to stop at bob calling? Now, Mr. Editor, you must admit that for three young ringers to ring their first peal and collectively to make only two mistakes, is an achievement to be proud of, as the ringing was most regular all through. I have it on good authority that the distance from Bidston—where Mr. Wilcox heard the ringing from—to Wallasey Church is three miles. It might be possible to know accurately what is happening this distance away, but I very much doubt it. "A Sympathiser" is certainly lamentably ignorant of what services I, or others, have given towards the tuition of the St. Nicholas', Wallasey, ringers. I have never claimed any credit for their progress, nor do I wish to. I know who took the most pains with them when they started to handle a bell, and who initiated them in the art of change ringing as it should be taught. I was never tired of reiterating to them the importance of good striking, and on the occasion of each visit to them, at no small sacrifice of time, I was obliged to travel on three different railway lines each way. Whatever assistance this band got from outside was unsolicited and infinitesimal, and as regards Mr. Wilcox's services, I have it on the authority of one of this band's leading ringers that he has never rung with them above once. There is too much of the "wheelbarrow" style of ringing in this particular branch of this Guild, or, as Mr. W. Snowden so aptly describes it, "ding-dong monotony."

Now, Sir, Mr. Wilcox is the appointed instructor to this particular branch, an office which carries with it 5s. per lesson when engaged. I am a non-resident member, and do the work gratuitously; therefore, there are no fees for Mr. Wilcox from this tower. On top of this, I have tried to discourage in this tower and branch the ringing of Grandsire Minor and other worthless six-bell methods, and what I want the Wallasey (St. Nicholas') band to do now is to go on and learn seven legitimate methods and ring a 5040 with them included. And if they ring it as well as and as true as we rang ours on December 26th last, I shall be more than satisfied, and feel that my labour has not been in vain.—Yours faithfully,

Liverpool.

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

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CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In reply to Mr. Lindoff, I wish to say I agree with all that has been written on this subject by my confreres, while I consider Mr. Lindoff's letters have been anything but commendable. For he has contorted our statements, misrepresented our meaning, and confused the point at issue in order, perhaps, to draw attention from the main question, while at the same time he has not advanced a single line of sound argument in answer to our charge, and has never yet said, the 5040's we gave in our joint letter you published in your issue of November 8th, are not shortened variations of the 6048's we enumerated in the same letter.

In his first letter on November 22nd he insinuated some claim "of ours not yet made," and concluded with a query, "Who would rounds belong to?" The reply to this is, rounds, like the other course ends, belong to any man, who can string enough of them together in a true and original 5040 composition, and so, Mr. Lindoff, rounds in New Cambridge Surprise Royal, and in your London Royal do not at present belong to you, and in this you have so far failed. In his letter of your issue, December 27th, Mr. Lindoff is a bit more clear, and would like to make us claim the full extent of the changes 6th bell at home. Mr. Hattersley told him in his letter, January 3rd, that we do not claim to have invented anything of the kind; in this I fully agree. But what we do claim is to have produced original compositions, which embody that quality, "and which are not variations of previous composition in the method," from which, by the simple and well known process of shortening the 5040's in 14 courses, Mr. Lindoff publishes as his own, are taken from, and could be so obtained by any novice composer, or anyone who knows the calling which produces course ends.

In subsequent letters, Mr. Lindoff tells us that peals 1 and 2, and 3 and 4 in our joint letters, are alike, which really is no business of his whatever, and is not relative to the original question. This likeness, whatever there is, was known to us before publishing our first letter. We gave them with a * Bob, which he ignores, as showing that each comes direct from a distinct source of composition, and which clearly shows the 6048's are not variations of one another. Now, Mr. Lindoff, as the 5040, No. 1, used in ringing your London Royal comes from Pitstow's 6048, and No. 2 5040 comes direct from Washbrook's 6048, you can claim one-half only of the 5040 you want. Thus, by your own showing and quibbling you can only win 2520 changes, which are both useless and ridiculous.

In Mr. Lindoff's first letter already alluded to, he told us he had some half-dozen such peals, etc. This is amusing indeed. Just fancy a man of talent and knowledge, sending out a new method, and then, to bolster it up, send with it, for its first performance, the composition of another composer. When caught, he boasts he has other such compositions. This gives rise to the idea that this half-dozen are as good as mythical.

Mr. Lindoff, in his letter of December 27th, tells us he has not the 6048 peals of Superlative in his possession. If this is so, how can he describe or discuss and draw correct conclusions. Therefore, in order, we hope, to enlighten our readers, and, perhaps, Mr. Lindoff upon the subject, we will give the figures in full of the composition which 5040 No. 3 comes from, and point out how it reduces also to a 5056, which will enable anyone with composition knowledge to compare and draw their own conclusion upon the merits of our claim.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR.

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NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL.

5040

The following 5040 is No. 3 in our joint letter and was rung on March 4th, 1903, at St. Magnus, conducted by Mr. William Fye. See Middlesex Report for 1903, page 80, reported as composed by Mr. Lindoff.

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The figures of the New Cambridge Surprise Royal are given side by side of the 6048 Superlative to save troublesome reference, and to show that the course ends and calling of the 5040 are identical in the last eleven and the first three courses of the 6048, that shows by adding a bob W at * course ends jump from C to D, and also that the B courses bracketed are cut away.

By adding a bob "before" following course end A, course end B is brought up and changes are reduced to 5056 in number. It was thus rung as the composition of H. Dains, on March 4th, 1904, at All Saints', Edmonton, by Royal Cumberland Youths, conducted by Mr. J. Parker, in Superlative Surprise Method. The same composition was again rung, June 4th, 1905, as by the same composer at St. Mary's, Lambeth, conducted by Mr. Bertram Prewett, in New Cambridge Surprise Method, for this latter see Middlesex report, page 531, for 1905. Whether this composition has been rung at other times is not known, but it is very curious that it has been twice rung in reduced numbers and 23 courses with its author's name, but when reduced to 14 courses by Mr. Lindoff, he claims the composition of them as a new one, although published over 20 years ago. Well, it has now again been shown conclusively it doesn't belong to him.

If ever any reader has seen such a conglomeration of mis-statements as those in Mr. Lindoff's letter of the 24th January, in reply to one of the most straightforward letters one could put together, let him say so, and then to conclude it by comparing morals, forsooth! This takes the prize. In conclusion, if Mr. Lindoff should write a straightforward letter upon this subject and to the point, he will get a reply, otherwise he may not.

With many thanks, Mr. Editor, on behalf of my colleagues and myself.—Yours faithfully,
HY. DAINS.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The pre-Lent meeting of the above Association was held at Tanfield, co. Durham, on Saturday last, and the few who were present thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon's outing, in spite of the inclement weather which prevailed. It is regrettable that so few members attended the meeting, but probably the difficulty of reaching the village had a good deal to do with it. At the committee meeting, 14 members were present, with the president, Mr. C. L. Routledge, in the chair.—A letter of regret for non-attendance was received from the Rev. Archdale (Vicar of the parish), who had other duties to attend to.—The chief discussion was on the success of the district meetings.—It was stated that this scheme had already been the means of securing two more towers for the Association, viz.: South Shields and St. George's, Jesmond.—The President announced the dedication of Bambergh bells next Saturday, remarking that the Association was asked to appoint an instructor for this tower.—It was decided to leave this in his hands.—The President was also asked to select a committee to make arrangements for the reception of visitors to the Central Council meeting, to be held in Newcastle on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th.

An excellent repast was served at the Pack Horse Inn, to which the 22 members present did ample justice. The President, in a brief speech, thanked the Vicar and churchwardens, also the Rev. W. Lister, for the arrangements they had made for the comfort of the visitors.—The Rev. Lister suitably responded.—After the election of new members, etc., the ringers dispersed to the neighbouring tower, where ringing was indulged in.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

PROPOSED GIFT OF A TREBLE TO CHELMSFORD.

A meeting of the South Eastern district was held at Great Baddow, on Saturday. After ringing in the afternoon, the members adjourned to the King's Head, where the hostess (Mrs. Shorten) had prepared a bountiful repast. Those present included the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (secretary), Mr. C. H. Howard (Master), Mr. C. Finch (churchwarden), Mr. A. Edwards (District Master), H. F. Cooper (district secretary), Messrs. Kirton and Walden (Boreham), Rainbird (Little Bentley, South Weald), Whight, Richell and Newman (Chelmsford), Lincoln, Edwards and Head (Writtle), Green and Sitch (Fryerning), Windley (Springfield), and others.—Mr. G. Rogers (Ingatestone) was elected a member, and Ingatestone tower in union with the Association. Rayleigh was selected for the next meeting, or, failing this, Prittlewell. A bye meeting will be held in April, at Little Bentley, South Weald.

The Rev. H. T. Eyre proposed, and Mr. C. H. Howard seconded, a hearty hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar of Great Baddow, and also to Mr. Finch for presiding at the tea and meeting.—Mr. Finch responded, and assured those present the Vicar would have joined them had he been well enough to do so; as for himself it was a great pleasure to be present and meet men he had known for so many years. He also hinted that in the near future the authorities were going to turn their attention to the bells and improve upon the present ring of eight.

It was reported that an order had been placed with Messrs. Warner and Sons to recast the present ring of ten bells of St. Mary's, Chelmsford (tenor, 22 cwt.) into a ring of 12 (tenor, 30 cwt.), the bells to be hung in a new steel frame. The opinion was freely expressed that as St. Mary's is to be the Cathedral Church of the new diocese of Essex, the Association should present the new treble bell. After considerable discussion as to how the money should be raised, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting recom-

mends that the Association should present the treble bell to the proposed new ring of twelve for the Pro-Cathedral of the new diocese, and that it be paid for out of the reserve fund, which amounts to about £100."—The Master intimated that notice would have to be given of special motion to be brought forward at the annual meeting, which is to be held at West Ham on Whit-Monday, and Mr. H. F. Cooper, district secretary, of the division, gave notice of his intention of doing so.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening were Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ORDSALL.

The village of Ordsall, where the North Notts Association held a successful meeting on Saturday, is mentioned about the year 1037, in the reign of Edward the Confessor, and it finds a place, too, in Domesday Book. Here it was in the time of the Commonwealth that the Rector, Dr. Marmaduke Moore, was found guilty of the "damnable offence of playing cards, three several times in his own house, with his wife, to the great scandal of religion, and the great danger of drawing down the wrath of God upon the land," and for which his estate was forfeited as "for treason," and he was himself for ever sequestered from his living. The meeting on Saturday was held partly to honour the 21st anniversary of Mr. Joseph White, as senior ringer and sexton, and as Ordsall was the birth-place of the writer of this report, who cherishes the dearest recollections and reminiscences of the past, it is very gratifying to have to record such a large attendance of ringers and friends from kindred associations. Members were present from Anston, Worksoy, Bawtry, Blyth, Everton, East Markham, Laughterton, Lincoln, Gainsborough, West Stockwith, East Ritford and Ordsall. Touches in a variety of methods, Oxford, Kent, Grandsire and Plain Bob were brought round, whilst the Everton ringers accomplished a 720 of Violet Treble Bob, the best struck 720 of the day, and a perfect example of what six-bell ringing should be. The ringers were: H. Stevenson 1, R. Lindley 2, J. Bee 3, John Swindon 4, Joe Swindon (conductor) 5, Geo. Brown 6. Afterwards a 720 of Oxford was rung by: H. Haigh 1, F. H. Hind 2, J. T. Barham 3, G. R. Winter 4, F. W. Baker 5, H. Stanton (conductor) 6.—Tea and the business meeting were held at the Gate Inn, the genial Rector (the Rev. R. D. Foster) presiding, and giving a few words of practical advice, and his democratic views of Churchmanship. He also referred to his brief experience as a ringer.—The Vicar of Everton, with his ringers, rejoined the Association after a lapse of 20 years, and Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford, and the Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingbrough, Yorks, were also elected non-resident members, together with one or two performing members.—The next meeting will be the annual meeting, and will be held sometime in May, full particulars of which will appear in "The Ringing World."—H.H.

RINGING UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

The two peals recorded at Congleton and Silverdale are worthy of special note. The first peal of Superlative on the bells of the former church was a birthday compliment to Mr. H. Lawton, one of the hon. members of the Stoke Association. On the following day, Silverdale, with its natty little peal of eight, by Warner, was visited. A curious state of affairs was there met with. The ringers were on strike, and the church was undergoing repairs. After some of the visitors had looked round the church, which contains serious cracks, owing to subsidence, they found one of their number in the belfry stripped to the waist, shovelling up a large heap of debris that had been placed there by the workmen. The belfry as a matter of fact was without standing room, but having removed the rubbish to the centre and placed planks over the holes in the floor, a start was made. When ringing had been in progress about an hour, the staircase was filled with children, who must have clambered in through some of the holes. The tenor ringer was able to keep them from entering the ringing chamber with some difficulty, and shortly afterwards gravel and stones were rained at the window of the belfry. But even under these difficulties the peal was successfully brought round.

THE PEAL AT BIRLING, KENT.

Mr. F. W. Richardson writes: With reference to the peal recently rung at Birling, Kent, will you allow me to make a correction to the footnote. The reason I put "first peal on the bells" was that I thought this the best means of getting information, as I searched the Kent County records, and found nothing had been done, and there was nobody at Birling to enlighten me. However, Mr. Geo. Lucas very kindly supplied the long wished-for information. He conducted the first peal on Birling bells, Kent Treble Bob Major, for the Middlesex Association. So the footnote should read: Second peal on the bells, first in the method, and first by this Association on the bells. I wish again to thank Mr. Lucas for the trouble he took in coming to St. John's.

Mr. P. Hodgkin, of Headcorn, also writes to correct the footnote. The first peal on the bells, he says, was on May 19th, 1901, and adds that the first peal in most if not all the eight-bell towers in Kent have been rung years ago. Other correspondents have also written to the same effect.

THE SALOP GUILD.

QUARTERLY MEETING AT MALINSLEE.

On Saturday, a very successful meeting of the Salop Guild was held at Malinslee. Originally, it was intended to go to Berrington, but the bells there were in a bad state, and the Rev. E. Parry kindly invited the Guild to Malinslee. Ringers were present from Shrewsbury, Dawley, and Coalbrookdale, and Bob Minor, Stedman, Grand-sire and Plain Bob Doubles, were rung. Mr. Woodvine, the captain of the local band, collected sufficient funds to entertain the party to an excellent tea, his good wife and other ladies attending to the visitors' wants in the comfortable Parish Hall.

The Rev. E. Parry presided at the business meeting, supported by the Rev. C. B. Crowe, R.D., Vicar of Coalbrookdale. The Secretary intimated that Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett had written explaining that Mr. C. R. Lilley had come to reside in Shrewsbury, and hoped this would be the means of raising the standard of the ringing in the Salop Guild. Mr. Clayton, junr., was elected an hon. member. After tea, some good handbell ringing was done, a course of Grandsire Caters, double-handed, being followed by several courses of Triples. Mr. C. Watts also rang the front four through a course of Grandsire Triples in fine style. The Rev. C. R. Crowe proposed a vote of thanks to the ladies for providing such an excellent tea. Afterwards there was further ringing in the tower. This opportunity is taken of thanking the Rev. E. Parry for the use of the bells, and for helping to make the meeting a success.

PEAL TABLETS UNVEILED AT KENSINGTON.

The ringing of a peal in the metropolis nowadays is such a frequent occurrence that one seldom hears of a peal tablet being erected thereabouts to commemorate such a performance. However, two occasions on which the St. Mary Abbott's Guild of Kensington rang peals were considered of such historical interest that it was decided to have permanent records of them in the belfry. Consequently, the Vicar (the Rev. Prebendary Pennefather), accompanied by Mr. Frederick Leach, I.S.O., churchwarden, and the Rev. H. W. Brown, chaplain to the Guild, together with some twenty-five members, assembled in the tower for the purpose of unveiling two magnificent tablets recording peals rung by members of the Guild on the Coronation days respectively of their Majesties King Edward VII and King George V. After having unveiled the tablets, the Vicar congratulated the ringers on their performances on two such historical occasions, and expressed admiration, which was shared by those present, at the design and workmanship of the boards.

Mr. W. E. Garrard, in thanking the Vicar for his presence, remarked that the peals were first-class performances and were well struck; providing examples to the younger members of the Guild of what could be accomplished through perseverance and regular practice. It was also observed that their dear old friend J. Hayward, the ringer of the treble in the King George peal, whose cheery good nature was sadly missed, was the designer of the tablets, which are made of "Wainscott," polished moulded bases and caps and fluted pilasters and elliptical arched top with panels of mahogany. The work was by the author of both the compositions of the peals, H. Dains, and both the performances were conducted by William E. Garrard, Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal respectively. The arched part of each tablet is adorned with the Royal Coat of Arms, painted in colours, picked out in gold.

MONEY QUICKLY RAISED.

For a long time past the bells of St. Nicolas' Church, Guildford, have been going badly; no peals could be attempted, and it was very difficult to ring the heavy bells; indeed, so bad had they become that it was decided to stop ringing after evening service on Septuagesima Sunday. Notice was given to the Rector and wardens that ringing must cease, and on Sexagesima Sunday the Rector made an eloquent appeal for funds to put the bells in repair, saying it would be a disgrace to him and to the congregation for them to remain silent at the Easter festival, and he hoped the necessary amount (about £76) would be subscribed. Whether it was the Rector's eloquence or the silence of the bells we do not know, but the whole of the money required, and more, was subscribed by the following Tuesday, and the work was immediately put in hand, the estimate of Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, having been accepted. It is hoped the bells will be again rung on Easter day.

ST. PETER'S, COLCHESTER, BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In reference to appeal for funds, re St. Peter's bells, I beg to acknowledge the receipt of following sums, and shall be glad to receive any further donations, for cards already issued: Amount previously acknowledged, £6 10s.; Mr. A. Shufflebotham, Bocking, 1s.; St. Michael's Guild, Braintree, per Mr. C. H. Howard, 10s.; St. Mary-le-Tower Company, Ipswich, per Mr. W. Motts, 7s. 6d.; Messrs. I. and H. Newman, Feering, 4s.; Mr. F. C. Newman, West Ham, 2s.; smaller sums, 7s.; St. Peter's Company, Colchester, £1 1s.; per Mr. G. Burch, 1s.; per Mr. S. Hull, 1s. 6d.; per Mr. H. Evers, 1s. 6d.; total, £9 6s. 6d.—Yours faithfully,
49, Wickham Road, Colchester.

H. T. PYE.

WORCESTER BOB MAJOR.

To the Editor.

Sir,—If Mr. Pigott has not got "Rules and Decisions of the Central Council, 1904," I should advise him to get it and study it carefully. This report is later than the "Glossary," and certain definitions in the "Glossary" are out of date, and have been since 1904, and it is not fair for anyone to send methods to the ringing papers before they have studied the latest works published by the Council on the subject. The method is not Double, and it is not a Court method, neither is it the Double of so-called Yorkshire Court, which cannot be doubled, and is not a Court method. The proof of these statements is in that publication, and so I give no proofs here, as it is not fair to occupy your space with proofs which anyone can obtain for themselves by buying the publication named. Of course, if Mr. Pigott likes to ring illegitimate methods he can do so, just as he is at liberty to ring call changes if he wishes to, but he has no right to occupy your space until he has taken the trouble to learn the rudiments of the subject.

H. LAW JAMES.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Just a word on the above method, which can be seen in Hubbard's "Art of Ringing" (1876 edition) as Double Yorkshire Court Bob, and which in my opinion is the very best method known away from the four Standard methods, viz., Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, and Kent Treble Bob.

Take Double Norwich, for instance, as it is generally supposed to be the most musical method known. We get in every treble lead eight perfect and eight foreign changes, whereas in Double Yorkshire there are twelve perfect and only four foreign changes to every treble lead, making the method 25 per cent. better than Double Norwich for its musical qualities.

Yorkshire is a double method, as all the places are made the same from behind as they are from the front, but still it does not reverse true in itself, and this is the one thing which was forced through the Central Council, and is a defect because some of the very best methods are now called illegitimate. To my idea this method is far more legitimate than Grandsire, as all the changes are true from lead to lead, whereas Grandsire is only true from lead head to lead end.

Birmingham.

JOHN CARTER.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

LAMBERHURST RINGERS' DINNER.

The Lamberhurst, Kent, ringers held their annual dinner recently, when a jovial company, numbering upwards of 40, partook of a sumptuous spread at the George and Dragon Hotel. A smoking concert was afterwards held, under the chairmanship of the esteemed Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Stopford-Gayer), with Col. Delamaine in the vice-chair, supported by Mr. P. A. Simpson and Mr. B. L. Playfoot. After the loyal toast had been honoured, a pianoforte solo by Mr. Wallis, of Goudhurst, was executed in fine style, and was followed by some lively selections on the piccolo by Mr. John Tapp (the tap, a wag remarks, that never freezes).—"The Army, Navy and Reserve Forces" was next proposed by Mr. P. A. Simpson, and responded to by Col. Delamaine, who gave some interesting reminiscences of the Army. A humorous contribution followed by Mr. Turner, whose efforts were loudly applauded, as was also the song, "Mary Ann, she's after me," contributed by Mr. E. Gurr.—The toast of "The Lamberhurst Bell Ringers" was proposed from the chair, and responded to by Mr. W. Marshall and Mr. John Bailey, the latter also giving an old favourite, "They have all got a mate but me," while Mr. F. Gurr afterwards sang a humorous song.

The toast of "The Kent County Association," coupled with the name of Mr. Latter, was given by the Vicar. Messrs. A. Wright and Emptage followed with songs, after which Mr. Latter responded to the toast. He gave some very interesting statistics concerning the Association and ringing in general, and said he should very much like (as would the Lamberhurst ringers) to see two more bells added to the present ring of six, to complete the octave. He was sure, if the Vicar projected the scheme, it would be heartily supported. Messrs. F. Gurr and J. Turner next gave a comical sketch, which was followed by "The village blacksmith," by Mr. Wallis.—The Chairman next proposed "The Visitors," and Mr. P. A. Simpson responded, saying he hoped the Vicar would bear in mind Mr. Latter's remarks concerning the two new bells, and bring the matter forward. He promised it would have his hearty support, and would, he ventured to say, receive the same from other residents in the village, while he was sure the acquisition would be highly appreciated by the bell ringers themselves.

Selections on the handbells followed, and a song, "Mr. Cupid," by Col. Delamaine, was greatly enjoyed.—Votes of thanks to the various artistes for their services, and to the host and hostess, were proposed and carried, and the concluding toasts, "The Chairman," "Vice-Chairman" and "Mr. P. A. Simpson," were accorded musical honours.—An extremely enjoyable evening was spent.

[Reports of other festive meetings are unavoidably held over.]

BARLEY, HERTS.—On Nov. 29th, 1320 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: *W. Peachey 1, H. Horward 2, *S. Horward 3, W. Mansfield 4, R. Horward (conductor) 5. * Longest length.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PENTRE RHONDDA.—On Sunday, January 5th, for morning service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: B. Davies (first quarter-peal) 1, G. Cross 2, H. Page 3, G. Wines 4, W. Page 5, J. Cross 6, T. Page (conductor) 7, S. Weaver 8.—On January 6th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 50 mins.: H. Crabbe 1, G. Cross 2, H. Page (conductor) 3, G. Wines 4, F. Chamberlain 5, W. Page 6, J. Cross 7, T. Page 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all, and first quarter on the bells.

BIRMINGHAM.—On January 12th, for evening service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, 629 Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, J. Porter 2, A. T. Scrivens 3, J. T. Perry (conductor) 4, G. A. Taylor 5, E. Mullins 6, J. B. Collett 7, G. Rastall (Aunsby, Lincs) 8.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.—On Jan. 10th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes): E. Cooper 1, G. B. Black 2, L. Reid 3, R. Black (first quarter-peal, conductor) 4, C. Moore (first quarter-peal) 5.

FULMER, BUCKS.—On January 2nd, on the occasion of the birthday of F. Clarke, one of the local band, 720 of Oxford Bob Minor: J. Clarke (Stoke Poges) 1, G. H. Gutteridge 2, A. Bateman (Stoke Poges) 3, E. Harding 4, J. Walden 5, W. Walden (conductor) 6.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—On January 10th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Pratt 1, H. Batson 2, J. Barrick 3, G. Thompson 4, E. Dannatt 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.

GAINSBOROUGH, Lincs.—On January 8th, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. S. W. Butler (conductor) 1, R. Dawson 2, A. H. Wheeler 3, J. C. Tinker 4, J. T. Ladd 5, W. Dickenson 6, H. Torr 7, S. Wilson 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to Alfred Betts, formerly a ringer at the above church, who passed away at Sturton-le-Steeple, Notts, the home of his parents, on Sunday, January 5th, after only two days' illness, was interred at that place on the 8th. The whole pull and stand was rung at the finish of the quarter-peal.

BISHOPSTOKE, HANTS.—On Wednesday, January 8th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Titcombe 1, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 2, Stubbington 3, W. T. Tucker 4, G. Grant 5. Also three six-scores, with C. Ayliffe 4.

POTTON, BEDS.—On January 5th, for a men's special service, 720 Single Oxford Bob: F. Carter 1, S. Stubbings 2, A. O. Bailey 3, W. H. Mason 4, W. G. Inskip 5, F. Blood (conductor) 6.

WEST EALING.—On January 7th, for a special mission service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Spencer 1, J. Crocker 2, G. Harbour 3, T. Beadle 4, F. Goddard 5, W. Lawrence 6, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 7, C. Edwards 8.

OXTON, BIRKENHEAD.—On Jan. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Owens 1, H. Brocklebank 2, J. Owens 3, R. Birchall 4, W. Hughes 5, J. Evans 6, H. Marten (conductor) 7, S. Mostyn 8. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Mr. Caine to Miss Hall, which took place that day.

GARGRAVE.—Yorks Association.—At St. Andrew Church, on Jan. 19th, for morning service, 1344 of Grandsire Triples: J. Hogg 1, W. H. Birtwhistle 2, J. Langstroth 3, W. Bradley 4, C. Langstroth 5, A. R. Jones (conductor) 6, J. Wane 7, H. Birtwhistle 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Jan. 12th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, J. Luckey 3, F. M. Butler 4, T. Jordan 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. J. Watts 8.—On Jan. 15th, 1152 Oxford Treble Bob Major: W. Watts (conductor) 1, A. Jordan 2, T. J. Watts 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, H. J. Tucker 6, W. T. Prior 7, T. Jordan 8.

SNAITH, YORKSHIRE.—On Jan. 4th, 720 Bob Minor: C. Sandoe 1, C. W. King 2, H. Bullock 3, G. Hodgson (first 720) 4, H. Ludkin 5, J. Bullock (conductor) 6.

LECKHAMSTEAD.—Towcester and District Association.—On Jan. 14th, 720 Doubles (240 Antelope and 480 Grandsire): A. J. Fenemore 1, E. P. Warner 2, W. T. Carter 3, T. Carter 4, L. A. Smith (conductor) 5.

ABBOTTS LEIGH.—Gloucester and Bristol Association.—On Jan. 15th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: G. Bennet 1, W. Frampton 2, J. Thomas (conductor) 3, W. Booth (first 720 inside) 4, E. Frampton 5, L. H. Moore, senr., 6. 360 Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by J. Thomas. Also a course, with J. Thomas ringing 1-2.

BIRMINGHAM.—Midland Counties Association.—For service, at Bishop Ryder's Church, on Sunday evening, Jan. 19th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Coley 1, G. A. Taylor 2, J. Porter 3, J. T. Perry 4, J. B. Collett 5, W. H. Carrod 6, A. T. Scrivens (conductor) 7, T. Pearce 8.

HIGH WYCOMBE, BUCKS.—On Jan. 5th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 1321 Stedman Caters, in 56 mins.: A. F. Ashman 1, G. White 2, W. Phipps 3, P. K. Biggs 4, E. Markham 5, R. Coles 6, J. W. Wilkins (conductor) 7, S. T. Goodchild 8, B. Page 9, A. J. Hoing 10.—On Jan. 6th, 516 Stedman Cinques, the longest touch on 12, by a local company: R. Coles 1, S. F. Goodchild 2, G. F. Williams (conductor) 3, W. Phipps 4, J. W. Wilkins 5, E. Markham 6, F. K. Biggs 7, P. Hayes 8, J. Gransbury 9, G. White 10, B. Page 11, C. Smith 12.

LYMINGTON.—On Jan. 21st, at St. Thomas' Church, 1500 Grandsire Triples, in 54 mins.: E. Kerley 1, E. C. Elliott (conductor) 2, J. E.

Figures 3, S. Clarke 4, H. F. Elliott 5, G. Arnold 6, S. Norris (longest touch on inside bell) 7, A. Ayles 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. S. Clarke.

METHERINGHAM.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch).—On Jan. 14th, 504 Grandsire Triples: F. Dawson 1, W. Green 2, G. H. Cooke 3, F. W. Stokes (conductor) 4, H. Green 5, R. Fincham 6, J. Dawson 7, J. Foster 8. Longest touch of Triples by all except the conductor.

ALDERSHOT.—At St. Michael's Parish Church, on Jan. 19th, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor, being the first 720 of Minor on the bells by all local men, and rung as a farewell to Private J. Hall, who is leaving for service in Egypt, the band wishing him every success: W. Fisher 1, A. Croucher 2, G. Fisher 3, Alf. Croucher 4, W. Fisher, junr., 5, J. Hall (conductor) 6.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 York Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

SOUTH HACKNEY.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, for evensong, at the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney, 1280 Superlative Surprise Major: E. T. Wigg 1, C. T. Coles (conductor) 2, A. J. Neale 3, E. F. Pike 4, W. Pye 5, W. H. Theobald (first quarter-peal in the method) 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble 8.

SHIPSTON-ON-STOW.—On Monday, Jan. 6th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, at St. Edmund's Church: A. Faulkner 1, F. Bird 2, P. Bird 3, W. Faulkner 4, C. Bird (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, H. Bird 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Thursday, Jan. 23rd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: F. Osborne 1, H. Barton (conductor) 2, J. Gillings 3, J. O'Neill 4, E. Goodwin 5, W. E. Ayers 6, J. Larter 7, G. Blowers 8.

OTTERSASH, SURREY.—On Jan. 18th, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed after 2½ hours' good ringing, owing to a violent attack on the belfry door by a neighbour whose wife was unwell. The methods rung were: Cambridge Surprise, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, and 500 of Single Oxford: Bert Webb 1, C. Tricker 2, H. Blackman 3, J. Goacher 4, W. Day 5, F. Bennett 6.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS.—On Jan. 19th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 1440 Bob Major: J. Astley 1, T. Beaver 2, H. Lancaster 3, A. Blackwell 4, F. G. Bradley 5, A. Hartley 6, R. L. Ince 7, E. Gent (conductor) 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Rev. O. de Leyland Baldwin, former Vicar of Leyland, and patron of the parish.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford and the Dudley and District Guild. On Jan. 22nd, an attempt was made to ring Thurstans' four-part peal of Stedman Triples, in honour of the birthday of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Arthur Price), but after ringing 2 hrs. and 50 mins., the bells ran into rounds two blows too soon, owing to a change course in the last few courses: Ben Gough 1, G. Hughes (Wednesbury) 2, Samuel Pearce 3, Albert Little (Wolverhampton) 4, Alfred Rowley (Tipton) 5, Samuel Baker 6, William Fisher (conductor) 7, Richard Dunn 8.—On Sunday morning, Jan. 26th, for Divine service, the local band rang 240 Bob Major, 240 and 210 Darlaston Bob Triples: S. Pearce, A. Baker, L. Barnett, W. Grinsell, B. Gough, S. Baker, W. Fisher (conductor), and R. Dunn. For evening service, three courses of Bob Major, 224 Canterbury Pleasure, and 240 Darlaston Bob Triples, with Joseph Roberts.

LONGDON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Jan. 23rd, for practice at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and St. Dunstan's Doubles, in 40 mins.: R. Pendry (conductor) 1, Bert Newbury 2, E. Godwin 3, Fred Smith 4, W. Pendry 5, G. James 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Jan. 26th, for morning service, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, A. Brooks 3, J. Monk (conductor) 4, G. Brooks 5, T. Bull 6, J. Brooks 7, A. Trinder 8. For evening service, 420 Grandsire Triples: J. Monk, conductor, and E. Brown taking part.

HAMMERSMITH ST. PAUL'S.—On Jan. 26th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Ross 1, E. Cassell 2, H. Stevens 3, R. Mackrill 4, J. Kelley 5, G. Iles 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, P. C. Brooks 8. First quarter-peal in the method by all.

SAWSTON.—On Nov. 2nd, at St. Mary's Church, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal of Double Norwich, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 40 mins.: G. Taylor 1, T. R. Dennis 2, P. Webb 3, B. D. Buttress 4, F. Barker 5, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 6, Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt Drake 7, J. H. R. Freeborn 8. Rung as a farewell to Rev. H. S. T. Richardson.

LANGHAM, ESSEX.—On Nov. 2nd, for evening service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. Denton 1, A. Smith, junr., 2, A. Smith, senr., 3, W. Mead 4, H. Deaves 5, F. Smith (conductor) 6. Also several touches of Bob Minor, with D. Welham and F. Starling taking part.

ROMFORD.—Essex Association.—At St. Edward's Church, for evening service, on Nov. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): G. R. Pye 1, *L. A. Pye 2, E. J. Butler 3, A. Pye 4, *W. A. Pye 5, H. F. Dawkins 6, E. Pye (conductor) 7, W. Watson 8. * First quarter-peal of Stedman.

HEREFORD.—At St. Nicholas' Church, on Nov. 3rd, 720 Grandsire Doubles: *W. Lloyd 1, *C. Jones 2, R. Treherne (conductor) 3, H. Beavan 4, W. Fletcher 5, *H. Palmer 6. * First 720.

WOLLASTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Nov. 3rd, for evening service, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: J. Williams 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, J. Bass 3, C. E. Perkins 4, W. J. Bretherton 5, C. F. White 6.—On Nov. 10th, for morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: J. Williams 1, R. Matthews (conductor) 2, J. Bass 3, C. E. Perkins 4, F. Brace 5, C. F. White 6. Rung as a farewell to C. F. White, who left the district for London with the best wishes of the band for his future welfare.

BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER.—On Sunday, Nov. 3rd, 720 Bob Minor: H. E. Gillett 1, W. E. Stratford 2, C. H. Bird 3, J. Collett 4, F. H. Bird 5, W. Stratford (conductor) 6. F. H. and C. H. Bird hail from Shipston-on-Stour.

HARWELL, BERKS.—On Nov. 12th, 216 and 240 Grandsire Minor: E. Cox 1, W. Hitchman 2, V. R. Hitchman 3, H. C. Mulford 4, G. C. Rice 5, R. G. Rice (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 26th, 360 Grandsire Minor: E. Cox 1, T. Hughes 2, V. R. Hitchman 3, H. C. Mulford 4, R. G. Rice (conductor) 5, W. Hitchman 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Nov. 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, H. Bishop 2, A. Yates 3, W. Napper 4, T. East (conductor) 5, R. G. Rice 6, J. S. Napper 7, W. Warwick 8.—On Nov. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples by the same ringers, conducted by R. G. Rice.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—At St. Margaret's Church, Nov. 17th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, G. Lancaster 4, J. Tuckwell 5, W. G. Lancaster (conductor) 6.—On Nov. 18th, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.—On Nov. 23rd, 720 London Surprise Minor, with T. Moulden treble, rest as before.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On Sunday, Nov. 24th, for morning service, 720 Cambridge Surprise and 144 Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Howell 3, G. Lucas 4, A. W. Groves 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. In the afternoon, 720 Carlisle, and a course of London Surprise: W. Denman, junr., 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Howell 3, A. W. Groves (Heene) 4, J. F. Howell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First attempt at Carlisle and London Surprise by A. W. Groves.

STROUD.—On Nov. 26th, 518 Grandsire Triples: R. W. Watts (longest length) 1, A. F. Cooke 2, E. H. Tribe 3, H. Smith 4, H. Scrivens (conductor) 5, W. J. Faulk 6, W. Hastings 7, W. White 8.

CONGRESBURY.—Bath and Wells Association.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Andrew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 50 mins.: *W. Fisher 1, G. Fisher 2, *E. Standen 3, *W. G. Standen 4, *R. Fisher 5, T. E. Francis 6, G. Chamberlane (conductor) 7, *G. Jones 8. * First quarter-peal of Triples. First quarter-peal of Triples on the bells.

EVESHAM.—Worcestershire Association.—On Nov. 26th, at St. Peter's Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Bob Minor (1260 changes): F. Wits 1, T. Middleton 2, J. Hampton 3, H. Street 4, W. Gisborne 5, J. Hemming (conductor) 6. First quarter-peal of Minor by all the band except the conductor.

EDENBRIDGE.—On Nov. 25th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes), in 52 mins., for a mission service: R. Stone 1, J. Heasman (conductor, first in method) 2, G. Malyan 3, W. Leigh 4, E. Leigh 5, T. Wallis 6, J. Steddy 7, A. Belton 8.

SOUTHORPE, LINCOLNSHIRE.—On Nov. 26th, at the Parish Church, a date touch of Bob Major (1912 changes): R. Oliver 1, N. Short 2, W. A. Miller 3, T. H. Parkin 4, T. E. Smith 5, H. Strickland 6, C. H. Bird 7, G. Vamplew (conductor) 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Nov. 28th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Garnett 1, J. Hall 2, J. W. Holme 3, E. Wimpenny 4, H. Wolstencroft (first quarter-peal with bob bell) 5, H. Palmer 6, W. Wolstencroft (conductor) 7, E. Barton 8.

RUGBY.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On the Eve of St. Andrew's Day, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins. (1260 changes): G. Watson, junr., 1, R. Watson 2, H. O. White 3, A. J. Hessian (conductor) 4, J. B. Fenton 5, J. W. Chandler 6, J. A. Fenton 7, W. Malins 8.

WARGRAVE, BERKS.—At the Parish Church, on Queen Alexandra's birthday, 1260 Grandsire Doubles: W. Elsley 1, P. Elsley 2, A. Guy 3, R. Fuller 4, W. Fuller (conductor) 5, G. Bayliss 6.

UPHAM.—On Nov. 30th, at the Parish Church, 1260 Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins.: C. Stubbington 1, G. Pullinger 2, A. Stubbington 3, W. G. Edwards (conductor) 4, W. Griffin 5, W. Kimber 6. Longest length by all except the conductor.

WICKHAMBREAU, KENT.—On St. Andrew's Day, at St. Andrew's Church, 720 Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, S. White (conductor) 2, F. Jones 3, S. Walter 4, E. Slingsby 5, H. Smith 6.

STURRY, KENT.—On Dec. 1st, for men's service, 720 Kent Treble Bob, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, S. White (conductor) 2, W. Wood 3, F. Jones 4, H. Smith 5, E. Slingsby 6.

NOTICES.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—Quarterly meeting at Walton on Saturday, February 8th, commencing at 4 p.m. Tea in Church Hall at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—G. B. Edser, Honorary Secretary, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society).—The annual general meeting and election of officers will take place on February 8th. The towers of St. Sepulchre's and St. Andrew's, Holborn, E.C., will be open from 4 to 6 p.m. Tea at 6.30 at the King of Denmark, 7d. per head, business meeting to follow. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Walkden, on Saturday, February 8th, at 5 o'clock. Meeting at 7.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at West Derby on Saturday, February 8th. Bells ready at 5.30.—Walter Hughes, Branch Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Milnrow Parish Church on Saturday, February 8th, 1913. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—V. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The annual meeting for the election of officers will be held at St. Alkmund's Church, Derby, on Tuesday, February 11th, at 8.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—W. Wallace, 10, Goodale Road, Derby.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Harlingden, on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. Ballot for order of ringing at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by February 10th.—F. Salmons, Secretary, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913.

Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Rev. G. Hyde Smith in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, by kind invitation of the Rector, to those who let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Wye on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be cheerfully accepted at the meeting by C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British Schools Villas, Tenterden.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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.—The Rev. E. V. Cox has removed to 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

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PRESENTATION AT TRING.

The ringers attached to the Trinity Parish Church have made a presentation to Mr. G. W. T. Smith, who, during his residence at Tring, has acted as hon. instructor. The Vicar (the Rev. H. Francis) handed to Mr. Smith a handsome brass petroleum lamp with incandescent burner, with the hearty thanks of himself and the ringers, and the hope that progress in change ringing might be continued during 1913. —Mr F. Reeve, the foreman, also cordially acknowledged the services of Mr. Smith, who, in reply, thanked the Vicar and ringers for their kindness; and, while expressing his satisfaction with the work already done, urged perseverance in the future.

On January 10th, Mr. Smith left Tring for Sandwich, Kent, and on Sunday, January 5th, a farewell touch of 518 Grandsire Triples was rung by: F. Reeve 1, G. W. T. Smith (conductor) 2, H. Lovell 3, A. Tompkins 4, H. Heley 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville 7, J. Wells 8.

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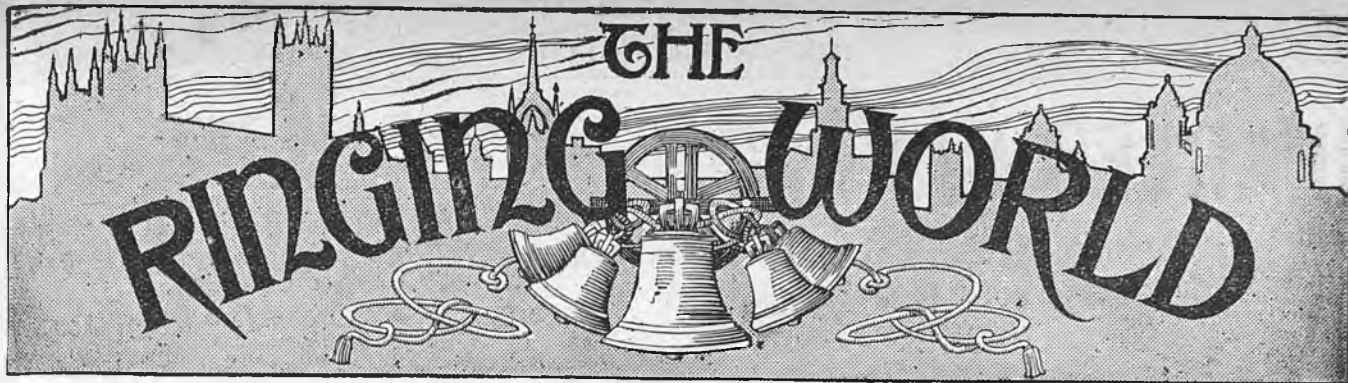
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they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to
judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BEOK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

THE DIVISION OF YORKSHIRE.

In the annual report of the Yorkshire Association, which we published last week, there was an important matter affecting the future welfare of the organisation. The committee are requesting the members to consider the question of the division of the county into districts for administrative purposes, with a view, we take it, to coming to a decision at the next annual meeting. The Yorkshire Association was one of the very earliest of the county organisations to be established, it covers the biggest area, and yet it is one of the last to adopt the divisional system. There may be something to be said for a centralised administration, but we believe its advantages are far outweighed by those of a properly decentralised system.

Many of the best associations owe their present very satisfactory condition to the fact they have split their area into more or less self-contained districts. By this means the ringers are brought into far closer and more active relation. It enables meetings to be held more frequently at the various towers, and members are able to participate in the proceedings, who otherwise for lack of opportunity would lose touch with and interest in the doings of the organisation. In a large county, particularly like Yorkshire, it is only possible to visit the principal centres very occasionally, when but four meetings a year are held, and it may be years before a member in one corner may have the chance of attending such a gathering, unless he has both time and money to spare. He cannot attend the meetings, he knows but little of his association's doings, and consequently his membership becomes a very flimsy thing, which it takes but little to break.

On the other hand, well organised districts bring him into close touch with the association, by means of frequent meetings in his own neighbourhood, and, where, as in the best governed organisations, certain administrative power is given, he becomes far keener upon the work and the progress of his division. Yorkshire, we think, cannot go wrong in taking the suggested step so long as it gives to its subsidiary districts sufficient control over the affairs of those districts to keep the members interested in its management. Many advantages must also accrue from the opportunities which the more frequent meetings give to those who desire to advance in the art of ringing itself. Many a man can trace his progress to the stimulus received at a district meeting, where a word of encouragement or a chance to practice a new method gave him just that impetus that was necessary. We think Yorkshire will be well-advised to go ahead with its division, which will but add strength to its numbers and solidity to its ranks.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt.

HERBERT STANSFIELD ... Treble	*JOSEPH RIDYARD ... 7
HARRY HEAP ... 2	BENJAMIN GILL ... 8
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 3	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 9
TOM WILDE ... 4	*WILLIAM DAVIES ... 10
JONATHAN BROADBENT ... 5	SAMUEL WOOD ... 11
*GEORGE WOODHALL ... 6	BENJAMIN THORP ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

* First peal of Grandsire Cinques. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. Daniel Heap, of Ashton.

TEN BELL PEALS.

NORWICH.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. PETER MANCROFT GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE R. DAY ... Treble	GEORGE P. BURTON ... 6
ALEXANDER POTTER ... 2	HARRY J. BORRETT ... 7
WALTER G. CUTBUSH ... 3	CHARLES W. BULLEN ... 8
FRANK H. PHILLIPS ... 4	JOHN E. BURTON ... 9
CHARLES E. BORRETT ... 5	GEORGE MAYERS ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by JOHN E. BURTON.

* First peal of Bob Royal on the bells.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
At CHARLES' CHURCH

A PEAL OF GRANBSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 23½ cwt., in D.

*FRANCIS PURSE ... Treble	FRANK HOCKADAY ... 6
WALTER H. MARSH ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 7
WARREN HORNBRONK ... 3	GEORGE R. STROUD ... 8
REGINALD A. H. DOBSON ... 4	WILLIAM FORD ... 9
WILLIAM RUNDLE ... 5	WILLIAM RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Francis Purse.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5091 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E flat.

FRANK HOLDER ... Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... 6
JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 2	EDGAR HANCOX ... 7
DR. A. B. CARPENTER ... 3	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... 8
WILLIAM H. JOINER ... 4	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 9
ALFRED CLAYTON ... 5	CHARLES KIPPEN ... Tenor

Composed by EDGAR BENNETT, and
Conducted by FRANK HOLDER.

Messrs. Hancox and Pratt hail from Hillingdon, and were elected members of the Association previous to starting.

LEEDS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

EDWIN BARNETT, Junr. ... Treble	† FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 6
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 2	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
* REGINALD BROUGH ... 3	* EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 8
THOMAS MANNERING ... 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 9
† GEORGE MOORE ... 5	WILLIAM HAIGH ... Tenor

Composed by J. A. TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Royal; also the first peal of Bob Royal by all the band.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

TWERTON-ON-AVON, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(BATH BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

THEODORE GRANT ... Treble	CHARLES W. BELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. PRESCOTT ... 2	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 6
FRANCIS CANNINGS ... 3	† THOMAS F. KING ... 7
HORACE D. TAYLOR ... 4	* JAMES H. MERRETT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. J. PRESCOTT.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. Rung in honour of the birth of a son to the Rev. J. N. Boughton (curate-in-charge of St. Peter's, Twerton) and Mrs. Boughton. It was also a quarterly peal for the district.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER ... Treble	JOHN C. SELF ... 5
STANLEY BONNEY ... 2	HOBART E. SMITH ... 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 7
WILLIAM FLORY ... 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ... Tenor

Composed by the Rev. J. HOLME PILKINGTON, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

Rung in honour of the composer's 27th year as Rector.

EPSOM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

GEORGE A. COOK ... Treble	JOHN CRAWFORD ... 5
ALFRED MANN ... 2	THOMAS TUTTE ... 6
WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 3	RICHARD KENDALL ... 7
* WILLIAM ROBINSON ... 4	ROBERT ETHERINGTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

* First peal in the method.

BATHWICK, BATH.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 21 cwt.

FREDERICK C. RICH ... Treble	HENRY W. BROWN ... 5
THOMAS HOGSFLESH ... 2	HERBERT E. HOLDER ... 6
ALBERT E. ALEXANDER ... 3	RICHARD J. COUSINS ... 7
ALBERT E. SEERS ... 4	CHARLES DENSLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by RICHARD J. COUSINS.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' REVERSED.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JAMES W. WASHBROOK ... Treble	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 5
ALFRED BARNES ... 2	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT ... 6
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
HAROLD JACKSON ... 4	JAMES BARNES ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WASHBROOK.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes, 00

At THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE ... Treble	WILLIAM HEWETT ... 5
FRANK I. HAIRS ... 2	EDWIN F. PIKE ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 3	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 7
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

This is Edwin F. Pike's 50th peal.

CENTENARY PEAL.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(HOLY TRINITY SOCIETY.)

On Friday, February 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lb., in E flat.

* CHARLES N. BURDOCK ... Treble	MAURICE SMITHER ... 5
BERNARD CLARK ... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 6
HENRY HUTTON ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
BEN CHORLEY ... 4	CHARLES WILLSHIRE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES WILLSHIRE.

* First peal of Grandsire. This peal was arranged and rung on the 100th anniversary of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung on the old bells in three hours and eight minutes, and by a remarkable coincidence the centenary peal was rung in exactly the same time. Mr. H. Hutton is a descendant of one of the original ringers.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

WALTER J. BOWDEN ... Treble	EDWARD F. COLE ... 5
JOHN T. KENTISH ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
GEORGE A. CARD ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
GEORGE RADLEY ... 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

GEORGE WHITING ... Treble	ERNEST LANGHAM ... 5
ALBERT FLEMING ... 2	* GEORGE FURNISH ... 6
* GEORGE FLEMING ... 3	SYDNEY PILGRIM ... 7
* GEORGE BENNETT ... 4	WILLIAM LAST ... Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. LAST.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

CHORLEY.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Taylor's Six-Part. Tenor 12½ cwt.

†ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL ... Treble	FRED RIGBY ... 5
HARRY JONES ... 2	WILLIAM H. HUNTER ... 6
JOHN H. GARTSIDE ... 3	†REGINALD L. INCE ... 7
*THOMAS LOFTHOUSE ... 4	†EDWARD GENT ... Tenor

Conducted by W. H. HUNTER.

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

WEST HARTLEPOOL.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION. Tenor 21 cwt.

†WILLIAM LETTY ... Treble	ALEXANDER MACFARLANE ... 5
WILLIAM PILLAR ... 2	SAMPSON T. WRIGHT ... 6
*WILLIAM HOLMES ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 4	†THOMAS LEYBOURNE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

† First peal in the method, and rung at the first attempt. * First peal in the method.

EASTON NESTON, NORTHANTS.
THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION AND
THE CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 10½ cwt.

JAMES SLARKE ... Treble	CHARLES S. FAULKNER ... 5
FRED HOPPER ... 2	GEORGE BASFORD ... 6
*CECIL H. SLARKE ... 3	WILLIAM ROBERTS ... 7
THOMAS LAW ... 4	JOHN FREEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal on eight bells. J. Freeman was elected a member of the Towcester and District Association previous to starting for the peal. After the peal the company were kindly entertained to tea by J. Slarke. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rev. R. C. Collins for the use of the bells.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS ... Treble	FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 5
W. R. JOHN POULSON ... 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
GEORGE LAMBERT ... 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
WILLIAM FAYERS ... 4	THOMAS PRYKE ... Tenor

Composed by the late WM. GARRETT, of Ipswich, and

Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

CHARLES T. COLES ... Treble	WILLIAM PYE ... 5
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 2	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE ... 3	BART. MITCHELL ... 7
ALBERT H. WARD ... 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Messrs. Ward and Mitchell hail from Derby.

MARSHFIELD, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11 cwt.

JOHN W. JONES ... Treble	JOHN BUTLER ... 5
*WILLIAM B. BISS ... 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
JOHN BULLEN ... 3	ARTHUR E. MORGAN ... 7
A. VICTOR MORGAN ... 4	†FREDERICK STANBURY ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MORGAN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Lilian Biss, daughter of the ringer of the 2nd. First peal of Stedman on the bells.

BENNINGTON, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE ... Treble	*JOHN HALE ... 5
ALFRED TALBOT ... 2	GEORGE GRAY ... 6
HERBERT R. GRAY ... 3	JACK WARNER ... 7
*HENRY BOLTER ... 4	WALTER SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED TALBOT.

* First peal. First peal as conductor.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.).

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... Treble	GEORGE ROBERTS ... 5
JOHN JENNINGS ... 2	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
EDWIN STRINGER ... 3	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE PARSONS ... 4	JACOB SEABORN ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

All the band are service ringers, four at the above Church and four at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield. The peal was rung in honour of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Small, of Tipton, Staffs., to whom both bands offer their congratulations and best wishes.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S NO. 33. Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN CARTER ... Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 5
SAMUEL REEVES ... 2	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL ... 3	JAMES E. GROVES ... 7
WILLIAM H. GODDEN ... 4	*HARRY S. SMITH ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman. The above was rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Rock Small.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY ... Treble	JOHN CAPP ... 5
HERBERT RANN ... 2	GEORGE ADES ... 6
WILLIAM C. HART ... 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
HENRY STALHAM ... 4	KEITH HART ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Rann.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 14 cwt.	
JAMES MOTTS	Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
GEORGE E. SYMONDS	2	CHARLES E. FISHER	6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	H. WILLIAM BALDREY	7
ALFRED E. ACFIELD	4	HARRY R. SMITH	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

EASTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

JOSEPH TARRANT	Treble	HOBART E. SMITH	4
GEORGE BERRY	2	WILLIAM BURGESS	5
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*CHARLES BETHEL	Treble	ALFRED TOMKINS	4
HERBERT LAMBERT	2	*RICHARD BETHEL	5
WILLIAM WATKINS	3	WILLIAM QUARTLEY	Tenor

Conducted by A. TOMKINS.

* First peal. First peal by the local band. The ringers wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Green Price) for his kindness in providing refreshments after the peal.

ROYDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE DENT	Treble	ISAAC CAVILL	4
*CHARLES PEACOCK	2	*JOHN CORDELL	5
*WILLIAM DELLER	3	*HARRY SMALE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY SMALE.

* First peal in three methods. † First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor and first attempt.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores.

Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

*SIDNEY B. RICHARDS	Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE	4
FREDERICK J. MARTIN	2	†JAMES MORLEY	5
WILLIAM H. BANKS	3	*HARRY FUNNELL	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. The conductor's first attempt at calling a peal. The peal was rung as a birthday compliment, on the 80th anniversary of the birthday of Mr. J. Burder, who for 33 years has been churchwarden, and for 35 years has read the lessons at the above church. This is the first peal rung by members of the local band (who have all learnt to ring since Easter, 1912) without their instructor, Mr. A. E. Edwards.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTON-ON-THE-HILL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HENRY HARRISON	Treble	JAMES MARTIN	4
JOHN WILKINSON	2	HERBERT H. BARKER	5
JAMES W. BELL	3	*HENRY FYLES	Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. Messrs. Harrison and Bell were elected members before starting. This is the first Surprise peal by the above Guild.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in four different ways. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*C. R. CHAMBERLIN	Treble	*A. WEBB	4
*E. WARNES	2	*H. SPURGEON	5
R. HAINES	3	S. NUNN	Tenor

Conducted by S. NUNN.

* First peal. First peal as conductor by S. Nunn. First peal on the bells by the Wroxham company.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of College Single, four 720's of Oxford Bob, and one each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure.

*WILLIAM A. BOYS	Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS	4
FRANK TURK	2	RICHARD HOPE	5
JIM BEACH	3	EDWIN LAMBERT	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal.

TIBENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Hexham, Surfleet, Berwick, Beverley, London, Wells and York. Tenor 20 cwt.

CLARENCE GOOCH	Treble	FREDERICK MANSEY	4
GEORGE SNELLING	2	JOHN SNELLING	5
BERTIE TURNER	3	FREDERICK SEAGER	Tenor

Conducted by F. MANSEY.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, London, Burton, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN	Treble	ALPHAUS BERRY	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	WILLIAM CLOVER	5
LEONARD LAST	3	WILLIAM ROSE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Rung with the bells half-muffled on the anniversary of the death of the late Major-General the Hon. Arthur Henniker-Major (whose death was greatly lamented throughout the parish), a memorial service having been held during the afternoon.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury, Grandsire, and two of Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 12 cwt.

*SAMUEL I. EATON Treble	WILLIAM RANFORD 4
†ERNEST E. BARBER 2	WILLIAM SHORT 5
REV. J. F. HASTINGS 3	ERNEST GIBBS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor inside. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Harold Gardener and Miss Moore, of Stanford-on-Teme.

BANHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being three 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM MEARS Treble	THOMAS FITZJOHN 4
FRED POULSON 2	CHARLES CARTER 5
FRED BORROWS 3	SYDNEY ANNISON Tenor

Conducted by SYDNEY ANNISON.

First peal known to have been rung on the bells.

BARLEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5160 CHANGES;

In seven methods, consisting of 720 changes each of Plain Bob, Old Doubles, Morning Star, Dream, Oxford Singles, St. Dunstan's and 840 Grandsire. Tenor 8½ cwt.

N. HAYES Treble	W. MANSFIELD 3
H. HOWARD 2	H. SLATER 4
R. HOWARD Tenor	

Conducted by R. HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, whose birthday was the Saturday previous; also as a farewell to H. Howard, a member of the above company, who left the same day for Groombridge. First peal in seven methods by the band.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5-6
CHARLES F. BAILEY 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: F. W. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. M. Bailey.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.
THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 3, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT ALMA VILLA, LONDON ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

In ten methods: i Double Court and Reverse Hereward, ii Hereward and Double Oxford, iii College Single, iv St. Clement's, v Double Bob and Plain Bob, vi Single Court, vii Oxford Bob,

Was tapped by JOHN SEGAR, Junr.

Witnesses: DAVID BLAGG and S. TALLENTS.

This is the first peal that has been tapped in ten methods.

RETTFORD, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF J. SEGAR, Senr., ALMA VILLA,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 7200 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of College Single, St. Clement's, Double Bob, Plain Bob, Single Court, Oxford Bob, Double Court, Reverse Hereward, Hereward and Double Oxford,

Tapped on handbells by JOHN SEGAR, Junr.

Witnesses: G. R. WINTER and G. W. D. METCALFE.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5093 CHANGES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	THOMAS W. RADFORD 7-8
FRANK BLONDELL 9-10	

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on an inside pair.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

JAMES M. BAILEY 1-2	CHARLES F. BAILEY 5-6
ERNEST S. BAILEY 3-4	CHARLES SAMPSON 7-8

Composed by JAMES MOTTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Umpire: E. H. BAILEY.

First peal of Oxford in hand by all.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5040 CHANGES;

GEORGE R. PYE 1-2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD 9-10
ERNEST PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES 11-12

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: W. HEWETT.

First peal of Treble Bob Maximus in hand by all.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 7, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five 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 W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Umpire: W. BARWOOD.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIE ROUGHTON 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE 5-6
HUBERT EDEN 3-4	FRANK T. MARTIN 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: FRANCIS A. SMITH.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4 | REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES ;

* J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8

† FREDERICK BARKER ... 9—10

Composed by REV. H. T. RICHARDSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: G. E. S. FURSDON.

* First peal of Royal away from the tenors. † First peal on ten bells. First peal of Royal as conductor. This is the Guild's 50th peal on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, February 9, 1913, in One Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES ;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4 | * FREDERICK BARKER ... 7—8

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

* First peal of Major in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5076 CHANGES ;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD... 1—2 | MAURICE SMITHER... 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4 | THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

FRANK BLONDELL ... 9—10

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. S. Radford.

In the report of the peal at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, published last week, the name of the ringer of the third was William Holbrooke.

In the peal at Leominster the ringer of the 4th was John W. Jones, of Newport, Mon.

THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I have been requested by the ringers of St. Mary's, Liscard, to protest against the insinuation made by Mr. G. R. Newton in the last issue of "The Ringing World," namely, that Mr. W. Wilcox had said the peal at Wallasey was false, because he (Mr. Wilcox) had been done out of his fees by Mr. Newton giving his services free. Mr. Wilcox has made innumerable visits to this tower, of which I have the honour to be captain, and has never received one penny for his services, and has not even had his train fare paid. The lack of improvement here has been entirely the fault of the local men, who, for the most part, were content to go on in the same old way. Mr. Wilcox has been an ever welcome visitor here, and will be even more so now that Mr. T. Murray has taught us to ring Bob Major, and has enlightened things generally in this part of the world. Whether the Wallasey peal was false or not, ringers who know Mr. Wilcox will not believe that he was moved by a spirit of jealousy or ill-feeling.—Faithfully yours,

13, Wimbledon Street, Liscard.

H. WILLIAMS.

ST. MARY ABBOTS' GUILD.

The annual dinner of the St. Mary Abbots' Guild took place on Friday evening last at the Parish Hall, Vicarage Gate. A company, numbering over 30, including several visitors, was presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. S. E. Pennefather, D.D.), supported by Messrs. Bennett and Garrard.

Letters regretting inability to attend were received from the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, and Messrs. W. T. Cockerill and J. A. Trollope. An excellent repast was served, following which Mr. W. E. Garrard (instructor) gave his annual report, in which he stated that the Guild was in a satisfactory condition, although the past year had not been a very good one. Since their last annual gathering they had lost, by death, a very dear friend and fellow member, Jarrold Hayward, who by his kind, genial, obliging and unassuming manner, had become endeared not only to themselves, but to all ringers by whom he was known. Four other members had left during the year, whilst two honorary and five ordinary members had been elected, making a total of 26 ringers. The Sunday ringing had been the most satisfactory part of the year's work, the quality of the ringing being good, and the attendances of members both regular and punctual. Owing to illness near the church, no practice was possible for over three months, which prevented much progress being made, both in the practice of the more advanced methods, and also in bringing their several probationers to a state of efficiency as ringers. It also had its effect financially, as no steepleage or fines were imposed during that period, and the funds of the Guild suffered in consequence. Only one attempt for a peal at St. Mary Abbots' was possible during the year, this failing after ringing about half-way, owing to a change-course. They were more successful, however, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on April 24th, with a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The other principal performances included seven quarter-peals, consisting of three of Stedman Caters, three of Kent Treble Bob Royal, and one of Double Norwich Caters. The bells at the Parish Church had been rung on 26 occasions during the year for royal birthdays, weddings, etc., being eight less than the preceding year. Two tablets had recently been placed in the belfry, recording the peals rung in honour of the Coronation of His late Majesty King Edward VII and His Majesty King George V. Scarcely anything could be too good to record such historical events as these, and it was indeed gratifying to note that the boards were designed by their late lamented member and friend, Mr. J. Hayward, and executed by Mr. Dains, and were beautiful in the extreme. During the past year the tower had been visited by 53 ringers from various parts of the country, one visitor hailing from Australia.

The Chairman, in expressing his best thanks to the Guild, said they always listened with great interest to Mr. Garrard's reports, which were always marked by extreme modesty. While some members were doubtless disappointed at the cases of illness which prevented their ringing, he was certain that they were ever ready to make the self-sacrifice involved, and none would wish to do otherwise in such a case. He was glad they had a successful year. It was true they had lost a few men in the Guild, but they welcomed the younger members of it, as it was to them they must ultimately look to continue the work. He went on to refer to the two boards which commemorated the Coronations, and trusted it might be a long while before it became necessary to place another in the belfry. He begged to thank Mr. Garrard for all he had done by his kindness and efficient help in conducting and managing the belfry. It was a consolation to know that they had so many members interested in this work. He, therefore, thanked them for their help, and trusted the Guild would continue to flourish under the able guidance of Mr. Garrard (applause).—The Rev. Harold Brown (Chaplain of the Guild) proposed the toast of "The Visitors," which was responded to by Mr. T. Faulkner (Master of the College Youths), who said he noticed with interest the Vicar's remarks with reference to the necessity of care for the younger members of the Guild, and also to the exercise of self-sacrifice on behalf of the sick. He was certain that the objects of the Guild made for true manliness of character, which was a point they must ever impress upon their younger members. He wished every success to the St. Mary Abbots' Guild.

Mr. Daniells, speaking as an old member, congratulated the Guild upon the change ringing accomplished, and expressed his warmest thanks to Mr. Garrard for the efficient manner in which he conducted the ringing.—The Rev. C. S. Durham and Mr. Winney also reciprocated the good wishes on behalf of the visitors.

The remainder of the evening was spent in the usual jovial manner, many taking part in the entertainment which followed, under the presidency of the Rev. H. Brown, and which included handbell ringing, songs, etc.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Walkden, on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Bolton, Tyldesley, Worsley, and Leigh, with some of the local company. Some very good touches of Stedman and Treble Bob were rung.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton.

BEDFORD.—At St. Peter's Church, on Jan. 26th, 720 Cambridge Surprise: W. West 1, J. Cooke 2, C. W. Clarke 3, C. Stapleton 4, W. Stapleton (conductor) 5, A. Robinson 6.

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Stedman Cinquses by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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A. H. MARTIN.J. B. MARTIN.
The late W. V. NEWMAN.

The above photograph is composed of the first eight men to ring 100 peals for the Central Northants Association. To all who achieve this distinction the Association presents a gold medal, and it was arranged that these

eight should attempt a peal. Owing, however, to the illness of the late Mr. W. V. Newman the idea had to be abandoned.

ODD CHANGES.

We live in an age when wonders come thick and fast upon one another. Only a month or two ago we recorded the two peals of Minor, one in three and the other in five methods, tapped by Mr. Segar, of Retford, and marvelled at the performance. Three weeks ago along came Mr. Broyd, of Gestingthorpe, with a peal tapped in seven methods, and now comes Mr. Segar again with two performances that outstrip either of these.

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On the 3rd of February he tapped a peal of 5040, in seven true 720's, made up of ten methods, spliced on the most approved plan, and followed it up two days later by a full 720 of each of the ten methods, making a peal of 7200 changes in all, which was completed in 2 hrs. 43 mins. When is the limit going to be reached? Not yet, we suppose, but really these tapped peals are wonderful.

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A correspondent, writing with regard to the 5040, says the peal had previously been written out, and the bobs and singles were ticked off as they were called by Mr. Segar. The treble was hunted through the peal by Mr. D. Blagg, and the tenor by Mr. S. Tallents, and it was all found exactly correct. The writer extends congratulations to Mr. Broyd upon his wonderful performance in seven methods, and fully agrees that the physical strain of tapping a peal of this kind is tremendous. Mr. Segar's performance is, of course, the first of its kind in ten methods.

While on the subject of handbell peals it is not uninteresting to note that next Tuesday (February 18th) is the anniversary of the first peal of Bob Royal rung "in hand." We are indebted to Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, for the following extract from an old ringing book which belonged to the Bisley (Gloucester) Society of Ringers, and which bears on its title page the date 1677: "February 18th, 1777, was rung at Abingdon upon ten Hand Bells a Complete Peal of 5040 Plain Bob Method in 3 hours and ten minutes by ye five following persons, viz. :—

Thomas Taylor	1—2
Henry Parker	3—4
Jeremiah Wright	5—6
Benjamin Glanville	7—8
Edward Brooks	9—10

It is the first Peal of the kind that ever was rung in this Kingdom."

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The screen erected by the ringers of this country to the memory of the late Rev. F. E. Robinson at Drayton, Berks, was dedicated by the Archdeacon of Berkshire on Saturday, in the presence of members of the family, numerous clergy and ringers.

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Mr. T. H. Taffender has been elected Master of the London County Association, formerly the St. James' Society. It was largely to Mr. Taffender's efforts when filling the office of secretary that the fortunes of the old society were rehabilitated. He succeeds Mr. H. S. Ellis in the mastership.

"W. R." writes: "I don't know how near your paper has been to John O'Groats, but I have had the honour of taking it to Land's End. Working there last summer for about five months, I have read the 'Ringing World' with interest many a time on the rocks by 'the sad sea waves' in that remote spot." We wonder how near the "Ringing World" has been to John O'Groats.

The bells at Petrockstowe, Devon, which have been augmented to six, and the tenor recast, have been dedicated. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Stoke and Son, of Woodbury.

The first peal on the bells at Birling, Kent, was rung in 1891 and not 1901, as mentioned last week.

The centenary peal recorded at Guildford has a good deal of interest. The particulars of the peal of 1813 are to be found on the wall of the belfry in the following terms:—

On the 7th day of February, 1813 was Performed a Peal of Grandsire Triples in ten courses, consisting of 5040 changes (an original of the Late Ingenious Mr. Holt), in three hours and eight minutes, by the following youths of this Town

Viz.:

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| 1 Geo. Hutton | 5 Geo. Aldred |
| 2 Wm. Baldwin | 6 Wm. Mason |
| 3 Wm. Copus | 7 Isc. Wilson |
| 4 Wm. Hutton | 8 Wm. Wrist |

Conducted by W. Baldwin, aged 24.

Mr. Ed. Upton and Mr. Sl. Russell,
Churchwardens.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus on handbells recorded this week is, we believe, only the third in the method that has been rung in hand. It was rung at the first attempt, and after only one practice, when three courses (2016 changes) were rung. The other two peals were rung, one by the Norwich Association, at Diss, in 1889, conducted by Mr. J. Motts, and the other by the College Youths. A peal of Oxford Treble Bob Maximus was rung by a Sheffield band nearly a hundred years ago.

It is not uninteresting to note that with all the twelve bell ringing that has been done by the Middlesex Association in the 16 years of its existence, the peal on handbells recorded this week is only the third of Kent Maximus that the association has recorded, and, curiously, the last two were rung within a week.

SHOREDITCH BELLS RESTORATION.

The bells have been removed to Messrs. Warner's foundry for repairs, and, unfortunately, it has been found that the four smaller bells will have to be recast. Fears have been expressed that when the twelve bells are ringing, it will be impossible to hear the trebles. The harmonic or subsidiary tones overpower the fundamental note; or, to use every-day language, the bells are too heavy; they are choked with metal. It has been decided to have this work done. The trebles (1 and 2) were given to the church in 1823 by the Royal Cumberland Youths, and were cast by Messrs. Mears. The second bell, when it has been recast, will bear the following inscription: "The treble and this bell were given by the Royal Cumberland Youths, 1823." The 3rd and 4th bells were cast by Messrs. Lester and Pack in 1765.

It has been decided to make provision in the new frame work for an extra bell to be placed in the tower if a sufficient sum can be obtained, so as to form a light ring of eight. Thus, if this bell can be added, ringers will have a 13 bell tower in London. It may be recalled that ringers who rang on these bells years ago always complained that the trebles could not be heard.

The new work will cost about £100 more, and subscriptions are earnestly asked for, and should be sent to Mr. H. J. Bradley, Clerk's House, Parish Church, Shoreditch, who will also be glad to supply collecting cards.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see in your last issue Mr. Winney says he is not having a "dig" at the Bristol Surprise record, but is simply correcting what he calls a mis-statement. What mis-statements there are he has made them, as he is trying to convince the Exercise that there were serious trips, which did not occur. He says he was speaking to a friend at six o'clock, when a nasty trip was occurring. This so-called nasty trip was a bell missing a dodge in 3-4 down, and was hardly recognisable. If he calls this a nasty trip, I can understand him saying there was a serious trip at one o'clock, as I take it he would exaggerate as much what he was told as he did what he heard himself. No one ever said that the peal was rung without a mistake; what was said was that it was rung without any serious mistake, which was correct. It would be a difficult job to get eight men to ring a method like this for nearly ten hours without making a mistake; but I question if ever a peal of that length was rung with less, and I doubt very much if ever any long length was rung when the ringing reached a higher standard. I saw several ringers after the peal, some of whom had heard every change, and no one had anything but praise for it. I did not ask Mr. Winney for any praise, neither do I want any unfair criticism, and I hope if he writes again he will confine himself to facts. I challenge him to bring anyone forward who heard any serious trip, and I ask him in future to criticise what he hears himself, and not do it on hearsay. I am not in the habit of doing this myself. If I were, I should have criticised some recent performances in which Mr. Winney took part, as I was told that a muddle started in a peal, in which he was ringing recently, five leads from home, and that the bells were never clear till they came into rounds. He can congratulate himself on being a very fortunate man; he has subjected more than one to a lot of unfair criticism, and has escaped a lot himself which he ought never to have escaped. He may not always be so fortunate. W. PYE.

Dear Sir,—I deny most emphatically Mr. Winney's statement in last week's number, that there was a bad trip at 6 p.m., and a muddle at 1 p.m. Unfortunately, Mr. Winney is like many of the older generation of metropolitan ringers, he is prejudiced against the younger generation, and thinks that they are much inferior to those of his own day. Moreover, he is a much keener critic outside the tower than when he is inside, and consequently a missed dodge becomes a bad trip, and a slight trip is magnified into a muddle. It seems strange that after eight months he should cast aspersions on the performance when at the time he congratulated us upon ringing a "splendid peal." There never was a muddle at 1 p.m., but one man made a slight trip, which was rectified in two or three blows. Mr. Winney admits that he was not there at the time, but accepts and publishes a statement made by others whose names are not mentioned. If Mr. Winney will take the advice of one of the younger generation, he will not attempt to belittle a splendid performance, but will get a band and try to beat our record. I'm sure Mr. Lindoff will oblige with a composition of 17,000 or 18,000 in the method.—Yours, etc.,
BERTRAM PREWETT.

Dear Sir,—I have followed with interest the controversy with regard to the above, and notice that Mr. Winney has modified his original definition to "nasty trips." I listened to the peal for just over seven hours; the "serious trip" at one o'clock only lasted about two whole pulls (if as much as that), and even then the time of the changes was in no way deranged. The remainder of the bells were, in my humble opinion, striking perfectly, just the one ringer who had missed his work being out; this being so, the trip could hardly be termed as "approaching a muddle."

The "nasty trip" at six o'clock, I regret, "escaped my notice," and, therefore, I must reluctantly refrain from comment, but Mr. W. Pye and his band would be well advised to treat all comments of a detrimental nature with the contempt they undoubtedly deserve. I would mention that from 11.45 a.m. until the time when the bells came round, I was near enough to the tower to hear every bell distinctly, and for over five hours of the time was in the Churchyard, timing the changes at intervals. I must say that the regularity and striking of the peal was remarkable for even a five thousand, not to mention its merits for such a length, and judging by the standard which the hearing of Metropolitan peals has raised for me it was excellent.

Perhaps the few ringers who know me will say that my experience does not warrant my remarks, but I am merely stating my opinion, as one who heard most of the peal, for what it is worth, and I am moved to a crude imitation of the bard, who wrote:—

Many went to hear the peal,

(Alas, here comes the rub)

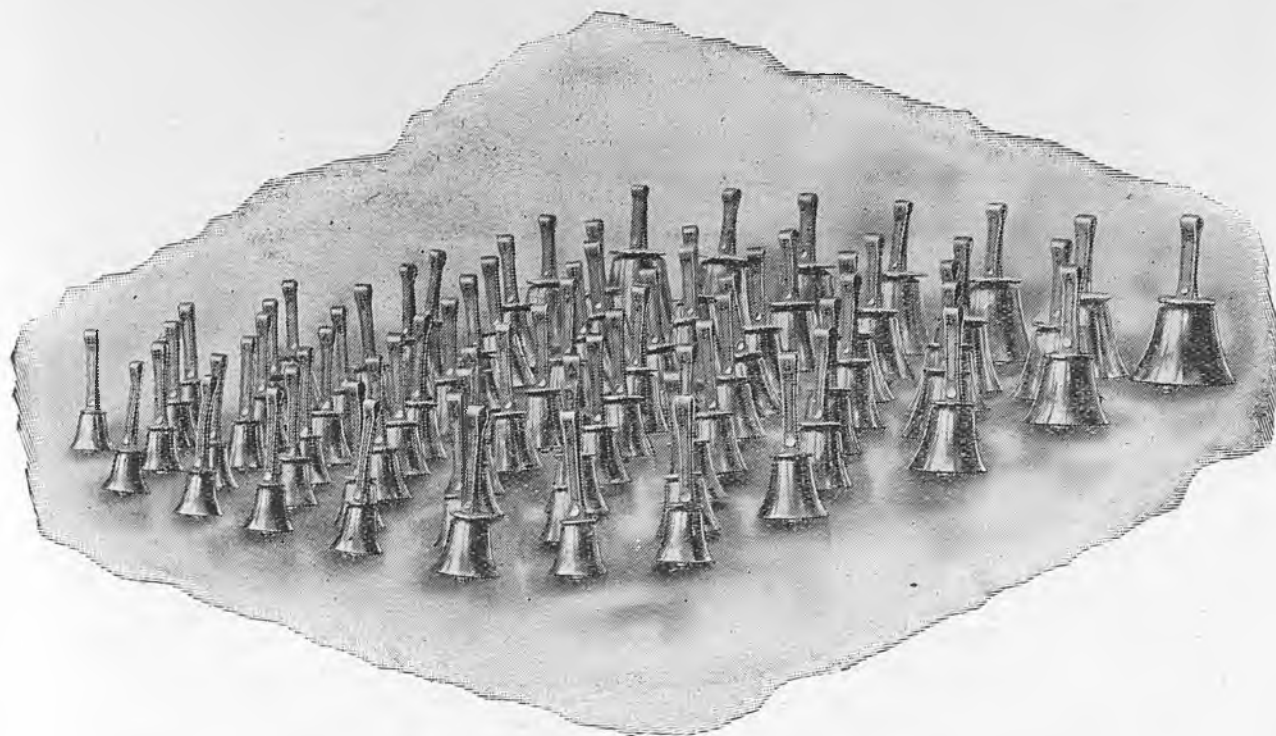
Some listened in the Churchyard

And the others—in the Neighbourhood!

I should think the opinion of Mr. C. T. Coles, who heard as much of the peal as (if not more than) I did, would be interesting, coming from so experienced a ringer.

Finally, a great deal has been said about the "refining influence" that the gentler sex have upon the Art; it is to be regretted that such an influence is necessary, but it undoubtedly is, when one observes such statements in the correspondence columns of the ringing papers as have appeared of late, the majority of which are of no interest to the Exercise generally, and would make a fourth rate politician shudder. Some of these, too, emanate from men at the very top of the tree!—Yours faithfully,
GEO. L. JOYCE.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The Yorktown District held a quarterly meeting at Walton-on-Thames on Saturday last, when the peal of eight at St. Mary's Church was available for ringing, and several touches were rung before tea, to which the company sat down in the Church Hall, the proceedings being presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. Kemp Bussell). Ringers were present from Hersham, Chertsey, Woking, Kingston, Worplesdon, Sunbury and Walton, together with Miss E. L. Bennett (New Cross), Mr. F. Hairs (Clapham), and Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of Cranleigh. After tea, the arrival of the Rural Dean, the Rev. J. H. Townsend (Vicar of Oatlands) was marked by a round of applause. A course of Caters on the handbells was next brought round, and at the business meeting, which followed, the report of the Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd) was presented.—The Rev. J. H. Townsend gave some interesting information as to the progress made with the new peal of bells, which are being hung in Oatlands tower by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons.—Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., said he had just come from Oatlands, and from what he had seen he was certain that everyone would be pleased with the new peal when the work was completed. He assured the Rev. Townsend that a hearty welcome awaited him and his future ringers in the Winchester Diocesan Guild.—In replying to the vote of thanks that was passed, the Rev. Kemp Bussell said he was always pleased to see the Guild at Walton. He expressed a hope that he would be able to do something with regard to the rehanging of the bells later on.—More ringing was then indulged in, and the meeting proved very successful.

CENTRAL NORTANTS ASSOCIATION.

At the quarterly meeting of the Kettering district, at Isham, touches of Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob were rung on the bells before tea, but no ringing was done afterwards, owing to illness near the church. The bells of Burton Latimer were, however, very kindly placed at the disposal of the ringers. After tea, in the School, the business meeting was held, presided over by the general secretary (Mr. F. Wilford), supported by the district secretary (Mr. J. Shatford).—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Rothwell. Several new members were elected.—The Secretary read a letter from the Rector, who was prevented from being present owing to a previous engagement.—Hearty votes of thanks was accorded for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.

WELLINGBOROUGH DISTRICT.

A quarterly meeting of the Wellingborough District was held at Irthlingboro' and touches of London, Bristol, Cambridge, and Superlative Surprise, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Plain Bob Major, Stedman, and Grandsire Triples were rung on this handy ring of eight.—Tea was partaken of in the Schoolroom, about 40 being present.—A short business meeting was held, presided over by the Rev. A. K. Taylor, supported by the two churchwardens.—It was resolved to hold a special meeting at Finedon on March 29th, and the quarterly meeting at Wilby.—The sum of £1 14s. 9d. was collected at the various meetings for the widow of the late Mr. B. Perrett.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells, also to the ladies who provided tea.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CROYDON.

The annual meeting of this Association was held at Croydon on Saturday week, there being representatives from nearly all the towers in the district, including those in the newly-formed Southern area. The new ring of ten at St. Peter's, South Croydon, were in early request, and various touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Treble Bob Royal were rung until five o'clock, when the Rev. Arthur Reeve, the Vicar, conducted a special service, and gave a capital address to the ringers.

Tea followed at St. Peter's Parish Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar and churchwardens for the purpose), and to this some 65 sat down. A short touch on handbells by members and friends, and an address of welcome to Croydon by the Rev. Canon White-Thomson, Rural Dean and Vicar of Croydon, who had to leave early, introduced the members to the business proceedings, which were presided over by the Rev. Arthur Reeve, supported by Mr. Percy Sylvester and Dr. Arthur B. Carpenter (Master of the Association), Messrs. Cyril Johnston (hon. secretary), Hy. Ewins (Southern district secretary), Chas. Dean, and Jas. George (Rugby).

The committee and officers were re-elected, except that Mr. Dean was appointed auditor, in place of Mr. Cowen, and it was decided to ask Mr. Daniels to re-consider his decision to retire from the post of assistant-secretary.—The committee's recommendation as to the places for ensuing meetings was agreed to; Epsom, being chosen for Easter; Egham for the summer meeting, and Streatham for the meeting in the autumn, while Reigate and Redhill were selected for the next annual meeting.

A very hearty vote of thanks, proposed by the Master, and seconded by Mr. J. D. Drewett, was passed to the Vicars and churchwardens for the use of the bells, to which the Rev. Arthur Reeve and Mr. Sylvester responded.

In consequence of illness close to the church, the bells at St. Peter's could only be rung for a short time after the meeting, so that those who had come long distances could hear them, but the bells at the Parish Church were available, and some good touches were rung.

PRESENTATIONS AT LUDLOW.

The Ludlow Guild have been entertained to dinner by the Rector (the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon) and Mr. Robert Marston. The gathering was arranged specially to bid farewell to Messrs. George and G. D. Acton, who were shortly leaving for Canada, and a most enjoyable evening was spent. After dinner was over, the Rector said that they had met there that evening to say good-bye to three of their members, although when the dinner was organised it was to bid farewell to two members only. But since then, their secretary, Mr. F. S. Wilson, had been appointed to another branch of the bank, and so they had unfortunately to lose three of the ringers, which was a great blow to the Guild. Proceeding, the Rector presented to Mr. Geo. Acton a handsome book on the Restoration of Ludlow Church Tower, and to Mr. G. D. Acton a copy of "Among the Bells." In asking them to accept these gifts, he said that they were all extremely sorry to lose their valuable services, and he wished them both every success and happiness in their new work and surroundings, and he hoped that the books would help to remind them of their ringing friends in Ludlow.—The Messrs. Acton, in responding, said they would always value the gifts, and often think of their old friends in Ludlow belfry.—Some good touches of Grandsire were rung on handbells.

On the following Monday, a special meeting of the Ludlow Guild was held to appoint a new secretary and treasurer in the place of Mr. F. S. Wilson, who was shortly leaving Ludlow for Tewkesbury.—After the business meeting, the President of the Guild, the Rev. A. E. Lloyd Kenyon, said they could not let Mr. Wilson leave Ludlow without showing him some slight recognition of his services to the Guild for the past four years. He (the speaker) was sure they would have difficulty in finding any one else to replace Mr. Wilson, who had always worked so hard for the well-being of the Guild. He also wished Mr. Wilson, on behalf of all present, every success and happiness in his new sphere of work, and asked him to accept a little present as a mark of their great appreciation of his services.—The gift consisted of a large and beautiful picture of St. Lawrence's Church, Ludlow, handsomely framed, bearing upon it a small brass plate engraved as follows: "Presented to Mr. F. S. Wilson from the Ludlow Guild of Change Ringers, January, 1913."

Mr. Wilson, in accepting the gift, thanked the Rector and the ringers for their handsome present and good wishes, and said he should always value it and look back with pleasure to the many happy hours spent among them in Ludlow belfry. He was glad to know that what little he had done was so much appreciated.—A vote of thanks was proposed to the Rector for presiding.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

The third quarterly meeting of the year was held at Whitwick, and was well attended by members from Ashby-de-la-Zouch, Burton, Derby, Loughborough, Leicester, Hugglescote, Hinckley, Newhall, and other places. Ringing was in progress on the eight bells of the Parish Church from about three o'clock, among the methods rung being: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Treble Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative Major.—At the general meeting which followed tea in the Schoolroom, the Vice-President (Mr. J. W. Taylor) took the chair, and was supported by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, of Bardon Hill; Mr. W. C. Wakley, hon. treasurer, and others.—The auditors, Messrs. E. D. Taylor and C. Draper, were unanimously re-elected, on the proposition of Mr. H. Wakley, seconded by Mr. H. Powdrill.—The Vice-President reviewed the peals rung during the last quarter of 1912. They numbered, he said, 56, making a total for the year of 172. The 56 peals included Cambridge, Superlative, and Norfolk Surprise, and, on six and five bells, peals in seven and ten methods of Minor, and one in eight methods of Doubles.—Three life members and 27 ringing members were elected.—Mr. Draper proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the incumbent of Whitwick (the Rev. J. W. A. Mackenzie) for the use of the bells and schoolroom, and also to the Whitwick ringers for so kindly making the arrangements for the tea and meeting.—This was seconded by Mr. H. Wakley, and carried unanimously.—A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the meeting.

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY, RUGBY.

At the eighteenth annual meeting of the St. Andrew's Society, Rugby, over which the Rev. O. M. Blagden presided, the balance sheet for the past year was presented by the hon. secretary (Mr. H. O. White) and accepted. Mr. Fenton, senr., was re-elected Ringing Master. Mr. Chandler was elected hon. secretary and treasurer, and Messrs. R. Watson, W. Malins, and H. O. White were appointed to serve on the committee. Mr. Hessian was elected Deputy Ringing Master and hon. auditor.—Mr. Fenton, in the course of a few remarks, said the society had had a very successful year, having rung three complete peals, one of which was the 500th by Mr. James George, who was one of the society's oldest and most prominent members. The peal was rung at Mr. George's invitation at South Wigston. Mr. George was probably the only man in the Midland Counties to ring that number of peals, and the society was very proud to have on its membership roll such a fine exponent of the Art.—Mr. W. Brooke (churchwarden) thanked the officers and members for their loyal services during the past year.—A vote of thanks to the President for presiding terminated the meeting.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

SOUTHBROOM RINGERS ENTERTAINED.

The ringers connected with St. James' Church, Southbroom, together with the clergy, were invited to spend an evening at "Avalon," on a recent evening, as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Brownlee West. Both the host and hostess take a deep interest in ringing, and, in addition to taking his place in the tower at Southbroom and instructing the "recruits," Mr. West discharges with enthusiasm and success the duties of honorary secretary to the Devizes branch of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild. The ringers assembled to the number of about a dozen, and were accompanied by the curate (the Rev. Evelyn Smith).—The Vicar (Canon Gardiner) was unable to be present.—After being well treated at the tea table, the guests passed a pleasant musical evening, with, of course, a variation in the way of what ringing was available, Mr., Mrs. and Miss West ringing 120 changes on the handbells.—Towards the close of the proceedings, Mr. and Mrs. West were cordially thanked for their hospitality, Mr. A. E. Pike being the spokesman of the party.

WROXHAM RINGERS' NEW YEAR'S SUPPER.

By the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Green, the Wroxham company had their annual New Year's supper just recently, and, as usual, a highly enjoyable evening was spent. Tune ringing upon handbells is a modern feature of Wroxham handbell displays, and the efficient manner in which the selections were played immensely delighted the host and hostess. A pleasing variety was given to the ringing by double-handed change ringing on 12, and on six bells in Minor methods, whilst the songs rendered by Mr. F. Hall and Mr. R. Chamberlin greatly added to the pleasure of the proceedings. The ringers present numbered ten, including Messrs. H. Spurgeon (captain), S. Nunn (conductor), R. Haines, E. Warnes, E. Nunn, J. Ives, A. Webb, F. Hall, C. Kidd and C. R. Chamberlin, and they desire to thank most heartily the host and hostess for their unsparing kindnesses in this and many past years.

With C. Kidd 1, E. Warnes 2, C. R. Chamberlin 3, A. Webb 4, H. Spurgeon 5, S. Nunn (conductor) 6, the Wroxham Sunday change ringers were successful in accomplishing a date touch on Tuesday, January 14th, in honour of the current year. The bells were pulled off at the back stroke to fit in the odd changes, and the efficient manner in which the bells were struck, speaks highly of the untiring efforts of the conductor. We hope soon to be able to report a 5040.

GOOLE.

On a recent Monday the members of the Goole Parish Church Guild were entertained to dinner at the Sydney Hotel by the Vicar and churchwardens. An excellent dinner was provided by Host Heptonstall. Afterwards, a short business meeting was held, at which the officers were elected for the year. The Vicar appointed the Rev. W. Lawson-Smith and Mr. J. Swinger as additional vice-presidents. A smoking concert followed, an excellent programme having been arranged. Most of the ringers made their debut as vocalists, and some musical talent was unearthed which will be heard more of in the future.—During the evening, a hearty vote of thanks was given with musical honours to the Vicar and churchwardens for their kindness.

The Vicar, in responding, alluded to the work of the ringers, and asked them not to forget that bell ringing was Church work, and that they should try and do that work as reverently as possible. He said that the object of the dinner, which was to be an annual event, was to bring ringers and clergy together, so they might know each other better.—Other speeches followed, and were interspersed with songs, banjo solos, pianoforte solos and tunes and changes on the handbells, which brought to a close a most enjoyable evening.—H.L.

SWAINSWICK.

A pleasant evening was spent by the Swainswick company recently, when by the kindness of the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Franklin), a supper was partaken of at the Rectory, which was much enjoyed by all. Afterwards the annual business meeting was held, the Rector presiding. The tower master's report showed that good progress was being made.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for his kindness and also for the use of the bells for peal attempts was carried unanimously.—The Rector replying, said that it was a great pleasure to meet the ringers there, and expressed his regret that the two attempts for a local peal came to grief.

HODDESDON.

On Monday week, the St. Paul's Society had their annual dinner and social at the Salisbury Arms Hotel, about 20 sitting down to a sumptuous repast, presided over by the President (the Rev. P. E. S. Hill), who was supported by the Rev. T. Walton (curate), Mr. J. Dew (churchwarden), Mr. Dawson, Mr. Jackson, etc. The loyal toasts having been honoured, the toast of the evening, "Success to the St. Paul's Society," was proposed by Mr. J. Dew, coupled with it being the name of the Master (Mr. J. Puppelt), who suitably responded.—Messrs. Christie and Co. were thanked for their ready response to the fund for new ropes.—A number of songs were sung, interspersed with selections on handbells and the gramophone, and a pleasant evening was spent.—Mr. S. Knight, the hon. secretary, was thanked for the way he had managed the details.

ST. ANDREW'S, RUGBY.

The ringing members of the St. Andrew's Society were the guests of their President and Mrs. Blagden, at the Rectory recently. After supper, the loyal toast having been duly honoured, the Rector proposed "Long Life and Prosperity to St. Andrew's Society, and to the ringing members." In the course of a few remarks, the Rector said how very thankful both Mrs. Blagden and himself felt the day that they arrived at their new home to hear the beautiful bells ringing out a hearty welcome. The Rector added that he would like to take the opportunity of congratulating the ringers that took part in the peal.—The Ringing Master (Mr. J. B. Fenton), on behalf of the ringing members, expressed their sincere thanks for the kind hospitality extended to them. The ringers were all very pleased to meet the new Rector and Mrs. Blagden, and hoped they would be spared to live amongst them for many years to come.—Mr. Fenton then proposed "The Health of the Rector and Mrs. Blagden," and in a few well-chosen words, wished them "Long Life, Much Happiness, and Good Health," and hoped they would find Rugby and its surroundings as interesting as their last home, namely, Oxford.—The Rector suitably replied, and then an adjournment was made to the study, where some sixteen or seventeen "volcanos" were soon issuing forth not lava, but smoke. Courses of Grandsire Caters and Triples were rung, and tune playing also took place upon handbells that were skilfully manipulated by Messrs. Fenton, Malins, Chandler, George, Hessian, and White. A quick six in Stedman Triples is not to be compared with the pace at which this very enjoyable evening slipped away.

GLOSSOP ASSOCIATION.

The annual dinner of the Glossop Association was a great success. It was attended by a numerous gathering of local ringers, augmented by visitors from Manchester.—After dinner, the Vicar of Whitfield (the Rev. W. M. Martin-Ellis, M.A.) offered his encouragement and best wishes to the Association for their work throughout the year. He wished it were possible for the Association to include the whole of the Deanery.—Subsequently the chair was occupied by the Vicar of Glossop (the Rev. C. Dudley Hart), who referred to the work of the Association, remarking that it would be a great pity if bell ringing were ever divorced from the Church itself. Their work was not simply an exhibition of change ringing, nor simply a question of endurance, but it was a duty that carried with it important responsibilities. If ringing were to become an art and nothing else, it would be absolutely useless. Bells were only useful for one purpose, and if they divorced them from the real use of the church, then they became a farce.—After the loyal toast, "The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Mr. W. Marsden, who remarked that the Association was formed at a time when it was felt that the art was getting a bit neglected in the district, and since its formation the Association had brought ringers into closer relationship with the church, and with each other than for some years past.—Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, responded.—Mr. Jesse Nield submitted the toast of the Vicars and church officials, and to this the Rev. H. Lawrence (Vicar of Dinting) replied.—Mr. F. Morris gave the toast of "Success to the Association." He said the Association was going to be of service in a very important work of the church's many and valuable activities, and he wished it every prosperity. He threw out the suggestion that they should have a service at their annual gathering.—Mr. J. Buckley, the secretary, suitably responded, and said the suggestion made by Mr. Morris would be borne in mind, and brought forward at the earliest opportunity.—A most enjoyable musical programme was carried out, the handbell ringing being not the least appreciated items.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

A most successful practice meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association was held at Bishopwearmouth (Sunderland) on Saturday week, when ringers were present from Jarrow, South Shields, and the three Sunderland towers. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire and Stedman; and, in nearly every case, at least one of the bands scored a first touch.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions towards the cost of recasting the cracked bell: W. and N., £5; H. E. N., £3; A. H. F. B., £1 1s.; W. C. P., £1 1s.; F. S., £1 1s.; C. W. O. J., 10s.; T. E. B., 2s. 6d.; J. H. S., 2s. 6d.; O. W. L., 2s. 6d.; the Meopham band, 7s. 6d.; the St. Bololph's band (Lincoln), 4s. 6d.; Portea Parish Church band, 3s. 6d.; Selby Abbey band, 4s. 6d.

Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Before responding to your appeal in this matter, some of your readers would like to be assured that the misfortune was due neither to "clocking" the tenor bell, nor to neglect in having her "quarter-turned" when the sound bow was getting worn. I hope that the Long Stanton Church authorities can give this assurance.

St. Albans, Feb. 7th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE KENT ASSOCIATION.**ANNUAL MEETING OF TONBRIDGE DISTRICT.**

The annual meeting of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association held at Edenbridge, was attended by upwards of 50 members from Chiddingstone, Cowden, Hadlow, Hever, Horsmonden, Lamberhurst, Limpsfield Chart (Surrey), Penshurst, Seal Chart, Shipbourne, Speldhurst, Staplehurst, Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, and the local members. At the committee meeting 14 new members were elected, and places for the district meetings for the ensuing year were suggested for approval at the general meeting.

A special service was held in church, at which the organist and choir very kindly gave their services. The Association's special form of service was used, and the Vicar gave an excellent address, taking his text from Colossians iii, 23-24.

After service, the members adjourned to the Oddfellows' Hall for tea. The Vicar presided, supported by the Rev. F. L. Schreiber, Vicar of Shipbourne.

At the general meeting which followed, the District Secretary (Mr. W. Latter) read his annual report, in which he said that the ringers at two six-bell towers, Cowden and Kilndown, had joined during the year, making 19 towers, with a total of 168 practising members in union, being a net increase of 26 members on the preceding year; 38 new practising members had joined, and three new hon. members. Four district meetings were held at Chiddingstone, Staplehurst, Seal Chart, and Penshurst. As a result of holding a meeting at Penshurst, the ringers of that church had joined that day. Instruction in change ringing had been given to the Cowden ringers with very good results. Members of the district had taken part in 24 peals.

The report was considered highly satisfactory.—Mr. Latter was re-elected hon. district secretary, with thanks for his past services, and Mr. G. Edwards, of Chiddingstone, was unanimously re-elected District Representative on the Central Committee.

It was decided that the spring meeting should be held at Sevenoaks or Tonbridge, the summer meeting at Brencley or Lamberhurst, the autumn meeting at Horsmonden, and the next annual meeting at Tunbridge Wells.

The balance sheet showed receipts £23 2s. 8d., expenditure £10 3s., balance remitted to central secretary, £12 19s. 8d.

Votes of thanks to the Vicar (who became an hon. member), for the use of the bells, for arranging the service, and for presiding at the meeting; to Mr. Weaver, the organist, and the choir, for their assistance at the service; and to Mr. J. Steddy and the other local ringers for making the arrangements, were carried, to which the gentlemen referred to replied, concluded the meeting, and the members adjourned to the tower, where the bells were kept going until 9 o'clock.

During the day two peal boards which record the first peals of Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples on the bells were formally unveiled.

DEATH OF AN OLD SHEFFIELD RINGER.

At the ripe age of 74, Mr. Richard Collier, of Ranmoor, Sheffield, passed away on Sunday, February 2nd. For a great number of years he was a martyr to rheumatism, and during the past 15 years had been practically crippled by it, indeed, the wonder is that he so long defied time, and that cheerfully.

Mr. Collier first came in contact with ringing on the peal of five at the church within the precincts of the Hall, at Islam, in Staffordshire, where he was in residence as gardener. Coming to Sheffield later, first to Kenwood Hall and then to Ranmoor College shortly before the building of Ranmoor Church, he had a great deal to say in regard to putting up the present peal in 1879. Being one of the original band at Ranmoor, and the only one of them to "stick," the writer took care that his connection was severed only by death. Although his peal ringing consisted only of covering some four peals of Grandsire Triples, nevertheless, when he was in health his love for the bells and enthusiasm in the welfare of the ringers would not be a low standard if practised by all the ringers of the present day. During the early '60's he was connected with the Dove Valley (Derbyshire) Rifle Volunteers (Ashbourne Co.) where he won the esteem of his comrades, as a suitably inscribed presentation watch, of which he was the proud possessor, testified.

The funeral took place at Fulwood on Thursday week, when the coffin, in accordance with the deceased's request, was borne to the grave by four ringers who afterwards rang a course of Grandsire Triples over the grave, viz.: J. Evinson 1—2, S. Thomas 3—4, J. Mulligan 5—6, J. Dixon 7—8. Ringers were present from all the four churches in Sheffield, and among the floral tributes was a large and handsome wreath from the Ranmoor ringers. During the evening muffled touches were rung on the tower bells, including a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, by: S. Thomas, J. Atkin, J. E. L. Cockey, L. Charlesworth, J. Mulligan, J. Evinson, W. S. Plant and C. Haynes. Messrs. Smithson (All Saints), Allen (Ranmoor), Dixon (Norfolk Row) also took part in the ringing.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 12th, 1260 Grandsire Triples: J. Whiting 1, J. Harding 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, W. Holloway 5, A. Creasey 6, J. Harris (conductor) 7, G. Cooper 8.—On Jan. 21st, 312 Stedman Triples: J. Whiting 1, A. Collins 2, S. Thomas 3, J. Wheeler 4, C. H. Harriman (Loughborough) 5, A. Creasey 6, J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

NOTICES.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. James, Harlingden, on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary, 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Padiham on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting and 6-bell contest will be held at Mytholmroyd on Saturday, February 15th, 1913. 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.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on February 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Rev. G. Hyde Smith in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, by kind invitation of the Rector, to those who let me know by Tuesday, February 18th.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Hon. Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be cheerfully accepted at the meeting by C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British Schools Villas, Tenterden.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Cranleigh, on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Bells (8) available 3 p.m. Service, the Rector will address the ringers, 5 p.m. Tea in the schoolroom, chairman, W. Welch, Esq., C.A., J.P., 5.45. Tea tickets, members 6d., visitors 1s. Subscriptions are now due and should be paid at or before the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 5.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Will all members kindly make it convenient to be present.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, February 25th, 1913. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Secretary, Bletchley.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, 6d. each. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

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SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The February meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held at Barnsley on Saturday week, and proved very successful. Between 30 and 40 members were present, from Barnsley, Beighton, Bolsterstone, Ecclesfield, Hoyland Swaine, North Wingfield, Ranmoor, Rotherham and Wath. Some good ringing was accomplished in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob Major. The six-bell ringers present obtained a good practice in some of the Major methods, and the local company in Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major.

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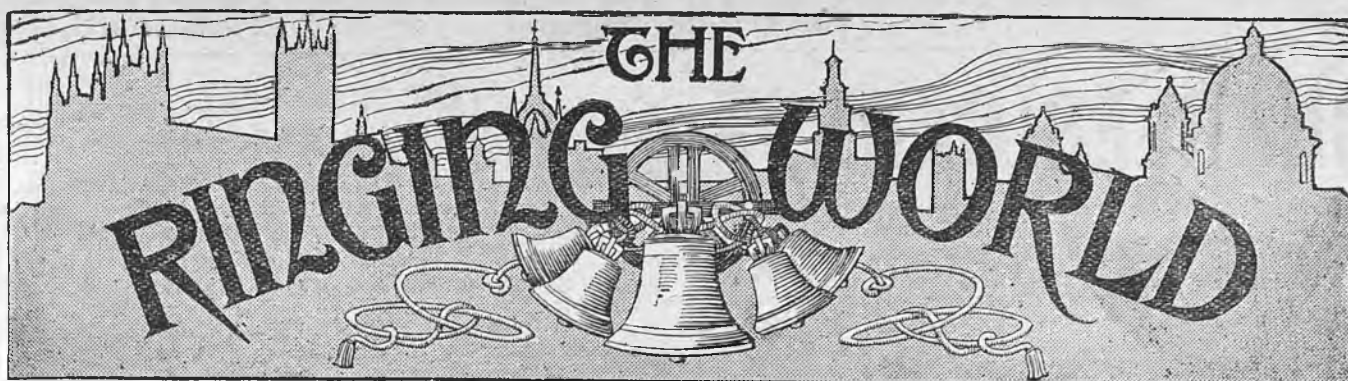
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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

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

MODERN WORK.

THE ROBINSON MEMORIAL.

To perpetuate the memory of the late Rev. Francis Edward Robinson a handsomely carved oak screen now stands in Drayton Church. Its dedication completes the work which was undertaken by those who desired to place on record in tangible fashion the love, the esteem and the admiration which they had, during his life time, for a man who probably did more than any other individual to raise the status of the ringer, and the memory of whose unflagging interest in the Exercise, indomitable spirit in face of difficulties, and wonderful prowess in the Art will ever be cherished. The screen at Drayton, and the tablet recently erected in the cloisters at Oxford Cathedral, are the ringers' tribute to the "Grand Old Man" of the Exercise. In all respects, as the Archdeacon of Berkshire pointed out, the memorial is a most fitting one. That it should be erected in Drayton Church, the scene for over 30 years of his earnest ministrations as parish priest, as well as the venue of many of his most interesting campanological feats, was perhaps only natural. The form was certainly well chosen, and the only possible tinge of regret is that the funds were not sufficiently large to permit of carrying out the original and larger scheme, which embraced a chancel screen. But as far as funds allowed, the belfry screen is doubtless what the late lamented Vicar would himself have chosen, for with his own skilful hands he had done much to beautify the interior of the church by decorating it with ornate carving. A sum of just over £200 was subscribed for the memorial, and the belfry screen has cost about £130. The remainder, after paying sundry contingent expenses, and providing the tablet in the Cathedral, will be devoted to such purposes as the committee may consider wise.

In the life of the Rev. Francis Edward Robinson there was to be found much that ringers may do well to follow as an example. He lifted the duty of ringing to the highest plane; steadfastness of purpose and readiness to give a helping hand to others were characteristic traits. A good deal of his ringing was done in days when peals were not as plentiful as he lived to see them become, and if in later years his arrangements were frequently carried out with some ease, the earlier peals were a much greater task. But his perseverance enabled him to create a great record, and his devotedness to the Exercise made his name a household word during his lifetime. It will remain perpetuated as an inspiration to coming generations by the screen which the ringers of England, as a mark of their esteem, have erected in Drayton Church.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;
Tenor 22 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM G. ANKER Treble	† THOMAS BLOORE 6
WILLIAM J. MEERS 2	JOHN JENNINGS 7
WILLIAM H. JONES 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CORRIGAN 4	BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM 9
* GEORGE GARRISON 5	CHARLES ALLEN Tenor

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

* First peal on ten bells. † First peal in the method. G. Garrison and T. Bloore were elected members previous to starting. This is T. Bloore and B. Leedham's 25th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, February 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-PORT,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

S. DAY Treble	G. VICKERY 5
C. H. PERRY 2	F. COOPER 6
S. ABRAHAMS 3	F. G. LEAKER 7
R. LEAKER 4	T. ABRAHAMS Tenor

Conducted by F. G. LEAKER.

First peal as conductor.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. THOMAS' GUILD.
On Saturday, February 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' ONE-PART.

H. GREEN Treble	G. VICKERY 5
J. BURFORD 2	F. COOPER 6
S. ABRAHAMS 3	F. G. LEAKER 7
R. LEAKER 4	T. ABRAHAMS Tenor
	W. ABRAHAMS

Conducted by F. G. LEAKER.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,
A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

* AMOS COOPER Treble	ALFRED PLANT 5
EDGAR MARLOW 2	THOMAS HILL 6
JAMES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
CHARLES TYLER 4	WILLIAM HILL Tenor

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal in the method away from the tenor. First peal in the method by an entirely local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Cooper and J. Tyler.

LEDGBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,
A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

* W. BRADLEY Treble	J. DANCE 5
T. WILLIAMS 2	W. MANSELL 6
* A. MORRIS 3	T. DAVIS 7
D. OWEN 4	G. MORRIS Tenor

Conducted by T. WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Triples. Rung as a farewell peal to G. Morris, who is leaving the district to reside at Nelson, Lancashire.

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

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS.

MISS SARAH PIGOTT Treble	*HORACE HOWELL 5
GEORGE PIGOTT 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
ERNEST E. BARBER 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
JOSEPH PIGOTT 4	GEORGE F. SWANN Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

* First peal of Stedman. This peal was arranged specially for Messrs. E. Barber and W. Page who hail from Malvern Link and Worcester respectively, and whose best thanks are tendered to J. Pigott for making arrangements, and the rest of the band for attending. They especially experienced great pleasure in ringing a peal with Miss Pigott.

BUNGAY, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.

*THOMAS BECKETT Treble	GEORGE BAXTER 5
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	*CHARLES WOODS 6
HUBERT DAY 3	*HARRY LING 7
ERNEST LINCOLN 4	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Major as conductor. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the wife of the conductor.

HEADCORN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

FREDERICK HODGKIN Treble	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 5
CHARLES TRIBE 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS 6
TOM SAUNDERS 3	JIM BEACH 7
EDWIN LAMBERT 4	PHILIP HODGKIN Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	EDGAR H. BAILEY 5
ERNEST S. BAILEY 2	HARRY BARTON 6
FREDERICK W. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

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COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.
Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. to lbs., in E.

ARTHUR NEWSOME Treble	BERTRAM HEAD 5
JOHN OVERTON 2	WILFRED OVERTON 6
HERBERT KNIGHT 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS 7
HERBERT BAILEY 4	*JOHN GARBETT Tenor

Conducted by WILFRED OVERTON.

Rung to celebrate the 62nd birthday of John Overton.

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THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE YORKSHIRE COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. in F.

WALTER PIGOTT Treble	SAMUEL GROVE 5
JOHN BASS 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
HORACE HOWELL 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
GEORGE F. SWANN 4	JOSEPH PIGOTT Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and
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First peal in the method in the county.

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THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(MACCLESFIELD BRANCH.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

MATTHEWS' TWELVE-PART, No. 2. Tenor 18 cwt.

WILFRED MATTHEWS Treble	MATTHEW DAVENPORT 5
FRANK STONELEY 2	THOMAS MOTTERTHEAD 6
*ARTHUR BURGESS 3	†JOHN MOSS, Senr. 7
ANDREW B. LOMAS 4	†MATTHEW BIRCH Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method. † First peal.

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

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE THE MARTYR, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 7 lbs.

THOMAS WALKER Treble	ROBERT W. GREEN 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 2	ARTHUR H. PALMER 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	ARTHUR D. BARKER 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM 4	FREDERICK J. HARDY Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor and ringers of the 4th and 6th. Rung as a 73rd birthday compliment to the steeple-keeper (G. Woodage).

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 25 cwt.

*WILLIAM LAWES Treble	CHARLES CHILDS 5
THOMAS W. RADFORD 2	FRANK BLONDELL 6
CHARLES HAZELDEN 3	ALFRED H. PULLING 7
*ALLAN BOXALL 4	ROBERT PAMMENT Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. The treble, 4th, 5th and tenor ringers belong to the local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. W. Radford's youngest daughter. F. Blondell's 200th peal.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

JAMES MOORHOUSE Treble	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 5
GEORGE A. JOWETT 2	JOHN T. EASON 6
MARK TATE 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER 7
PERCY J. JOHNSTONE 4	FRED COCKELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE, and
Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

Rung in honour of the birth of a son and heir to the conductor. This composition, an irregular ten-part, is now rung for the first time.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFT DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ILLTYD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	DAVID R. JAMES 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	RICHARD EVANS 6
*JOHN DAVIS 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 7
SIDNEY DAWE 4	JOHN COX Tenor

Composed by W. H. THOMPSON, and
Conducted by JOHN COX.

* First peal. Mr. Davis hails from Cowbridge, and was elected a member before starting. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. K. Pritchard, donor of the bells.

LONG EATON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(BEESTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

NEVILLE WIDDOWSON ... Treble	ARTHUR LOWE 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Junr. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	EDWARD J. BOOT 7
FREDERICK S. PRICE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

First Surprise peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. S. Price and Mr. A. Lowe.

ERITH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	CHARLES T. COLES 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	*REUBEN SANDERS 6
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 3	ERNEST PYE 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung on the 26th anniversary of the treble ringer's first peal.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOKE Treble	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM EASTER 2	JAMES TULETT 6
EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ... 3	WILLIAM HUNT 7
RICKS PAINE 4	WILLIAM HAIGH Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. HAIGH.

First peal on the bells since they have been rehung in a new steel frame, and the 7th and two trebles recast by Mr. A. Howell, of Ipswich. The ringers wish to express their satisfaction at the way the bells go ; it is a credit to the firm.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ... Treble	*CECIL CHARMAN 5
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 2	ALWYN CHARMAN 6
†HORACE CHARMAN 3	THOMAS WORSFOLD 7
HARRY TIDY 4	WILLIAM CHARMAN Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT, and
Conducted by W. CHARMAN.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with an inside bell. It was rung as a birthday compliment to Walter Whittington, son of the ringers of the treble and 2nd.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE J. TAYLOR Treble	*WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 5
*FRED W. TAYLOR 2	*ALFRED FULLICK 6
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY 7
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 4	*HERBERT C. JONES Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman. It is also the first peal of Stedman Triples rung in Shrewsbury. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last token of respect to Captain Scott and party, who perished in the Antarctic.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRAMFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, February 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Consisting of Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's and Morning Star,
Tenor 12 cwt.

*DONALD R. WATTS Treble	AUSTIN LEACH 3
EDWARD CHATTEN 2	WILLIAM WHATLING ... 4
JOHN PUNCHARD Tenor	

Conducted by E. CHATTEN.

* First peal. D. R. Watts hails from Marsham, Norfolk.

SUNDERLAND, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM & NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. IGNATIUS,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 360 each of the following 14 methods in seven true 720's:—
i Lancashire and Stamford, ii Munden and Chester, iii Surfleet and Beverley, iv Canterbury and Newcastle, v York and Durham, vi London and Wells, vii Lightfoot and Wearmouth.

Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM A. CARR Treble	JOHN WALKER 4
JAMES AYERS, Junr. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER 5
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

First peal in 14 methods by all, and rung at the first attempt. It is the first peal in 14 methods in seven 720's by the Association.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

GEORGE FULLER	Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL	4
ALBERT RELFE	2	JIM BEACH	5
HARRY PRICE	3	WALTER MARSHALL ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. MARSHALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 5th and tenor.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise,
Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine,
Kent and Oxford. Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ...	Treble	FREDERICK WHITE	4
ALFRED SOUTH	2	FRED CHALK	5
HAROLD FINCH	3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ...	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D BUCKINGHAM.

KEMPSTON, BEDFORDSHIRE.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Violet, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure,
College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.
Tenor 20 cwt.

HERBERT MORTIMER ...	Treble	HENRY W. GAYTON	4
CHARLES MORTIMER ...	2	PEARL INSKIP	5
LEONARD ORPIN	3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

SHREWSBURY.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CASTLE FOREGATE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob, three 720's of Plain Bob and
one 720 of Grandsire.
Tenor 7 cwt.

WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ...	Treble	WILLIAM J. TAYLOR	4
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ...	2	ALFRED FULLICK	5
GEORGE J. TAYLOR	3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

First peal of Minor by all except the conductor; also first peal on
the bells.

EWHURST, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

†MRS. R. WHITTINGTON ...	Treble	*JOHN LUFF	4
*ALFRED FRANCIS	2	ROBERT WHITTINGTON ...	5
WILLIAM TIDY	3	†WILLIAM DENYER	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM DENYER.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. It is
also the first peal ever rung on the bells by an entirely local band.
Rung as a birthday compliment to Miss Ada Denyer, sister of the con-
ductor, on her 15th birthday; also to Master Albert Tidy, son of the
ringer of the 3rd.

OSWALDTWISTLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Sunday, February 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF IMMANUEL,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

In seven methods, viz. : Canterbury, London, Wells, Durham, York,
Lancashire and Stamford. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN BENTLEY	Treble	ALFRED T. HOULDSWORTH	4
CHARLES SHARPLES	2	JOSEPH RAWCLIFFE	5
JAMES HOULDSWORTH ...	3	WILLIAM RILEY	Tenor

This peal was non-conducted.

Umpires: J. H. BARNES, D. BRIGGS, R. W. ETHERINGTON,
of Bacup.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

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

On Wednesday, January 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. J. LEVITT,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ...	1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT	5—6
WILLIAM W. KEMP	3—4	ALFRED ELY	7—8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and
Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

Umpire: ERNEST HUNT.

CROYDON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. W. CLARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

REEVES' VARIATION OF HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SIDNEY R. ROPER	1—2	WALTER S. WISE	5—6
ACKLAND J. PERKINS ...	3—4	AMOS W. CLARK	7—8

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

Umpire: WALTER G. ROWE.

Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. and Mrs. William Ives; also
to celebrate the 61st birthday of the conductor.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, February 11, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

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

HARRY THORPE	1—2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ...	3—4
SIDNEY PROCTOR	5—6		

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

First peal of Minor in four methods "in hand" by all.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

GEORGE LEWIS	1—2	CLEMENT GLENN	5—6
*RUPERT RICHARDSON ...	3—4	*ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ...	7—8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires: J. ATKINS and J. THORPE.

* First handbell peal in the method. First handbell peal of Sted-
man in Sheffield. This was G. Lewis' 100th peal for the Yorkshire
Association.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
On Thursday, February 13, 1913, in Two Hours,
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 N. J. PITSTOW, and Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.
On Sunday, February 16, 1913, in One Hour and Forty Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being one 720 of Double Bob, two of Kent Treble Bob, and four of Plain Bob.

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ...	1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ...	3—4
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*FREDERICK BARKER ... 5—6

Conducted by FREDERICK BARKER.

* First handbell peal as conductor.

ROBIN HOOD'S BAY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, February 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF G. F. ALEXANDER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's.

ALBERT COATES ...	1—2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ...	3—4
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*FRANK HODGSON ... 5—6

Conducted by GEORGE F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal on handbells and first attempt. Rung on meeting short for Major.

THE RECORD PEAL OF BRISTOL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Thanks for Valentine letters. "Self-Satisfaction," "I remain passive," "seriously," "I trust I am true to my birthright." The trip at seven minutes to six caused my friend to speak in the manner already mentioned. "A missed dodge in 3—4 down, Mr. Pye calls it." When congratulating one of the band, I ventured to name one man, and said I thought it would have been better if he had not been in it. He made no comment. I had a real treat, as Bristol is a very attractive and most fascinating method. I went down expecting to hear the peal rung. I have heard the comments of three of the band since the peal was rung. As those remarks are "privileged," I refrain from repeating them, but two of them confirmed what I tried to imply in my first letter to you, that the remarks should have ended at "good striking."—Thanking you, Sir, yours faithfully,

C. F. WINNEY.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Rochdale branch held their monthly meeting at Milnrow, on Saturday week, when about 30 members were present from: Rochdale Parish, St. Albans, Balderstone, Newhey, Moorside, Glodwick, Oldham Parish, Middleton, Whitworth, and Todmorden towers, and the local band. — The Rev. H. T. Wright presided over the business meeting, when two new members were elected. Todmorden was selected for the next place of meeting. — After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were kept going till 9 o'clock, in Kent Treble Bob Minor and Major, and Grandsire Triples.

A well-attended meeting of the Rossendale Branch was held at Haslingdon on Saturday last, when ringers were present from Ramsbottom, Helmshore, Rawtenstall, and the local company. Some very good touches of Grandsire and Bob Major were rung.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Ramsbottom on March 15th.

THE MAXIMUS RECORD.

On Saturday, an interesting gathering took place in the tower of St. Michael and All Angels' Parish Church, Ashton, the company, which included the Rector (the Rev. F. R. C. Hutton), the Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt, the Rev. A. D. Johnston (clergy of the Church), the wardens, and Mr. Cyril F. Johnston, of Croydon, Mr. James George, of Rugby, the ringers and their wives, having assembled for the purpose of unveiling the tablet to commemorate the record peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus (12,240 changes), rung in the tower on April 17th, 1911. —After a few remarks upon previous accomplishments by the Ashton men, Mr. Daniel Heap, the oldest ringer, invited the Rector to unveil the tablet.—In doing so, the Rector congratulated the ringers on their good performance, and hoped they would be spared in health and strength to achieve a far greater accomplishment.—A vote of thanks was given to the Rector for his presence.

After ringing a short touch of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, the party adjourned to the Stamford Street Cafe, where a first-class dinner was provided. Subsequently the Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt proposed toasts of "The King," and "The Bishop and Clergy of the Diocese," etc.

Pithy speeches were made by the Rev. R. G. F. Wyatt, Mr. Cyril F. Johnston and Mr. James George. Mr. Daniel Hall gave a few interesting incidents from the history of Ashton, concerning the bells and bell ringers.—After singing the National Anthem the party dispersed, having spent a very enjoyable evening. The ringers again ascended the tower, and rang a 500 of Treble Twelve.

SPLICING MINOR METHODS.

This week, we record a peal of Surprise Minor in 14 methods, spliced together in seven true 720's. It was rung at St. Ignatius', Sunderland, and makes a fitting wind-up to peals on six bells at this tower, for the two trebles to complete the octave are now hung, and await dedication on the 23rd inst. This peal, which is only the second of Surprise Minor rung on this plan, is worthy of more than passing notice. Seven true 720's is the best that can be got with six bells, and when more than seven methods are rung there can be no question that the system of splicing, introduced by the Rev. H. Law James, is the ideal fashion in which to ring them. In earlier issues we have indicated one way by which this splicing is carried out, the idea being to put together methods in which the changes in a lead or the plain course are the same.

In the case of the Surprise peal at Sunderland, however, methods like Lancashire and Stamford; Canterbury and Newcastle, etc., have to be coupled on a different plan. These pairs have not the same changes either in a lead or a plain course, but the same changes are to be found in three complementary leads. If one of these leads are rung in one method, the other two must also be rung in the same method; and as these leads are never found together in a plain course, the pairing leads to rather a complicated arrangement.

In the peal at St. Ignatius there were no less than 72 changes of method. The compositions were the usual three part, tenor observation. The first 720 was called In, Out, In, and the remainder W. R. W.

The figures appended show the numbers of the leads rung in the second method in each case:—

Lancashire and Stamford: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 16, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27, 28 and 30.

Munden and Chester: 16 to 30 inclusive.

Surfleet and Beverley: 16 to 30 inclusive.

Canterbury and Newcastle: 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24, 27 and 28.

York and Durham: 3, 4, 8, 9, 13, 14, 18, 19, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 and 29.

London and Wells: 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 22, 23, 27 and 28.

Lightfoot and Wearmouth: 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 24, 25, 29 and 30.

The first peal rung in 14 Surprise methods in seven true 720's was achieved at Tibenham, Norfolk, as recently as the 23rd of last month. On that occasion, the methods coupled were: Cambridge, Surfleet and Beverley, London and Wells, York and Durham, Hexham and Berwick, Annable's, London and Hull, and Bourne and Netherseale. The 5040 was completed by a 720 of Norwich. As that peal was the first on the plan, it would be interesting to have the numbers of the leads in each method, as set out above in the case of the peal at Sunderland.

BATH'S BAN ON BELLS.

In no city in England probably has so much objection been heard to bell ringing as in Bath, where ringers have for years laboured under great difficulties and restrictions. It is pleasing, therefore, to find that at last the clergy are being stirred to look with a more favourable eye upon the practice of the Art. When the Bath branch of the Bath and Wells Association met at the Abbey Church House for their annual meeting, the Secretary (Mr. W. J. Prescott) reported that very fair progress had been made under the existing cramped conditions. The monthly practices had not come up to expectations, but the quarterly peal attempts had been successful, several young hands ringing their first 5,000 on eight bells. The total number of peals rung was ten, an increase of three over 1911. Hope was expressed that the Abbey tenor would be rehung.

Preb. Boyd, who congratulated the members on the satisfactory report, promised that the case of the Abbey tenor should be looked into.—When the Hon. Secretary explained that they had in Bath a lot of bells and a lot of good ringers about, but no towers where they were permitted to attempt peals, the Vicar of St. Mary's, Bathwick, invited the Association to his church for a quarterly peal. He could not conceive that there should be any difficulty about the quarterly peals, if the clergy were properly appealed to. The whole objection to the bells had practically been settled by limiting the time of ringing.—Preb. Boyd said there appeared to be a quietening down of the hostility to so fine a thing as bell ringing. If some of those who criticised bell ringing could realise how much science there was in it, and that it was deserving of all encouragement, they would not persevere in the course they had taken up.—The Vicar of St. Mary's said he did not think much of the apparent hostility was really meant.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Preb. Boyd; vice-chairman, Rev. C. Hyllon Stewart; Hon. secretary and representative on Association Committee, Mr. W. J. Prescott; Quarterly Peal Selection Committee, Messrs. Fussell, Taylor, Hill and King.

Ringer's Golden Wedding.

PRESENTATIONS TO MR. WILLIAM ROCK SMALL AT TIPTON.



MR. W. R. SMALL.



MRS. W. R. SMALL.

The Exercise will congratulate Mr. and Mrs. William Rock Small, of Tipton, Staffs, upon reaching their golden wedding. Last week we recorded two peals rung in honour of the event, Mr. Small himself taking part in the one at Tipton. One of the best-known ringers in the Black Country, few men have done more to raise the moral tone of the belfry, and to advance the Art in that part of England than Mr. Small has done, and on Saturday week at the anniversary of the wedding a large gathering assembled in St. Martin's Schools to do honour to the unique event. The company numbered about eighty, those present including the Vicar (the Rev. W. T. de Vinc, M.A.), the Rev. F. N. Fletcher, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Rock Small, Aldermen J. S. Pritchett (Master of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham), Mr. John Godfrey (Pershore), Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Jones (Blakenhall), Mr. and Mrs. Ben. Gough (Coseley), Mr. and Mrs. Russam, Mr. and Mrs. Davis (Birmingham), Mr. J. and Mrs. Bailey (Ocker Hill), Mr. H. Withers (Bournbrook), Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Dunn, Mr. and Mrs. E. Harris, Mr. J. Smith, and Mr. G. A. Banner (Tipton), Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Groves and Mr. John Carter (Birmingham), Mr. James George (Rugby), Mr. Harry Mason (Old Hill), Mr. Samuel Spittle (Dudley), Mr. Samuel Reeves (Christ Church, West Bromwich), Mr. A. E. Law and Mr. Wm. Fisher (Coseley), and several other local ringers and their wives.

The Vicar expressed the congratulations of Mr. and Mrs. Small's many friends upon the auspicious event, and remarked upon the enthusiasm of Mr. Small as a ringer. He had worked well, he said, all through the archdeaconry for the bell ringing

fraternity. Their towers were now very different from what they used to be in years gone by. There was now a friendly feeling between the congregation and the bell ringers, although the tower was not visited by friends in the congregation so often as they could wish. But, still, there was a feeling that the choir and the bell ringers were on the same footing in helping on the work of God. The ringers not only rang people to church, but they came to church themselves. Such men as Mr. Small had been the means under God in causing a happy change to take place. The Vicar presented Mr. and Mrs. Small with an illuminated address, beautifully framed and worded as follows:—

"To Mr. and Mrs. William Rock Small.

"Dear friends, on the occasion of your golden wedding we, the ringers of the Parish Church, Tipton, and a number of your ringing friends, hereby congratulate you upon this happy event, and ask your acceptance of this illuminated address, together with framed portraits of yourselves. We make this offering as an expression of our sincere appreciation of your unwearying and enthusiastic efforts on behalf of bell ringing not only at the above church, where you have been towerkeeper for about thirty years, but in many other parts of the country. You have been an inspiration to perfect us in this healthy and intellectual branch of church work. We pray that your union may remain long unbroken, and that for many years you may be spared to take a lively interest in the art and science of change ringing, which is so dear to you and ourselves.

"Signed on behalf of the subscribers.—Samuel Spittle, Samuel Reeves, John Smith, Hon. Secretary and Treasurer. February 8th, 1913."

In addition, the Vicar handed to Mr. and Mrs. Small framed portraits of themselves, and a handsomely bound Bible, the latter bearing a suitable inscription.

THE IMPROVEMENT OF RINGERS AND RINGING.

Mr. Wm. Rock Small made a fitting reply. He gave place to no one, he said, in enthusiasm for change ringing, and he had done all he

could to further it. As many were aware, the ringers of the present day and of times past were different classes of men. Through the instrumentality of some who were present that evening they had tried to improve bell ringing and bell ringers, and had been fairly successful. He and his wife had reared a family, and the youngest—a bell ringer—was in the room (applause). He hoped they were a credit to him and their mother. She had been a good wife and a good mother, and a credit to the family. Fifty years ago that day they went to Moxley and got married, and neither had regretted it. They were as happy now as ever they were, and had no cause to regret the day (applause).

Tributes to Mr. Small's worth and enthusiasm were paid by Ald. J. S. Pritchett (King's Norton), on behalf of St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Mr. Samuel Spittle, Mr. Harry Mason, of Old Hill, and Mr. W. H. Godden.—Mr. Mason proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding, to the donors of the tea, and those who had prepared it; likewise to the secretary and treasurer of the presentation fund, Mr. John Smith.—Mr. S. Spittle seconded the motion, which was unanimously carried.

Mr. John Smith, in reply, said that Mr. Small was worth all they had done for him. Forty years ago Mr. Small came to the belfry there and found the ringers with their bottle and pipe, but their friend altered all that kind of thing (applause). The ringers now attended the service. In the belfry there was a record of Mr. Small's enthusiasm. Mr. Small had erected two stone tablets himself, and handed them over to the Vicar and wardens. One was placed in the body of the church, and was the only memorial in Tipton to the late Queen Victoria.

The Vicar also replied.—During the evening, Mr. Spittle sang a specially-composed bell ringing song, the choir rendered glees, Mr. Davies sang, selections were given on handbells by the ringers, and several pieces were played by Mr. Harry Withers on his dulcimer.

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ROMNEY MARSH & DISTRICT GUILD.

The February meeting of the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Stone-in-Oxney, Kent, on Saturday, and although the attendance was rather poor, capital practice was obtained. Ashford, Appledore, New Romney, Rye, and the local tower were represented, and the ringing included a 120 of Stedman Doubles, 720 of Bob Minor, 240 Oxford Treble Bob Minor, a 360 and other touches of Kent Treble Bob Minor; also a course of Grandsire Triples, double-handed on handbells. The conducting was done by Messrs. C. W. Player, H. S. Humphery, G. Billenness and P. H. Pierce, whose name has been associated with ringing for many years in Canterbury and the district. Mr. Pierce is at present residing at Ashford, and if he settles permanently in that town, his services will be cordially welcomed at any meetings of the Guild. It is worthy of mention that Mr. P. Page, of New Romney, rang his first touch of Kent Treble Bob, which method he had never practised previously.

At the business meeting, it was decided to hold the March meeting at New Romney on the third Saturday in the month, and it was resolved to attempt a peal at the same church

PETROCKSTOWE'S BELLS RESTORED.

The bells at Petrockstowe, Devon, with a tenor 8½ cwt. in A, have been rehung by Messrs. Harry Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, and, as recorded in our last issue, the work has given the utmost satisfaction. The poor-toned tenor has been successfully recast, a treble added to make a ring of six, and the musical peal has been rehung in a new iron frame. The original five bells were cast by John Pennington, of Stokeclimsland, four in 1836 and the fifth in 1810, and about a year ago the fittings and frame were found to be in very bad condition. The parish, which boasts of one of the best appointed churches in the district, quickly rallied to the appeal to restore the bells, and they are to be congratulated upon the results of their efforts. Archdeacon Sanders performed the dedication ceremony, and preached a practical sermon, in which he dealt with the history and uses of the bells, and the ringing during the day was taken part in by bands from Bow, Black Torrington, Petrockstowe, Buckland, Filleigh, Shebbear, and Dotton.

FINCHLEY.—On Dec. 8th, 720 Canterbury Pleasure, in 25 mins.: G. Webb 1, W. H. Tubb 2, W. Webb 3, F. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

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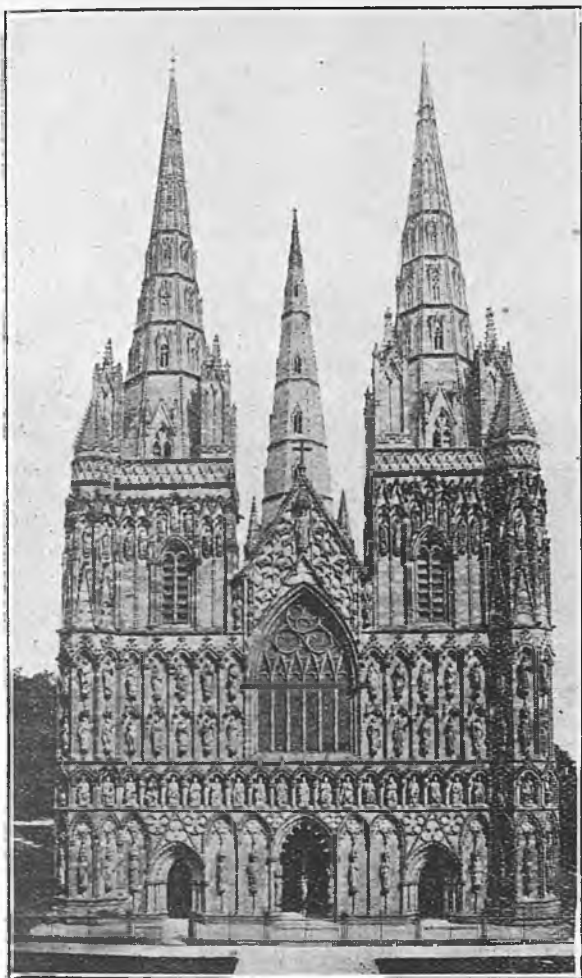
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— LICHFIELD.

By J. R. JERRAM.

An early record states that there was a bell-tower at Lichfield, which was consumed by fire, together with the bells it contained, in 1315; and there are no more records relating to bells till the fifteenth century, when Dean Heywood gave a bell called the "Jesus bell." This bell was destroyed in the wars during the Commonwealth. It is recorded in a MS. in the Bodleian Library, that "one Pickins, a pewterer, on July 26, 1653, knokt in pieces the



LICHFIELD CATHEDRAL.

fair bell called Jesus at Lichfield; he being the chief officer appointed for demolishing that Cathedral."

In 1670 Bishop Hacket contracted for "six bells becoming a Cathedral," three of which were cast before his death, but the tenor only was hung. The peal was completed by his son and executor, Sir Andrew Hacket.

In 1687 the Hacket bells having become "bad and useless," a subscription was raised to replace them by a peal of ten. But the bell-founder, Henry Bagley, used up all the metal provided in casting the back eight, and £80 more was required to complete the peal of ten. The money was, however, made up in some way, and many persons gave trees for the timber of the frame.

Thus the present peal was provided, the tenor of which weighs 28 cwt., and is 54 inches in diameter. The treble, ninth and tenor have since been recast. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

RECAST AT GLOCESTER BY THOMAS RVDHALL

1764

Second.

**CONFLAVIT*ME*HENRICVS*O BAGLEY*ANNO

*O SALVTIS*1688.

Third.

CONFLAVIT ME HENRICVS BAGLEY ANNO SALVTIS 1688. ∇ [arms of the See of Lichfield on the waist below. A cross potent quadrate, with four crosses patee at the four quarters, submounted by a mitre].

Fourth.

[The same as on the second].

Fifth, Sixth, Seventh and Eighth.

[The same as on the second, but with various ornaments between the words].

Ninth.

PROSPERITY TO THE CHVRCH OF ENGLAND

†††CAST BY ABEL RVDHALL†††1758†††

Tenor.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON FECIT 1813

In the central steeple is a small ancient bell known as the "Goe-bell." The inscription consists of an initial cross, a lombardic F and two words apparently in "black letter" alphabet, which are quite illegible. Probably they are the name of some saint in the form of an invocation.

ODD CHANGES.

The following, which appeared in the Barking "Parish Magazine," summarises, about as aptly as anything which we have seen, the art to which we are all so much devoted:—

Wanted.—Half a dozen young Churchmen to take up a useful branch of Church work—namely, the science and art of campanology. Vacancies have occurred in the St. Margaret's Society of Change Ringers. Qualifications necessary: Earnestness, enthusiasm, and energy. Preference will be given to those who are prepared to take up ringing seriously, and to give the greater part of their (spare) time to a study which is more brainy than billiards, more captivating than cricket, more fascinating than football, and more pleasurable than the "pictures." Remuneration: More kicks than ha'pence.

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The Lancashire Association, according to the annual report, has now 1,304 members, compared with 1,263 for the preceding year.

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The Glasbury bell ringing competition shield, which was so kindly presented by Captain A. Glen Kidston on Empire Day, 1912, and won by the St. Peter's ringers, Glasbury, has just come to hand from the makers (Messrs. Elkington and Co., Ltd., Birmingham). The shield will be on view for a fortnight at Mr. A. F. Gwynne's, General Stores, Glasbury, and it is worth while any ringer, or anyone interested, calling and seeing this handsome and unique trophy.

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The sad fate which overtook Captain Scott's party on their return from the South Pole recalls the fact that at Gestingthorpe, in Essex, there is a memorial to Captain Oates, who so nobly walked out to his death in a blizzard, in order to give his companions a better chance to make good their escape.

In his regiment, the Inniskillings, Captain Oates was known as "No-Surrender Oates," on account of the fact that when called upon by the Boers to surrender in the South African War, he replied, "I am here to fight, not to surrender." In honour of this brave man's safe return the tenors at Gestingthorpe were recast by his mother, the fifth bearing in Latin an inscription of which the following is a translation: "In gratitude to God for the safe return with honour of her beloved son, Lawrence E. G. Oates, from the dangers of the war in Africa, C. A. Oates has caused this and the sixth bell, for a long time cracked and useless, to be recast in 1901.

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Before this the bells had been silent since 1832. In 1901 they were rehung by the parishioners. The front four bells are by Miles Graye, 1658 and 1659.

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Ancient peal records are always interesting, and next Thursday will be the 143rd anniversary of a peal of Bob Major at St. James', Bath, the record of which hangs framed in the tower: "On Tuesday, February 27th, 1770, was rung at St. James's in the City of Bath a true peal of Bob Major, consisting of 5040 changes, which was performed in 3 hrs. and 35 mins. by the following persons, viz.: Edward Trueman, James Trimmell, Thomas Tyley, Samson Parsons, John Rose, Philip Warren, Giles Fisher, called the 'Bobs.'" Mr. W. J. Prescott, who sends us this record, adds: "It would be interesting to know if these ringers belonged to Bath or not. Perhaps one of the old society's books could furnish us with the necessary information?"

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Yet another Bailey has taken up ringing at Leiston. Wilfred, the youngest of this remarkable family, rang his first 720 last week, when he took the treble to Bob Minor. He is 14 years of age, and doubtless before many months are up we shall have another peal by the brothers. The 720 was rung by Wilfred W. Bailey 1, E. S. Bailey 2, C. Sampson 3, A. F. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 6.

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The Fulbeck band on February 13th rang 720 of No. 13 of the Plain Hunt Minor given in the Central Council's "Legitimate Methods," and claim to name it "Fulbeck Bob."

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The first non-conducted peal in Lancashire, and probably in the North of England, was rung at Oswaldtwistle on Sunday in seven Surprise Minor methods. The peal was rung by members of the local band as a "farewell" to the six bells which are going to be rehung and two trebles added to make the octave, by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough.

DURHAM & NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

That the experienced ringer is readily helping the learner at the district practices, is evidence of a spirit which should ensure the future success of combined practices in the Northern District.

Already over 30 individual ringers have taken part in the three practices so far held, the last of which was at Benwell (six-bell tower), where fourteen ringers attended. The curate of Benwell was present at the commencement, and the Vicar (the Rev. R. E. Shervell) visited the belfry during the evening.

A somewhat unlooked for result of these practices is the opportunity which they give of bringing the claims of change ringing and the work of the Association before the clergy of the different churches visited. On Saturday, a district practice will be held on the fine new peal of eight (tenor 17 cwt.), at Whitley Bay, at 6 p.m.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

BURTON-ON-TRENT DISTRICT.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held at St. Paul's, Burton-on-Trent, on Saturday week, the following towers being represented: St. Paul's and St. Modwen's, Burton; St. Andrew's, Derby; Lichfield, Grantham, Netherseale, Newhall, Hugglescote and Rolleston. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Double Norwich, Duffield, Superlative Surprise and New Cambridge Surprise Major were rung on the excellent ring of eight, which have just been recast by Messrs. Taylor and Co.

The Chairman of the District (the Rev. J. J. Stockley) presided at the business meeting, which was held in the belfry. One new ringing member was elected, and Newhall was selected as the place of the next meeting to be held on March 1st.—At the conclusion of the meeting, a vote of thanks was accorded the chairman for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

The annual meeting of the district was held in St. Modwen's belfry, on Tuesday week. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the Rev. J. J. Stockley, Mr. W. W. Worthington was voted to the chair. The following officers and committee were elected for the ensuing year: Chairman, the Rev. J. J. Stockley; committee, Messrs. E. I. Stone and H. Hurdman; local secretary, H. Wakley. The following were then nominated as officers of the Association: President, Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart.; vice-president, Mr. John W. Taylor; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. C. Wakley; hon. secretary, Mr. W. E. White.—A vote of thanks to the local secretary for his work in arranging the monthly meetings was carried, on the proposition of Mr. W. W. Worthington, seconded by Mr. G. Bull.—The usual vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close. During the evening, touches of Triples and Major in various methods were rung on the tower bells.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

PROTEST AGAINST ESSEX ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I see by "The Ringing World" it was suggested at a meeting of the Essex Association that, in expectation of St. Mary's bells being augmented to twelve in number, the Association should give one of the new bells, as its reserve funds amount to £100. I, as a member, would like to call the attention of the committee and members generally, before the hard-earned subscriptions, of those who have for a great number of years helped to build up this Association and its funds, are allocated to such a purpose, to the following questions: What has the Association done towards defraying the travelling expenses of members to meetings (officials excluded)? What has become of the question of a Ringers' Benevolent Fund? Who has taken the trouble to locate a poor brother string—and there have been, and still are, no doubt, those who could do with a helping hand? We hear a great deal at meetings of the injustice of the measure for the Disestablishment and Disendowment of the Church in Wales, yet these are the very people who do not scruple to take a large amount of money out of our funds to devote to a purpose for which it was never intended. Let us be consistent. Let the members see to it that these things shall not come to pass. Let them adopt other methods for getting money, whilst there are other calls that should be attended to. Shall we grease the fat sow? Echo answers "No." So let us hope that at the annual meeting at West Ham the members—to use an Hibernianism—will put their foot upon this suggestion with a firm hand!

VERITAS.

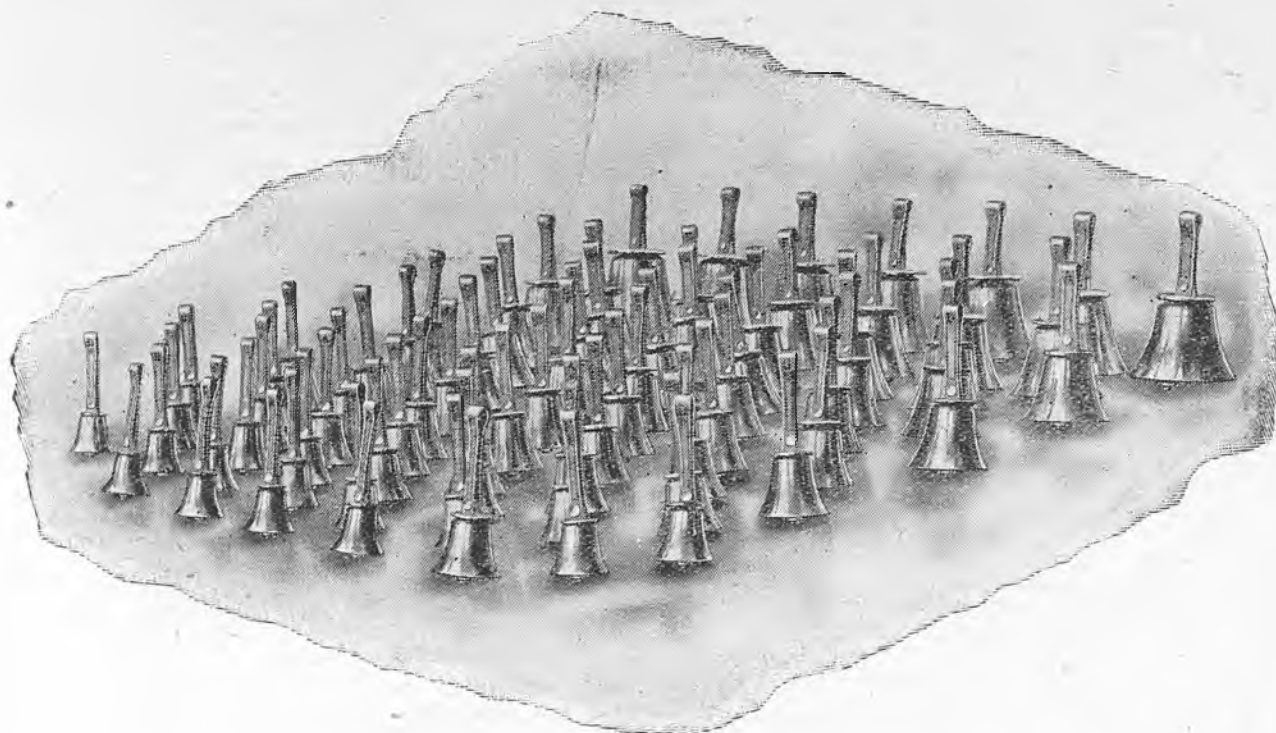
RINGERS' HANDICAP IN DERBY.

The annual meeting of the Derby district of the Midland Counties Association was held at St. Alkmund's Church on Tuesday week. It was pleasant to notice a good attendance, there being about twenty-five present, chiefly from the local towers, and a few representatives from Duffield. After a few touches of Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, and Duffield Major had been brought round, the business meeting was held, the following officers being elected for the ensuing year: Mr. W. Wallace, chairman; Mr. B. Mitchell, hon. secretary; and Messrs. C. Draper and A. Madeley, committee, to represent the district.

Derby boasts of five peals of eight, and one of ten, but only three peals of eight are available for change ringing. The two heaviest peals, All Saints' (ten) and St. Luke's (eight) are very seldom rung on account of their bad condition, and St. Werburgh's (eight) have been silent for some years. Considering the close proximity of houses and shops to the remaining three towers, St. Andrew's, St. Alkmund's and St. Peter's, Derby ringers are somewhat handicapped for peal ringing, but the spirit is there, and, when opportunity occurs, it is generally made use of.

It is a good sign to notice more young men taking up the art of change ringing in Derby, and if they will only stick to it, they will find it good exercise for both body and mind, besides bringing them into closer touch with the Church. One often finds young ringers bashful at asking questions concerning the Art, but they should be encouraged to do so in order to make their studies easier, and confidence goes a long way in change ringing.

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DEDICATION OF SCREEN AT DRAYTON.

The ringers' memorial to that wonderful man and ringer, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, has been dedicated at the Parish Church, at Drayton, Berks, the scene, for a generation, of the labours of one whose name, so far as ringing is concerned, will live as long as the Exercise lasts. During his lifetime, the Rev. F. E. Robinson did much by his own hands to beautify his church, by some handsome carving, and when first the scheme for a memorial was promoted, it was hoped to erect a chancel screen, which he had, during his active life, set his heart upon placing in the church. This, however, was found to be a too ambitious proposal, and a carved oak screen across the belfry arch was, therefore, substituted. It is the gift of the ringers of England, and has been executed by Mr. Reed, of Exeter.

The dedication took place on Saturday week, and was performed by the Archdeacon of Berkshire.

Long before the service, the church, of which the beloved Master of the Oxford Guild was Vicar for nearly 30 years, was crowded with a large number of ringers and friends from all parts of the country. Among the clergy who robed for the service, were: The Ven. the Archdeacon of Berkshire, the Revs. Cyril W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild), G. F. Coleridge, R.D. (Crowthorne), J. H. Sweet Escott (Kingston Baybridge), A. L. Foultes (Steventon), A. P. Hall (Marcham), H. T. Maitland (Abingdon), F. J. C. Chapman (Drayton), E. B. Mackay, J. N. K. Fortescue (Sutton Courtenay), B. Broome (Hurst), H. Jackson (Milton), L. E. Lydekker (Wokingham). The members of the family present were: Mrs. Robinson (widow), Miss Robinson (sister), Miss C. Robinson, the Misses Robinson, Dr. W. E. Robinson, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Robinson. Among the ringers who attended were: Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley, Essex), A. Gregory, H. Gregory, A. J. Gregory, A. R. Kent (Wantage), E. Humfrey, H. Holifield (Abingdon), C. Hounslow (Oxford), G. Brooks, J. Monk (Witney), G. Holifield, senr., G. Holifield, junr., R. White (Appleton), Gardener, Shepherd (Swindon), Lancaster (Stratton St. Margaret's), W. Pole Routh, H. Tucker, A. J. Wright, J. Swain, W. A. Webb, C. Giles, W. Newell (Reading), J. W. Wilkins (High Wycombe), A. E. Lock (Sutton Courtenay), G. Caudwell (Drayton), Miss M. Chillingworth (Bradfield), Messrs. F. W. Woodwards (Chalgrove), J. W. Taylor (Loughborough), S. Paice (Wokingham), A. H. Pulling (Guildford), T. East, W. A. Napper, J. Napper, W. Cox (Hagbourne), F. Webb (Kidlington), and A. E. Reeves (Secretary of the Oxford Diocesan Guild).

The service commenced with the hymn, "O, God, our help, in ages past," and after the special prayers for the occasion, the clergy and choir proceeded to the west end of the church while the hymn, "Let saints on earth in concert sing," was sung. The screen was then dedicated by the Archdeacon, and as the clergy and choir returned to their stalls, a course of Stedman Triples was rung on the bells. Following the hymn, "Angel voices ever singing," the Archdeacon gave an address.

A TRIBUTE OF GRATITUDE AND AFFECTION.

The memorial, which has just been dedicated to the Glory of God in memory of Francis Edward Robinson, he said, possesses an interest and importance which are altogether exceptional, if not unique. Seldom, if ever, has a memorial of the kind been erected in a village church by so wide a circle of friends. This one is erected in memory of the late Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers "by the bell ringers of Britain and his friends." Further, it is not often that a memorial is inspired by such genuine and deep feelings of admiration, of gratitude, and of affection. Nor is it only personal interest, in a unique degree, which belongs to this memorial; it has a very real importance in relation to the life of the Church of England. It testifies to a work accomplished by our friend, the effect of which upon a large section of Churchmen throughout the country will never, we believe, be lost. The truth of this will appear, as we proceed.

And if the interest and importance of the memorial be unique, its appropriateness is certainly striking, in more than one respect. First, as to the place of it. The place chosen for it is the Parish Church of Drayton, where he ministered for 30 years; not any place of public resort, but his retired village church. The choice is significant. It witnesses to the fact that it was here, in the church which was the centre of his deeply religious life, and in the home which meant so much to him, that he received the inspiration week by week and day by day for his great and exacting work. It also may remind us that however busy he might seem to be in promoting the art of bell ringing in the diocese and throughout the land, he never forgot that he was parish priest of Drayton, never neglected any part of his duty to the people committed to his charge. As a friend, who knew him and his work most intimately, recorded at the time of his death, "Few country parishes have been more thoroughly worked than Drayton."

Secondly, as to the form of the memorial—a carved oak screen under the tower, between the nave and the belfry. Nothing would have pleased our friend more, for two reasons. First, it is an ornament of the kind he liked. You remember how much he did, with his own skilful hands, to adorn it with oak carving. The choir stalls,

the organ case, the bench ends, are all his handiwork; and, second, it is in the closest possible connection with the tower and belfry of the church.

NOTABLE RECORDS.

Keen as he was about anything connected with any belfry, none could ever be to him what Drayton belfry was: not even Appleton with its 10 bells, two of which were his gift, and the scene of his greatest feat, a peal of 15,041 Stedman Caters in 9 hrs. 16 mins. For it was his own belfry, and the peals rung there were those which gave him the highest pleasure. Many tablets record them. Among others we may recall to-day, the first peal rung by members of Oxford University; the first clerical peal, all the members of the band being in Holy Orders; the first peals of Double Norwich, London Surprise Major, and other peals conducted by an incumbent on his own bells; a "silent peal" of Stedman Triples, rung by eight expert ringers, no word being spoken, or sign given, during the 5040 changes; and last, but not least, the tablet which chronicles the completion of his own 1,000th peal, a record number. Is it not appropriate, to mark their undying admiration of the gifted comrade who performed these feats and many more, that there should be an ornamental oak screen for his own tower and belfry in Drayton Church? But, there is still deeper significance and appropriateness in this memorial to the late Master of our Guild. It symbolises the religious character of the art of bell ringing, and it commemorates the religious importance of the work which he did for the Church of England. A belfry screen marks the sacredness of the belfry, as does a chancel screen, in a higher degree, the sacredness of the chancel, and it directs attention to the fact that a peal well rung, in a right spirit, is akin to an act of worship. That was the view which, as Vicar and as Master of the Guild, our friend always took, and did all he could to impress upon other ringers. Hence his custom of beginning peals with prayer and ending them with an ascription of praise; hence the two Latin words on the tablets which record his great peals, "Laus Deo," i.e., "Praise be to God." The peals were not only feats of skill, by hand and eye and brain; they rang out God's praise. They were not for self-glorification, they were for the Glory of the God and Saviour Whom he loved and served.

A MORAL AND RELIGIOUS REFORMATION.

This was the secret of the wonderful change which he, with others, effected in the towers and belfries of Britain, and which has given to his work such a truly religious importance. In this diocese in particular, he wrought a change which was nothing less than a moral and religious reformation. Abuses, which were not uncommon in old days, disappeared. Ringers did their ordinary work as a piece of Church work, ranking at least as high as that of choirmen, reverently, and in order. They set themselves to learn the higher and more difficult exercises of their Art in the spirit of the Master of their Guild. How then, may this change be perpetuated, and still further extended among ringers who have not yet come under its influence in the dioceses, or throughout the country? Surely through the personal efforts of those of you who are ringers, or who look forward to being so, and of others who have heard of Francis Edward Robinson as a celebrated ringer, or who know him in his book, "Among the bells." And ringers at Drayton will be helped in this as they pass through his memorial screen into the belfry under this inscription upon it: "Laudatis Dominum in Sanctis Ejus," i.e., "O Praise God in his holiness." Finally let us thank God for all our friend by the grace of God was, as well as for all he was able to do. Let us thank God for his stern sense of duty; for his self-denying, abstemious life; for his strong physique and robustness of health, due, no doubt, in large measure to his abstemiousness; for his indomitable energy and powers of endurance, for his kindness and generosity; above all, for his strong religious faith and devoted service to God and his Church. We end, therefore, as we began, with the note of thanksgiving. For, you will not forget that we began this service with the brief dedication of another ornament for the church, a processional cross presented by two of your Drayton friends to Almighty God as "a thankoffering for his mercy." Let that cross as you look upon it, or see it carried in procession, remind you of the banner under which, as "Christ's faithful soldiers and servants," we are pledged to serve and manfully to fight against sin, the world, and the devil. Let us learn to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, as the sign of our salvation. The pledge and means of the forgiveness of our sins, the power by which we can bear with patience any discipline or trial which God, in His chastening love may lay upon us, after the example of Him by whose cross and passion God grant we may all be brought unto the Glory of His Resurrection.

After the service, the visitors were entertained to tea by Mrs. Robinson.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I am happy to say that my query in your last issue has been satisfactorily answered. The cracking of the tenor (a thin bell by Miles Graye, 1658) was evidently a pure accident; and she had been quarter turned. It is a misfortune that deserves sympathy.—Yours faithfully,

St. Albans, Feb. 17th.

T. L. PAPILLON.

THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is very kind of the St. Mary's, Liscard, ringers, to try to protect Mr. Wilcox from my insinuations, but I don't wish to recede from or retract a single sentence that I wrote in my previous letter.

I have no concern with Mr. Wilcox's relations to St. Mary's, Liscard, nor is theirs a parallel case to what occurred at St. Nicholas', Wallasey, and, moreover, the circumstances are entirely different. Whilst not saying that the primary motive of Mr. Wilcox's quarrel with me is the loss of his fees at Wallasey, I still think, and am not alone in thinking, that many of our troubles and hindrances in progressive change ringing are caused through ringers being over-remunerated for their services.

But to return to the subject that began this correspondence, I want to again affirm, and with emphasis, that our performance was a distinctly good one, and when a man makes himself conspicuously disagreeable by trying to besmirch another band's peal, and takes infinite pains to acquaint the secretary of the Guild, under whose auspices the peal was rung, that it was of a faulty character, he is certainly not actuated by the highest motives.

In conclusion, Sir, if this correspondence does nothing else it may be the means of improving the ringing in this particular locality, which is sadly in need of it. But they must always remember if they are ringing a peal and a trip occurs, they must set their bells immediately, because one never knows who is listening.—Yours faithfully,
LIVERPOOL. GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Dear Sir.—In reply to Mr. G. R. Newton's letter of the 7th, as being one of those unsolicited and infinitesimal persons, I have been asked on three or four occasions to go and assist St. Nicholas' band with no ill-feeling whatever. While, as regards Mr. Wilcox's services, I happened to have been one of the band on two occasions when three of St. Nicholas' band scored their first 720. I also say that three more of that band could ring and handle a bell before Mr. Newton started to teach them. They learned the management of a bell at the Old Parish Church, Wallasey. I am very glad to hear that the Wirral branch has appointed Mr. Wilcox again; it shows the good feeling of the branch for him. Mr. Newton says he has tried to discourage this branch from ringing Grandsire Minor and other worthless six-bell methods. I am aware that the Central Council has condemned Grandsire Minor, why, I do not know, and I do not know what other worthless methods there are, unless Canterbury Pleasure is one of them. If that be so, I have been looking through "The Ringing World" this week, and I see that there are eleven peals on five and six bells, and out of them there are four which have Canterbury in, and five are Doubles, making nine out of eleven. Being one of Mr. Wilcox's pupils, I should like to add that he, also, insists upon good striking, while as regards the toy bells, Mr. Wilcox cannot help there not being a wealth of metal.—Yours, one of those ding-dong monotony ringers,
WALLASEY. H. ROGERS.

Other letters on this matter are unavoidably held over.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

EASTERN COUNTIES BRANCH NAME CHANGED.

A quarterly meeting of the Eastern Counties branch, held at Gedney, was well attended, about 36 sitting down to dinner, which was provided in the Schoolroom, and presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. R. L. Gales).—The Chairman gave the usual toast of "Church and King," after which three new ringing members were elected. Surfleet was selected for the next meeting on the last Saturday in May, instead of on Whit-Monday. — The Treasurer presented the balance sheet for the past year, which was duly passed.—In accordance with notice given, the name of the branch was altered to the Elloe Deanery branch.

A short service was held in the church in the afternoon, when an excellent address was given by the Vicar.—Tea was kindly provided in the Schoolroom by Miss Banks, who worked very hard during the day to make the visitors comfortable.—Votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, etc., and to Miss Banks for her kindness in inviting the members to tea brought to a close one of the most successful meetings ever held by the branch.—During the day the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and Miss Banks rang in two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles.

A VISIT TO BERKSWELL.

Members of the St. Michael's Society, Stoke-in-Coventry, visited Berkswell on Feb. 8th, and on this fine peal of six, by Taylor (tenor, 17 cwt.), rang 720 of Double Oxford: O. J. Hunt 1, J. H. White 2, W. H. Brunsdon 3, W. T. Cox 4, C. Freeman 5, A. Roberts (conductor) 6; and 720 of Oxford Treble Bob, conducted by W. H. Brunsdon, these being the first 720's in these methods on the bells. A 720 of Bob Minor was also rung, with W. Pryce, treble, and conducted by C. Freeman; and 720 by: A. James 1, M. Harris 2, C. Freeman 3, H. Kettle 4, W. T. Cox 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6. The ringers wish, through the medium of this paper, to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. James for having them in readiness.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

SUGGESTED RING OF TEN BELLS FOR BATTLE, SUSSEX.

The Dean of Battle presided at the annual dinner of Battle ringers, which was attended by many well-known townsmen and ringing visitors from Hastings. After the loyal toast had been honoured, "The Clergy and Churchwardens" was submitted, and received with enthusiasm.—Mr. G. Watson, hon. secretary of the Sussex Association, proposed the toast of "The Battle Bell Ringers." Battle, he said, prided itself on its bells, and if he were asked he should say it was one of the three best rings in the county. If one of their local resident princes would like to have his memory perpetuated, he would do well to add two new trebles to the ring of eight, and then Battle would have the finest ring in Sussex (loud applause). The cost would only be about £150, and he hoped his suggestion would fall on fertile ground (applause). He would like to see more peals rung, and paid a high tribute to the services rendered by what he called the old stagers, mentioning Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Franks, who, he said, was one of the enthusiasts in the county in change ringing.

The name of Mr. Franks, the captain of the Battle band, was coupled with the toast, and that gentleman, in reply, said the suggestion thrown out by Mr. Watson to increase their ring to ten bells had made him more enthusiastic than ever. He sincerely hoped to see the ten bells (hear, hear). As to their ringing, they had done much during the past year, and hoped to do more next year. He had been ably assisted in his work by other members of the band. Mr. Franks spoke of the Salehurst ringers in terms of praise, and in conclusion, heartily thanked the subscribers for their excellent support.

Mr. Albion Thorpe, who submitted "The Health of the Dean," was reminiscent, and the Dean, in reply, reviewed some of the work which was being done so ably, but unobtrusively in the parish. Mr. Watson, he continued, had spoken of the grand old bells, and that took them back again in thought. He wished them to have two new bells. Perhaps they would come (loud applause). Let them hope they might (renewed applause). But don't let them forget the old ones. Those old bells had been intimately associated with the religious life of the parish. Generation after generation had rung those bells and called people to the House of God. Yes, and they spoke of somebody else; they spoke of the history of the parish, because in times of rejoicing it was the bells that proclaimed their gladness, and in times of sorrow it was the bells that told of their grief.

Later the Dean vacated the chair, and Mr. Allwork presided for the remainder of a very convivial evening. His health was once more drunk, and also that of Mr. Charles Martin, who the Chairman referred to as one of their best friends. At intervals some capital music was rendered by a glee party (Messrs. E. Cruse, C. Stapley, and C. Stapley, junr.), whilst songs were also given by Messrs. Carter, Thomas and Franks. Mr. Thorpe recited, and Mr. Percy Butler acted as accompanist, in the absence of the organist (Mr. Weller).

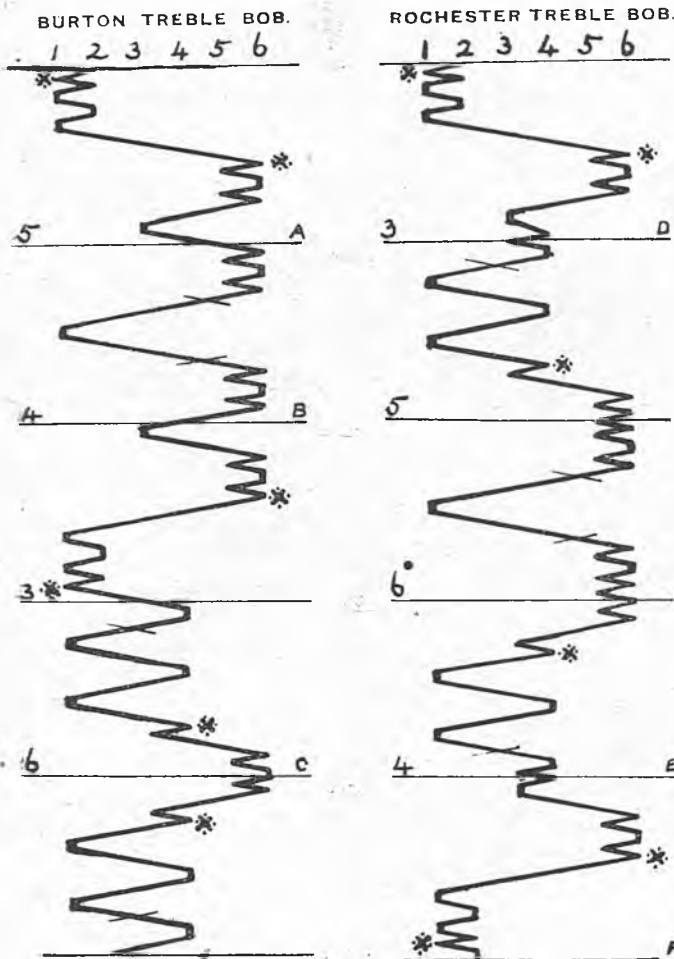
LICHFIELD.

On Wednesday, January 29th, the Lichfield ringers and friends, to the number of 55, sat down to an excellent repast provided by Host Bowdler, of the Maltshovel Hotel. Mr. J. H. Bridgeman (in the unavoidable absence of Councillor H. G. Hall) presided, supported by his co-warden of St. Mary's (Mr. Percy Johnson), Councillor H. Larkin, Messrs. C. Thorneloe, C. W. Fredericks, A. Smith (son of a former Lichfield ringer), S. Smith, W. Smith, A. Dunn, T. Robinson, E. Gallimore, J. H. Gallimore, F. Cope, senr., F. Cope, junr., and others. After the loyal toasts had been honoured, the Chairman, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of "The Lichfield Ringers."—Mr. F. Cope, senr., briefly acknowledged the compliment, and said they were pleased to see amongst them the oldest ringer in Lichfield, Mr. E. Gallimore, who had been a ringer at the Cathedral for 55 years, during 35 of which he had been captain, and only retired 18 months ago, through failing eyesight.—Mr. Gallimore (who, in spite of having well-passed the allotted span, looks hale and hearty), expressed the pleasure it was to be present, and gave a brief resume of the many changes he had witnessed since joining the Cathedral ringers in 1856, mentioning some of the reforms and alterations he had agitated for, and had had the pleasure of seeing carried out in the belfry during his long term of office.—Councillor Hall, who joined the company later in the evening, and received a rousing welcome in proposing the toast of "The Chairman," said he was very much indebted to Mr. Bridgeman for so kindly stepping into the breach. He was bitterly disappointed at being unable to take the chair, owing to a previous engagement, but was delighted to hear that such a pleasant and enjoyable evening had been spent.—Mr. Bridgeman responded.—The artistes were also toasted, on the proposition of Mr. Percy Johnson.—Sir Courtenay Warner, Bart., M.P., Councillor H. G. Hall and Mr. S. Heath kindly contributed to the entertainment fund.

Some capital songs and recitations were given during the evening by Messrs. C. W. Fredericks (principal tenor Lichfield Cathedral), F. Cope, junr. (baritone), A. Morris (alto), W. Smith, C. Thorneloe, W. Hopley, T. Robinson and E. Gallimore; the humorous part of the programme being entrusted to the popular local comedian, Mr. J. W. Waters, who rendered several items in his customary excellent manner. Messrs. Geo. Dawson and A. Myatt were the accompanists. The Lichfield handbell ringers (Mr. F. Cope, senr., the Brothers Cope (4) and R. Phillips) gave some splendid selections on their fine set of handbells. The enjoyment of the evening may be chiefly attributed to the energies of the indefatigable hon. secretary, Mr. F. Cope, junr.

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

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.



THE BOB WORK.

Several correspondents have asked us to give the bob work in connection with these diagrams, and we think this can best be done by explaining the difference which is made in the work. The places affected by the bobs are marked A, B, etc., and in the two methods above the work is affected as follows:—

A. Make 4th's and take up work of 4th. B. Extra dodge down and begin the work of 6th (with another dodge). C. Extra dodge up and begin work of 5th (with another dodge).

D. Make 4th's and take up work of 4th. E. Omit dodge and take up work of 2nd. F. Straight out and take up work of 3rd.

The figures of a lead of the above methods differ only in the back-stroke lead of the treble.

In our diagram of Violet the asterisk for the dodge with the treble in the 4th lead was placed by error, before instead of after the whole pull behind.

SWAINSWICK.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday, Jan. 26th, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 42 mins.: *H. Bond 1, *Miss G. Grant 2, R. J. Cousins 3, S. White 4, T. Grant 5, *J. Burston (conductor) 6. *First quarter-peal in the method. First as conductor.

NOTICES.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The spring meeting will be held at Wickhambreaux and Littlebourne on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Towers opened at 3 p.m. Service at Wickhambreaux at 5 p.m. Tea kindly provided by Rev. G. Hyde Smith in the Village Club Room at 5.30 p.m.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Central Division.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Crawley on Saturday, February 22nd. Tower open 3 till 9. Service 4.15. Tea at 5 o'clock, at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, by kind invitation of the Rector.—A. D. Stone, Divisional Honorary Secretary, 29, Ashton Street, Brighton.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Ashford District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Mersham on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 3 o'clock. Special service at 5 o'clock. An allowance of one penny per mile one way, maximum 2s., will be paid to all members attending. Subscriptions are now due, and will be cheerfully accepted at the meeting by C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British Schools Villas, Tenterden.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Whitefield on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells available at 5.30. Meeting at 7.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—The annual meeting will be held at Luton on Saturday, February 22nd, 1913. Bells available from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m. Will all members kindly make it convenient to be present.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bedford District.—The annual meeting of the above district will be held at Sharnbrook on Saturday, February 22nd. Bells (six) at 3.30 p.m. Tea, 6d. each, at 5.30 p.m.—John W. Barker.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 25th. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturday evenings. St. Magnus 7.30, the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the new church of St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. The outward train service from Preston is inconvenient, but a motor bus service runs between Chorley and Coppull every hour from 12 noon. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD. — North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Secretary, Bletchley.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next monthly meeting of this society will be held at Doncaster on Saturday, March 1st, Parish Church of St. George, 8 bells, tenor 30 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8.30 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. All members intending to be present for tea must notify me not later than Tuesday, February 25th, 1913. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's, Deritend (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 1st. Bells read at 3 o'clock.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, 6d. each. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. The committee meet at Todmorden on the same day. — J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Thomas, Milnthorpe, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 8th, 1913. Bells (six) available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Short service in the church at 7 p.m.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

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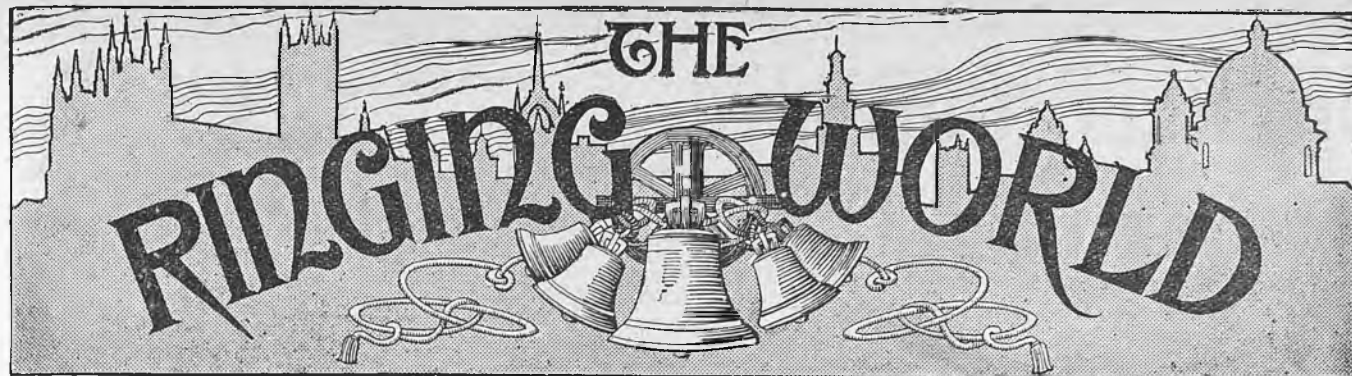
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I am authorised by the Rector and Wardens to say how pleased they are with the result. In the opinion of those well qualified to judge, we have now, undoubtedly, one of the best peals in the Kingdom.

Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

The public to-day have very few privileges which they can exercise to unlimited degree, but one of these certainly is that of being allowed to grumble over things with which they do not agree. In this spirit "Veritas" wrote to us last week anent the proposal of the Essex Association to give one of the trebles to Chelmsford Church to make a peal of twelve for the county's future cathedral. "Veritas" will find a well-reasoned answer from Canon Papillon in our columns to-day. This letter should allay the misgivings which any critics of the scheme may have. For ourselves we think the suggestion of the Association a most admirable one from several points of view, the principal of which is that it will demonstrate in a very tangible fashion that ringers are not imbued with any spirit of selfishness, but are prepared, where they can, to assist Church authorities in providing the bells which it gives them so much pleasure to ring. The case of Chelmsford is exceptional. At present Essex possesses no peal of twelve bells, and St. Mary's Church is to become the mother church of the new diocese. The opportunity of making the bells of a character befitting the importance of the sacred fane ought not, of course, to be missed—everyone will agree to that. The point as to whether the Essex Association should provide one of the bells is the only matter at issue, and if it can do so, as Canon Papillon asserts it can, without seriously undermining its financial stability, then we do not think the members need cavil at the proposal.

On some other points raised in the letter by "Veritas" we have no doubt many members of the Essex Association will be in agreement. The question of allowance towards railway fares is one which ringers would naturally look upon with favour, but it is, of course, a matter of financial adjustment. With Canon Papillon, we do not think an annual subscription of one shilling would stand any large drain by way of payments for travelling expenses, but no doubt the committee would give the matter consideration if it were brought before them. The establishment of a benevolent fund is a matter which we should much like to see taken up. The Insurance Act has by no means removed the opportunities for good which such funds can do, and, as the Kent and Sussex Associations have already proved, even in a short while, it is possible to accumulate quite a substantial sum for the purposes of relieving ringers in distress. Essex is in a particularly strong financial position and might well move in the direction indicated. Perhaps "Veritas" will bring the matter up when the Association holds its annual meeting, and induce the executive to do something towards the establishment of such a fund.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

HENRY SPRINGALL Treble	JOHN N. OXBORROW 7
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	FREDERICK DENCH 8
HARRY R. PASMORE 3	ALFRED B. PECK 9
HERBERT LANGDON 4	JOHN W. GOLDING 10
HENRY R. NEWTON 5	WILLIAM T. COCKERILL 11
THOMAS FAULKNER 6	WILLIAM H. PASMORE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH and Non-Conducted.

Umpires: HENRY DAINS (Royal Cumberland Youths), and
GEORGE W. WILD (Ancient Society of College Youths).

This peal was rung upon strictly non-conducted principles and was the first peal on twelve tower bells rung under these conditions.

TEN BELL PEAL.

PLYMOUTH.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 35 cwt., in C.

JOHN GLUYAS Treble	GEORGE PARR 6
† WILLIAM FORD 2	WILLIAM HAMBLYN 7
* ALFRED MITCHELMORE 3	WILLIAM SHEARS 8
WILLIAM RUNDLE 4	G. HARRY MYERS 9
WILLIAM RICHARDS 5	THOMAS LINNELL Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and
Conducted by G. HARRY MYERS.

* First peal. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. Prebendary Burroughs, who has resigned the living of St. Andrew's, and gone to St. Peter's, Tiverton.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5004 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

* FRED DAVIES Treble	FREDERICK E. SMITH 6
GEORGE HOLLIS 2	ERNEST H. CLARKE 7
ALBERT H. WARD 3	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 8
† JOHN FLINT 4	WALTER WALLACE 9
CHARLES DRAPER 5	BART MITCHELL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALBERT H. WARD.

* First peal on ten bells. † 300th peal. First peal of Stedman Caters as conductor.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 8 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

PHILIP AELFREY Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
HENRY STALHAM 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
EDWARD C. MERRITT 3	JOHN CAPP 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar (the Rev. Harcourt Anson) who is leaving Southover for Shipton-Bellinger.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELV DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 5
WILLIAM DENT 2	*WILLIAM FAYERS ... 6
*HARRY CRICK 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
*GEORGE LAMBERT 4	W. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Composed by J. NICHOLL, and
Conducted by A. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a token of respect in memory of those heroes who lost their lives returning from the South Pole.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, February 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. o qr. 26 lbs.

*WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... Treble	CHARLES J. FRAY ... 5
HENRY W. WILKES ... 2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 6
GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 3	*CHARLES EDWARDS ... 7
ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 4	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. 50th peal by C. Edwards, for whom it was arranged.

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

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER Treble	JOHN W. KELLEY ... 5
FREDERICK G. GODDARD ... 2	CHARLES F. W. HUNT ... 6
THOMAS BEADLE 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
WILLIAM NEW 4	GEORGE W. COOMBS ... Tenor

Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. George A. Ransom and F. G. Goddard; also to the youngest daughter of C. F. W. Hunt.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

*CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 2	*THOMAS WELLS ... 6
JOHN SANDERS ... 3	GEORGE F. SWANN ... 7
JONATHAN PRESTON ... 4	*WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged specially for Mr. Thomas Wells, parish clerk of Erdington, and as a birthday compliment to Mr. William G. Anker, tower-keeper of Boldmere.

CURDRIDGE, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

EDWIN WELLSTEAD ... Treble	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 5
WILLIAM J. RIVES ... 2	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 6
ALFRED MEARS ... 3	ANDREW MEARS ... 7
HENRY W. WILKES ... 4	GILBERT BULL ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Grandsire.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

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

Tenor 12½ cwt. in G.

*ARTHUR ANDREWS ... Treble	DAVID BREARLEY ... 5
JOSEPH ATKIN ... 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 6
GEORGE LEWIS ... 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
*ARTHUR HAGUE ... 4	CLEMENT GLENN ... Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method.

WHITCHURCH, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALKMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

WASHBROOK'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE J. TAYLOR ... Treble	E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 5
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR ... 2	ALFRED FULLICK ... 6
*ERNEST JONES ... 3	CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 7
FRED W. TAYLOR ... 4	*THOMAS W. BELTON ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.
THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

THOMAS H. TAFFENDER ... Treble	JOHN EVANS ... 5
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 2	RALPH BIGGS ... 6
HENRY T. GOWLETT ... 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
FREDERICK G. BIGGS ... 4	ARTHUR G. JANES ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HARDY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Carter, of Vale Cottage, Downley.

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

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

JOHN NEAL ... Treble	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 5
ALF PALDON SMITH ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE ... 6
JAMES E. GROVES ... 3	THOMAS MILLER ... 7
ALBERT WALKER ... 4	*JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Cambridge away from treble and first attempt.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	WILLIAM A. ALFS ... 5
*MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 2	WILBY J. HAZELL ... 6
CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 4	GEORGE PAICE ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged for Misses Belcher and Sampson and was attempted in the afternoon at Waltham Abbey, but owing to illness had to be abandoned after a quarter-of-an-hour's ringing. Unfortunately Miss Belcher could not stay for the peal at Edmonton. Miss Sampson received the hearty congratulations of the band at the conclusion of the peal.

PRESTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON AND BLACKBURN BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25½ cwt.

*THOMAS WILSON Treble	JAMES ARMSTRONG 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	EDWARD ARMSTRONG 6
E. ROGER MARTIN 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON 7
FRED HINDLE 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

ASHTEAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT 5
JOHN HOYLE 2	GEORGE A. COOK 6
JOHN CRAWFORD 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
WILLIAM COOK 4	DAVID ANSCOMB Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the 21st birthday of Mr. James Wyatt, son of Mr. John Wyatt, captain of the Ashstead band; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. William Cook and Mr. G. A. Cook.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3	*WILLIAM H. JOINER 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

* First peal in the method.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in D flat.

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	HARRY BARTON 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS 2	WILLIAM FUSSELL 6
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD 7
JOHN O'NEILL 4	WILLIAM R. J. POULSON Tenor

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

This was arranged for Messrs. Barton, of Southwell, W. Fussell, of Slough, Bucks, J. O'Neill, of Halesworth, who were elected members previous to starting. This was the conductor's 150th peal, and rung on the anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN IN THE EAST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
CHARLES T. COLES 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

This is the first peal on the bells for over 20 years, and the first peal in the method ever rung in the City of London.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE THOMPSON Treble	GEORGE TURLEY 5
ALBERT BELTON 2	*JOSEPH MILNER 6
HERBERT MARKWELL 3	CHARLES CHAPMAN 7
STEPHEN J. PERKINS 4	STEPHEN PERKINS, Senr. Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by STEPHEN PERKINS, Senr.

* First peal in the method. This peal was arranged as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Latter, but he was unwell and unable to stand in, and Mr. Perkins kindly took his place at short notice.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALPHÆUS BERRY Treble	LEONARD LAST 5
WILLIAM ROSE 2	JAMES BETTS 6
HARRY BARTON 3	ERNEST POPPY 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	FREDERICK WATLING Tenor

Composed by J. HUNT, and

Conducted by ERNEST POPPY.

Arranged for Mr. Barton Southwold and Mr. Fussell, of Slough.

SIX BELL PEALS.

SHERFIELD, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

J. ILSLEY Treble	F. DRAPER 4
F. PEARMAN 2	W. BENNETT 5
H. G. HERBERT 3	H. WELLS Tenor

Conducted by W. BENNETT.

First peal by all the band and first attempt. This peal was rung in honour of the Rev. J. B. Barker being made Rector of the parish.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ERNEST PEARSON Treble	LEWIS WISEMAN 4
OLAVE BROYD 2	ALBERT CATERWELL 5
HARRY CANSSELL 3	WALTER NICE Tenor

Conducted by A. CATERWELL.

First peal as conductor. E. Pearson was elected a member before starting, and this was his first peal and first attempt. It was rung to celebrate the birthday of a daughter of H. Canssell.

CROWLAND, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF ST. GUTHLAG,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 72c's differently called.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ALFRED HOLLAND Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
EDWIN TILLEY 2	*ISAAC P. BENNETT 5
WILLIAM WALDRON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first peal on this ancient ring of bells, the tenor having been last recast in 1464.

STEBBING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(STEBBING BRANCH.)

On Friday, February 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

ALFRED BARKER Treble	HARRY P. EMERY 4
GEORGE SCHLUETER 2	J. THOMAS BARKER 5
EDWARD HYNDY 3	EDWARD CLAYDON Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD CLAYDON.

The above peal was rung as a farewell to G. Schlueter, who is leaving the parish, having joined the Metropolitan Police. His fellow ringers wish him every success, but all are very sorry to lose him from the company.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor about 14 cwt.

*HERBERT SADDINGTON ... Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HARRY MEADOWS 3	GEORGE LINES Treble

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor in seven Treble Bob methods. First peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd.

EASTCHURCH, ISLE OF SHEPPEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY JEWISS Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
CECIL C. BISHOP 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

Messrs. Jewiss and Jull hail from Tunstall, Bishop and Hyland from Upchurch, Walker from Rainham and W. H. B. Wilkins from Sheerness.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, February 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. WILLSON, 4, KEYTHORPE STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

*EDGAR VALLANCE 1—2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5—6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3—4	WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. 7—8

Composed by W. WILLSON, and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: T. HENRY HARDY.

* First peal in the method. Arranged for Mr. E. M. Atkins, of London. First handbell peal by the ringers of 1—2 and 7—8.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MAURICE SMITHER 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 7—8

Composed by H. PRICE, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.
Witness: Mrs. PULLING.

This peal was arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to Francis S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury, late of Ludlow.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS 1—2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON 3—4	TOWER TAYLOR 7—8

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.
Witness: E. AVIS.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, February 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
IN THE VESTRY OF ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

CHARLES F. BAILEY 1—2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5—6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3—4	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7—8

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.
Umpire: GEORGE WILSON.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, February 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF OLAVE BROYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR. 5040 CHANCES;

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

GEORGE PANNELL 1—2	OLAVE BROYD 3—4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5—6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.
Umpire: ERNEST PEARSON.

First peal in three methods by all, and rung at the first attempt.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, February 24, 1913, in One Hour and Forty-five Minutes,
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4
*ALBERT E. AUSTIN ... 5—6	

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal in any method, and rung at the first attempt.

The umpire of the handbell peal at Grantham on February 11th was R. H. DANIELS.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

MR. LINDOFF'S FINIS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Dains finds it hard to believe that more peals can be obtained on the plan. Well, just to let him see that I am not like himself, given to idle boasting, I enclose two more; and, at the same time, remind them that this class of peal was originated by me; and mine they will all remain. I am not to be bounced by them or anyone else; nor shall I trouble to answer any more of their croaking.

5040. M W H

23456 M W H

42356 — — —

35426 — — —

43526 — — —

62534 — — —

52436 — — —

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In these two peals, as in my two previous ones, the calling may be started after course-end 32546, when they would retain the same qualities, and same authorship.

G. LINDOFF.

LEGITIMATE METHODS.**THE NAMES UP-TO-DATE.**

Writing in reply to Mr. Sharples, who in our issue of Jan. 31, enquired for the names of the Legitimate Methods published in the Central Council's Collection, Mr. F. Blood, of Biggleswade, says: I have taken the trouble to go through my ringing books and I can give a list of those methods that have been rung and claimed through the ringing papers. Mr. Sharples is rather late in claiming two of these methods as they have appeared in print years ago. I trust my effort will meet the eyes of those interested in those methods. The names are as follows:—

Plain Methods (page 5) No. 5.—Hereward Bob rung at Bourne, Lincs., Feb. 16th, 1910; No. 6.—Reverse, Hereward Bob; No. 8.—St. Lawrence Bob; No. 10.—Frodsham Bob; No. 11.—Stepney Bob; (not double). These methods were published in the "Ringing World," May 12th, 1911. No. 19.—Roydon; No. 23.—Brentford Single.

Court Methods.—No. 24.—Single Court, or London Single.

Treble Bob Methods.—No. 2.—Sandal Exercise; No. 3.—Grandsire Treble Bob (rung at Bourne, Lincs., April 16th, 1910); No. 4.—Furton Treble Bob; No. 8 is also known as College Exercise; No. 12.—Cambridge Treble Bob; No. 14.—Killamarsh Treble Bob; No. 15.—This has four names, Trinity in 1906, Coventry in 1910, Norbury in Oct. 29th, 1911, and also Sandiacre Treble Bob, Oct. 1st, 1911; therefore Trinity has first claim; No. 18.—Kingston Treble Bob; No. 19.—Norbury Treble Bob (rung at Norbury, July 26th, 1912).

Fourth's-Place Delights.—No. 8.—Southwark; No. 12.—Wragby; No. 13.—Wilkesden rung Aug. 15th, 1911; No. 14.—Hull ("Ringing World," Sept. 6th, 1912); No. 16.—Neasden ("Ringing World," Dec. 8th, 1911); No. 17.—Old Oxford Modernised; No. 20.—College Bob 4th, and as Bocking Treble Bob by A. Huckson, of Braintree (per C. W. Clarke, Bedford) in the "Ringing World," May 10th, 1912; No. 19.—Norwich; No. 27.—Sutton ("Ringing World," Sept. 6th, 1912).

Third's-Place Delights.—No. 13.—Kent; No. 19.—Chelsea; No. 26.—Coventry; No. 34.—Dunedin; No. 35.—Ely.

Surprise.—No. 1.—Munden; No. 2.—Alawick ("Ringing World," April 14th); No. 4.—Morpeth ("Ringing World," Aug. 18th, 1911); No. 5.—Newcastle (Feb. 9th, 1909); No. 7.—Whitley (Jan. 15th, 1911); No. 8.—Northumberland (Jan. 22nd, 1911); *No. 10 (May 28th, 1911); *No. 11 (June 4th, 1911); *No. 12 (June 18th, 1911); *No. 13 (June 16th, 1911); No. 14.—London; No. 15.—Wells; No. 16.—Lincoln (published Feb. 2nd, 1907, as Southwell); No. 17.—Cunecastre (March 30th, 1909); *No. 18 (June 11th, 1911); *No. 19 (July 23rd, 1911); *No. 20; *No. 21 (July 20th, 1911); No. 22.—Lancashire Surprise (June 15th, 1907); No. 23.—Lightfoot; No. 24.—Stamford (March 24th, 1911); No. 25.—Wearmouth; No. 28.—Netherseale Surprise, rung at Netherseale (March 11th, 1911); No. 30.—Hexham (rung February 26th, 1911); No. 31.—Surfleet (February 12th, 1911); No. 34.—Berwick ("Ringing World," April 14th, 1911); No. 35.—Beverley ("Ringing World," April 14th, 1911); No. 40.—Hull (April 23rd, 1911); No. 41.—Bourne (rung April 3rd, 1910). Those marked * were published in the "Ringing World" on August 18th, 1911, and up to the present they remained amongst the unnamed. The above are correct, as they have appeared in print, and I would again appeal to the Whitley Bay ringers to finish naming the Surprises, as they have rung them all. Will Mr. Severn, of Anston, also look through the book and see if he has any methods by him like them, as I know they have rung a lot with names which I have never seen elsewhere.

A MEETING AT BRISTOL.

A meeting of the Bristol branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association was held at St. Matthew's Church, Bristol, on Saturday, and was well attended, about 35 being present.—Ringing commenced at 6 o'clock. The business meeting was held in the Parish Hall, the chairman (Mr. H. T. Howell) presiding.—Six new performing members and one hon. member were elected.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. George's on April 5th.—Ringing was afterwards continued at St. Matthew's and St. Stephen's Churches.

DEATH OF MR. C. CASTLE, BALDOCK.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mr. Charles Castle, of Baldock, Herts, who passed away at his residence, Alma Cottage, after a few days illness from pneumonia, on Friday, February 14th, at the early age of 39 years. Deceased had been a ringer at the Parish Church for twenty years, and a member of the Hertfordshire Association, and had taken part in six peals, viz., two of Grandsire Triples, three of Stedman Triples and one of Kent Treble Bob Major. On Sunday week for morning and evening services touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung, the bells being muffled. The funeral took place on the following Tuesday at the Cemetery, the Rector (Rev. Canon Nairne) officiating. Amongst the floral tributes was one in the shape of a bell from his fellow-ringers, with the following inscription: "With deepest sympathy and kind remembrance from the ringers of the Baldock company." In the evening touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples were rung with muffled bells. Mr. S. E. Roberts, of Royston, formerly a member of the Baldock band, took part in the ringing, and was also present at the funeral. Much sympathy is felt for the widow and her family in their sad bereavement.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.**THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION PROPOSAL.***To the Editor.*

Sir,—With respect to the letter signed (not quite happily) "Veritas," the present officials of the Essex Association and most of its members will probably ignore the insinuations of one who does not form his charges openly over his own name. As a former official, who has now severed his connection with Essex, I may, perhaps, point out (1) that the proposal to give a new treble to the future Cathedral of the Essex Diocese does not, as might appear from his letter, involve the expenditure of the whole reserve fund, but (as I understand) of less than a third; (2) that if the association attempted to do anything "towards defraying the travelling expenses of members to meetings," the subscription would have to be fixed at much more than 1s. a year, while, as a matter of fact, those who do attend meetings get a good "bonus" in reduced charges for tea or dinner; (3) that a Ringers' Association is not a benefit society, and had better keep to its own business if it wishes to remain solvent. By all means have a Ringers' Benevolent Fund, but on a regular financial basis, and on a much wider scale than the limits of a single association.

Meanwhile, will "Veritas," if he has anything more to say, give his name, that we may know what weight attaches to his opinion?—Yours faithfully,

T. L. PAPILLON
(formerly Master of the Essex Association).

St. Albans.

Sir,—Having read "Veritas'" letter re the above bells, I, as the mover of the motion that the Essex Association of Change Ringers give the treble bell to St. Mary's, Chelmsford, beg to ask "Veritas" kindly to forward his name and address to me. If he will do this I will forward him the facts of the proposition. If he fails to do so then I ignore his letter and class him as one of those who have nothing to say at a meeting, but directly it is over starts with his complaints to a small number outside.—Yours truly,

HENRY F. COOPER.

District Secretary, Chelmsford.

THE BRISTOL SURPRISE RECORD.*To the Editor.*

Sir,—I had no intention of entering into any further correspondence on the subject, as I think too much space has already been wasted over discussing a performance which no just person would have said a word against. But there are one or two statements Mr. Winney makes which I feel bound to dispute. The majority of his letter would puzzle the Attorney-General; but one statement he makes is that two of the band have confirmed what he tried to explain in his first letter. This is absolutely untrue, as no one has ever admitted that there was a ruddle or any serious trip. He also says that he told one of the band that it would have been better if one man had not been in it. I regret very much that I was not the one he spoke to about it. I hope he will not be offended if I tell him our band could not have been improved upon had I included anyone in it that was in his 12,000, to the exclusion of the person he refers to.

W. PYE.

Dear Sir,—Referring to Mr. Winney's letter in your issue of the 7th inst. I was surprised that he should see fit, after a lapse of eight months, to make such insinuations, knowing, as he does, that the ringing was extraordinarily good. I heard as much of the peal as the majority present (about 12,000 changes), and timed the ringing by my watch. At 1 o'clock they were going 28 changes to the minute, but at 1.5 o'clock a slight trip occurred which lasted six changes, when the bells got into their stride again. For Mr. Winney to say there was a "nasty trip" at 6 o'clock is making a false assertion, as such a thing never occurred. If Mr. Winney will recollect I slapped him on the back just as the bells came home, and said, "Winney they've beaten you, give them a clap, for they deserve it," and he replied "So they do," and he did so with others present, and afterwards went up into the belfry, and congratulated the band on their success and said, "It was very good what I heard. I have not been here long."—Yours faithfully,

February 18th.

ARTHUR J. NEALE.

SHREWSBURY RINGERS AT WHITCHURCH.

On Saturday members of the Salop Guild from Shrewsbury paid a visit to Whitchurch. The arrangements had been made by Mr. E. R. Trevor Corbett, of Dorrington, Shrewsbury, and, on reaching the church, the visitors were met by the local ringers, who gave them a hearty welcome, and had the bells ready for a peal of Stedman Triples. This was successfully accomplished, and afterwards the visitors, with the local ringers, were entertained to a capital tea by the Rector (Rev. Dugdale). This was very much enjoyed by all, and subsequently a vote of thanks was passed to the Rector for his kindness, both in providing the tea and for the use of the bells. There being two hours to wait for the return train, a most enjoyable time was spent with the local ringers, during which touches on the handbells were rung.

KENT ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED JOINT MEETING WITH SUSSEX.

The quarterly meeting of the Ashford Division, held at Mersham, on Saturday, was in all respects a very encouraging and gratifying assembly. The attendance numbered just over thirty, and the towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Ashford, Biddenden, Brabourne, Charing, Folkestone, Headcorn, Maidstone, New Romney, Rolvenden, Rye, Sellindge, Stone-in-Oxney, Tenterden, and Woodchurch. Good striking was prevalent, and touches of Grandsire Triples, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were tapped off as if by "clockwork." Several young hands were present, and, in order to give them assistance, several 120's of Grandsire Doubles were rung, and were creditably gone through.

A service, conducted by the Rector, the Rev. Canon Dyke (an hon. member of the association), was held, the association's special form being used. Mrs. Wicks kindly presided at the organ, and the choir boys were present, the hymns "We love the place, O God" and "Fight the good fight" being sung.

Subsequently the company adjourned to the Farriers Arms Inn, where a splendid meat tea, kindly provided by the Rector, was thoroughly enjoyed. The business meeting followed, Mr. G. Paine, of Mersham, presiding.

The Honorary Secretary (Mr. C. Tribe) said the next meeting to take place was the proposed combined assembly at Rye of their division and the Eastern Division of the Sussex Association, and, at his request, Mr. Billenness stated what he thought the feelings of the Sussex men were on the subject. As far as the Rye ringers were concerned, he said, they were quite agreeable to the proposal. He had had the opportunity of attending meetings of the Sussex Association, and the conclusion he had arrived at was that the Sussex members generally were also quite willing to fall into line. On former occasions the Vicar of Rye had kindly entertained the members at association gatherings, and he had no doubt the rev. gentleman would again extend his hospitality if the meeting were held. He did not see, however, that it could be held until June, because the annual meeting of the Sussex Association came in May. The Sussex Committee arranged the list of meetings for the year, and it would be well to advise the secretary of the month for the meeting, so that it could be placed before the committee for their consideration.

Mr. P. H. Pierce asked if there would be more than the Rye tower available, and Mr. Billenness replied that there would be no difficulty in securing Iden, a six-bell tower, $\frac{1}{4}$ miles from Rye.

On the proposition of Mr. Finn, seconded by Mr. T. Hodgkin, it was resolved that the honorary secretary should take up the matter with the Sussex Association officials with a view to arranging the meeting.—Mr. C. W. Player thought it would be advisable to have a meeting prior to the Rye assembly, and Pluckley was put forward.—As an amendment Woodchurch was submitted, and was carried.

The Chairman apologised for the absence of the Rector, who had been indisposed recently. He also mentioned that Mr. C. Bates, of Mersham (hon. member) was unable to attend, but he was pleased that Mr. R. L. Wicks, of Mersham, another hon. member, had favoured them with his presence. On behalf of the Mersham band he cordially welcomed the association members.

Mr. C. Tribe proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Canon Dyke for his hospitality, permission to ring, and for arranging the service. They were also grateful to the organist and the choir boys. The meeting was to have been at Wye, but the bells were unavailable, as they did not go very nicely. He hoped everybody would make an effort to attend the meeting at Rye.

This concluded the business, and the bells were subsequently kept going till past nine o'clock.

Mr. A. Bowell, of Ipswich, who is rehanging Warehorne and Sandhurst bells, was present, and the company were glad of the services of Mr. P. H. Pierce, who conducted the Stedman.

During the day the company visited the premises of Mr. Finn, who has been connected with bell hanging. He has made a miniature bell cage, and in it is hung a peal of ten little bells, in exactly the same manner as church bells are hung. The clappers, the wheels, the stocks, and other details were noticeable, but Mr. Finn has several additions to fix. He hopes eventually to have the whole thing complete. The ringers complimented him, for it undoubtedly requires a man of great abilities and patience to carry out such an undertaking. Hearty congratulations to Mr. Finn.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The members of the Canterbury District held a very successful meeting at the pretty village of Wickhambreaux on Saturday, Boughton, Canterbury, Chislehurst, Deal, Dover, Hernhill and Lymington being represented. The bells go remarkably well, a fact which reflects great credit upon the ringers for their careful attention to them. Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, with Violet by the local company were successfully rung. Service in the very pretty Parish Church was followed by tea in the Village Club Room, provided and presided over by the genial Rector (Rev. G. Hyde Smith), who gave the members a very hearty welcome, and expressed the hope that they were enjoying themselves. The applause which followed was a sufficient reply in the affirmative, but the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore formally thanked the Rector for his great kindness on this and on other occasions.

The new Rector of Adisham attended to obtain information respecting the association and to become an honorary member. Mr. Smith, late of Tring, who has come to Sandwich, was heartily welcomed and duly elected a member. Three probationers were also accepted.—The Rector inquired about the Benevolent Fund, and, after a few remarks from the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, at once gave a donation towards it. This is believed to be the first of its kind.—Mr. H. Castle then proposed, and Mr. E. Verrier seconded, a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rector for presiding.—A course of Grandsire Triples on the handbells, followed by a 224 in the same method, conducted by Mr. C. Turner, brought a very enjoyable meeting to a close.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Central Division was held at Crawley on Saturday, and was a great success, 55 members being present from all parts of the county. The members were welcomed at the tower by the local band, amongst whom was to be seen the veteran, Mr. J. Newman, trotting round in high spirits and shaking hands with many an old friend. The bells were set going in various methods, and afterwards a short service was held in church, conducted by the Rector (the Rev. H. L. Barrett-Lennard). A capital knife and fork tea was next partaken of at Mr. Leggett's, North Gate, and was followed by the business meeting, the Rector presiding.—The Rev. Reginald James Lea, Vicar of Henfield, was elected an hon. member; the Rev. E. Cresswell Gee, Twineham, hon. active member; and nineteen active members belonging to various towers in the division were also elected.—A vote of thanks was then passed to the Rector, with loud applause, for his great kindness in granting the tower for the meeting, and his generosity in providing such an excellent tea.—In reply, the Rector said what great pleasure it gave him to welcome the association to Crawley, and hoped they would come again in the near future.—The tower was again visited, touches in various methods being brought round, thus concluding a meeting which must be nearly, if not quite, a record for this division.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Diocesan Guild of Change Ringers was held at Cranleigh on Saturday, February 22nd. Owing to a funeral in the village the bells were not rung for the service at five o'clock, when the Rector (the Rev. P. Cunningham) gave a practical address. At the tea, which was subsequently held at the Schoolroom, the Rector presided. Tea was followed by a business meeting, at which the secretary (Mr. J. J. Jones) read the items of the balance sheet, which had been audited. The income for the past year amounted to £30 17s. 6d., and, after defraying all the expenses, including teas and part travelling expenses to Winchester, and instruction at Aldershot, a balance of £11 16s. 7d. remained. The balance had been forwarded to the general secretary, and had been acknowledged with the best thanks. The balance is the largest of the seven districts which are included in the Winchester Diocese.

Several new members were elected, including two ladies.—Mr. A. H. Pulling, the ringing master, reported that a satisfactory number of peals had been rung during the past quarter.—It was decided that the next combined practice should be held at Witley in April, and also a district meeting at Binstead in the same month.

Mr. R. Whittington, of Ewhurst, brought forward the question of the Long Stanton (Cambridge) bells, and said that, after much trouble, the Vicar and the ringers had been able to increase their old peal of three to one of eight, and had made considerable progress in change ringing. Unfortunately their old tenor bell cracked, and they were compelled to have it recast. He proposed that someone should go round with the hat.—The Rector stated that it was generally agreed that the clergy made the best beggars, and, taking up his college cap, went round the room himself.—A sum of 10s. was collected by the appeal.

The remainder of the evening was spent in change ringing in the tower, various methods being rung successfully. Members present came from Guildford, Clandon, Woking, Godalming, Dunsfold, Cranleigh, Shafford, Ewhurst, etc.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Rev. H. B. Woolley, Vicar of Long Stanton, states, in answer to inquiry, that the Long Stanton tenor had been quarter turned, and since she has been hung for ringing she was never clocked. The cracking was a pure accident, caused apparently by the natural vibration of the bell, acting upon a weak place in the sound bow where the clapper used to strike, and where the metal was slightly honey-combed.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor:—H. B. W., £1 1s.; C. A. P., £1 1s.; G. F. C., 10s.; S. A. C., 10s.; T. Fitz J., 2s. 6d.; H. K., 1s.; A. P. W., 1s.; the Cambridge University Guild (resident members), £1 16s. 6d.; the Cranleigh band, 1s.; W. W., 1s.; total received to date, £18 8s.; amount required, £35. Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton.

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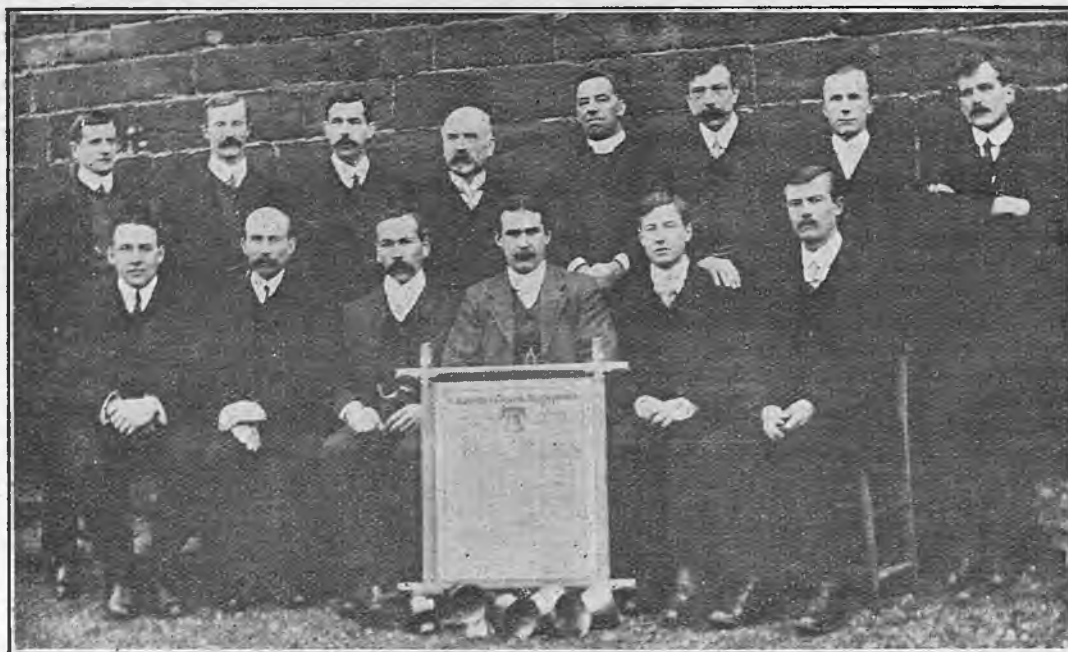
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A THRIVING YOUNG SOCIETY.



The photograph above is of the Biggleswade Society, which, although formed only on November 14th last, is making excellent progress in change ringing. The company was established after the old peal of five bells had been recast and augmented to eight, and all the men are showing the greatest enthusiasm. They are among the latest recruits to the Bedfordshire Association.

It is interesting to note that the frame which contains

the rules is made from a portion of old oak beams on which the ancient peal used to hang. The ringers in the photograph are: Back row, R. M. Spong, L. C. Franklin, R. Olney, Mr. H. Franklin (churchwarden), Rev. R. S. Bagshaw (vicar and president), F. Thompson, H. B. Smith and C. A. Pratt. Bottom row, M. G. Walker, A. Franklin, E. Hussey (vice-captain), F. Blood (captain), H. Rowlett (hon. secretary), and E. Stratton.

ODD CHANGES.

Another noteworthy performance was accomplished by the College Youths on Saturday, when they rang a non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill, and the band are to be congratulated upon the unique achievement. A similar effort at Bow about three months ago was lost. This peal at Cornhill is the first non-conducted on twelve tower bells.

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The peal of eight (tenor 12 cwt.) installed at Oatlands, Surrey, by Messrs. J. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry, are to be dedicated on Sunday afternoon, and all ringers will be welcome. The tower is an open one, and in order to counteract the noise and not interfere with the architectural features, glass screens, we understand, are to be used instead of louvres. This will be quite an experiment, and it will be interesting to see how it answers.

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Many happy returns of the day to Mr. William Banister, who, although without an actual "birthday" this year (he was born on February 29th), is 89 to-day. We are delighted to be able to say that he is enjoying excellent health for one so advanced in years.

Even in "the good old days" apparently bell-ringers were the object of invective and and satire. The following lines appeared in the "Staffordshire Advertiser" exactly one hundred years ago:—

"To the Churchwardens of the parish of —
O ye rascally ringers, and merciless foes,
And disturbers of all who delight in repose;
How I wish for the quiet and peace of the land,
That you had round your necks what you hold in your hand!"

Stafford, February 7th, 1813.

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In a glass case in the Church of St. Sepulchre, Holborn, is the bell which was rung outside the condemned cell at Newgate by the bellman of St. Sepulchre's at midnight on the eve of an execution. He then recited the following verses (which are on the brass tablet):—

All you that in the condemned hole do lie
Prepare you, for to-morrow you shall die.
Watch all, and pray, the hour is drawing near
That you before the Almighty must appear.

Examine well yourselves, in time repent
That you may not to eternal flames be sent,
And when St. Sepulchre bell in the morning tolls
The Lord above have mercy on your souls.

The custom originated in a gift or bequest of £50 made by Mr. Robert Dowe in 1605.

Hands up for a tailors' peal! Those members of the trade who would care to take part in one should communicate with Mr. C. H. Bernard, 2, St. Austin's Lane, Harwich.

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The ringers of St. Luke's, Heywood, are making an appeal for help for an old ringer, Mr. John Harrison, who has been seriously ill for some time. Any contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by Mr. J. Tattersfield, 8, Langton Street, Heywood, near Manchester

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The following paragraph, which appeared in the "Norfolk Chronicle," of January 30th, 1813, will be interesting, as it records some ringing at Norwich a century ago by that old master, Mr. Samuel Thurston:—

On Sunday morning last, that musical peal of six bells belonging to St. John's, Maddermarket, rang a Funeral Peal of Seven Hundred and Twenty, called the Revolution Peal (as a mark of respect at the interment of Mr. Dunn, many years Clerk to that parish), in a very masterly style, under the direction of Samuel Thurston, by ringers which justly may be termed Odds and Ends, as none of the St. Peter's ringers had any hand in it, and it may be fairly presumed from the steady perseverance of Mr. Thurston in this art, and his already acute knowledge, he is likely to become one of the first ringers this or any country ever produced.

A SIX-BELL CONTEST.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION'S COMPETITION.

The Halifax and District Society held their quarterly meeting and contest on Saturday, February 15th, when 10 companies competed, each set ringing 600 changes. The draw for the order of ringing took place at 2.45 p.m., and the ringing was then immediately proceeded with and continued until 8.30 p.m. The judges of the competition were Messrs. Broadley and J. W. Cundall, of Bradford. Tea was provided by the local branch during the afternoon, to which about 100 visitors sat down.

At the close of the ringing the business meeting was held in the Schoolroom, with the president, Mr. Cotterill, of Halifax, in the chair, supported by the Vicar (the Rev. T. Metcalfe) and the society's officers.

No invitation being brought forward for the place of the next meeting, it was decided to leave the matter in the hands of the secretary.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools was unanimously carried, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Dransfield.—The Vicar, in reply, said his experience of ringers was that they were a fine lot of fellows, and he liked them very much indeed. There was a story that in the olden days a certain amount of gold and silver was mixed with the metal to improve the tone, but he thought if this dross had been given to the ringers instead it would have been much better (laughter). The ringers, he added, did a very great service for the church, and he hoped that their ringing would turn listeners toward the church for worship.

A vote of thanks to the local company and to the ladies was proposed by Mr. Drake, and seconded by Mr. Smith.

THE RESULT.

The result of the contest was then announced by Mr. Broadley as follows, in the order of competing: Lindley, 177 faults; Brighouse, 205; Earlsheaton, No. 1, rung out; Halifax, 306 faults; Earlsheaton, No. 2, rung out; Kirkheaton, 194 faults; Lightcliffe Parish, 202; Batley, 116; Heptonstall, 165; Lightcliffe Congregational, rung out. Batley were, therefore, declared the winners.

The cup was then presented to the conductor of the winning team by the Vicar.

A vote of thanks was passed to the judges, and responded to by Mr. Broadley, who said the ringing that day had been a long way above the average, and, although it had been a long job, it had been a pleasure to listen to the ringing.—This brought a very successful and enjoyable meeting to a close.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' PEALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The peal of Grandsire Doubles rung at Church Broughton, Derbyshire, on December 7th, 1912, will not be booked by the M.C.A., as our rule as to the election of members has not been complied with, see "Ringing World," December 13th, 1912. The peal of Grandsire Triples at Kibworth, December 26th, 1912, we are booking, as it was sent up to you in error as the Kibworth Association instead of Midland Counties, see "Ringing World," January 10th, 1913. Will you kindly draw attention to the above in your next issue.—Yours truly,

W. E. WHITE,
Honorary Secretary, M.C.A.

EIGHT BELLS FOR SUNDERLAND. DEDICATION SERVICE.

On Sunday a processional cross, and the two new treble bells added to complete the ring of eight, were dedicated at the church of St. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland. The original ring of five bells was the gift of the late Mr. D. H. Haggie and family, in memory of their parents, and they were dedicated on Easter Day, 1893. In the following year the number was increased to six by the addition of a treble bell. This was the gift of the Rev. Edgar Boddington as a thank-offering for God's mercies to him during his vicariate, 1889 to 1899, and it was dedicated on July 2nd.

The two bells now added are the gift of Mr. Stanley M. Ritson, and are in memory of his mother, Mrs. M. A. Ritson, who entered into rest on St. Mathias' Day, February 24th, 1912.

The processional cross is of bronze, with five silver panels. In the centre is "the Lamb," designed on blue enamel, and in the four arms the symbols of the four evangelists. The whole is richly chased, and the bosses of the base are set with amethysts. This cross is the gift of Mrs. F. M. Sykes, wife of the Vicar, and is also a memory of the late Mrs. M. A. Ritson, her mother.

The dedicatory service was performed by the Vicar, the Rev. Edward Sykes, the trebles being sounded separately, and the eight rung in rounds. An appropriate sermon was preached by the first Vicar of the parish, the Rev. Edgar Boddington, whose presence was much appreciated, especially by the remaining original members of the Ringers' Guild. During the day the ringing was done by the members of the local Guild, and included 501 Stedman Triples after morning service, and also for evening service.

The whole of the bells are the work of Messrs. John Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and they have made a perfect splice, the ringers' verdict being that the ring is a credit to the Loughborough firm. It is intended to have a gathering of the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association on Easter Monday to celebrate the completion of the ring.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

Under the able leadership of Mr. T. T. Gofton, vice-president of the association, a very enjoyable northern district practice was held on Saturday at Whitley Bay. From the outset it was apparent that the Whitley band were determined to make the opportunity one of useful practice for the visitors, who left, after a strenuous evening of Kent, Plain Bob Major and Stedman Triples, well pleased with the new bells. Many were safely piloted through their first touches by Messrs. Gofton Brothers.

On Saturday, March 8th, at 6 p.m., the next practice will take place—the last before Easter, and by kind permission of the Mayor of the historic town of Morpeth, the use of the peal of eight in the ancient Watch Tower has been granted for the practice. The Watch Tower, one of the few places where the Curfew is still rung, is hardly less interesting than the town itself, though visitors to the tower miss the relics of bull-baiting days, which now have a place in the museum. Between the Watch Tower, standing in the Market Place and the River Wansbeck, is the house once occupied by Lord Collingwood, who, on Lord Nelson's death at Trafalgar, assumed command of the British Fleet.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the Luton district was held at Luton on Saturday, and was a most successful one, the ringing being of first class order. Members were present from Dunstable, Leighton Buzzard, Woburn, Husbome Crawley, Hitchin, Harpenden and the local tower. The bells were kept busy during the afternoon and evening in the following methods: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Major.

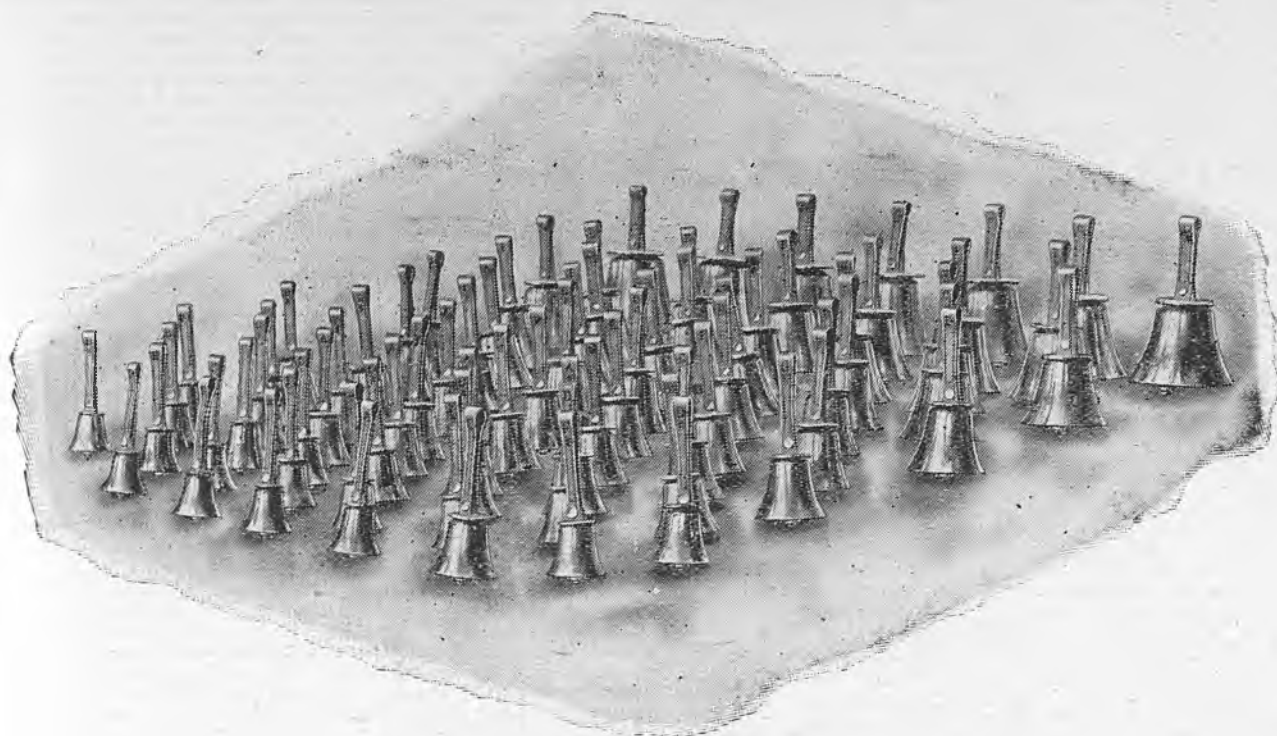
The business meeting was held in the evening, Mr. E. Herbert, of Woburn, occupying the chair, in the absence of the president (Rev. W. W. C. Baker).—The Honorary Secretary gave a brief retrospect of the meetings held in the district since the division of the association, and it was the unanimous opinion of the members present that the monthly meetings were a decided success and helped greatly to promote the art.

The following officers were elected for the year: President, Rev. W. W. C. Baker, Dunstable; honorary secretary, Mr. A. King, Luton; committee, Messrs. C. Herbert, Woburn; M. Lane, Aspley Guise; H. Smith, Husbome Crawley; J. Nicholls, Leighton Buzzard; G. Healey, Dunstable.—It was resolved to hold the next meeting at Woburn during April.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the chairman for presiding, and to the Vicar of Luton for the use of the bells.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning branch was held at St. Paul's, Wokingham, on Saturday last, when 13 members were present, representing Binfield, Wokingham (All Saints), Easthampstead, Hurst, Wargrave and Sandhurst. The Master of the Guild was also present. The following methods were practised: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Oxford Treble, Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles. It is of interest to note that it was the first time that two of the members had rung on eight bells, and the first time that one had rung away from his own tower.

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THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLASEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Mr. Newton made a few statements which are as untrue as his peal, first as to the jealous motive, which I had no idea existed between us; secondly, as to the distance from my garden (where I accidentally heard the blunder), which is about 1½ miles as the crow flies. As I had not the honour of being Instructor until about six months after Mr. Newton started with the band, and I did not expect nor desire to instruct the young men, I think he has been misinformed about unsolicited help. His other remarks do not trouble me so much, as anyone can see through them.—Yours faithfully,
School Lane, Bidston. W. WILCOX.

Sir,—Having read the correspondence with regard to the peal of Bob Minor rung at Wallasey on Boxing Day and being a ringer in the peal I should like to say that to my idea it was not a true one. I think the same applies to the one previous as I am sure the last one, by all accounts, was superior to the first. With an experienced man like Mr. Newton as conductor in both peals, knowing the coursing of the bells, it would be an easy matter to make one or two very bad mistakes and still continue with the peal ("Hip" them at times). I see no reason, however, why Mr. Newton should ridicule Mr. Wilcox in such a manner when he simply asks a reply about the peal. I know Mr. Wilcox does not despise the lads in any way but, on the other hand, he gives them great credit for their performance in so short a time. What does Mr. Newton mean by teaching gratis? Does he do so I wonder? In any case I know Mr. Wilcox has done it; I should say before Mr. Newton ever rang a peal. In fact I was one of the last band he taught. In my short stay with him he put me through seven different methods, of course "wheel-barrow fashion" as Mr. Newton terms it. It would take a very large barrow to hold the "lumps" that fall in some of Mr. Newton's peals. I must give Mr. Newton great credit for the great attention he has paid to the lads, if I must call them so. I don't think for one minute there is any jealousy on the part of Mr. Wilcox, as he is always ready to give a helping hand.
3, Russell Road, Wallasey. J. WALTER.

DEATH OF MR. T. PATTISON, GAINSBOROUGH.

It is with regret that we record the death of Mr. Thomas Pattison, of Gainsborough, the sad event taking place on Friday, February 14th, at the advanced age of 83 years. He was for upwards of 50 years a member of the Gainsborough Parish Church company, and, being of a cheerful and genial disposition, was greatly respected by all who knew him. He only took part in one peal (Holt's Ten-Part, rung on March 23rd, 1887), which was the first by all the band, and also by the North Lincolnshire Association, which was in existence previous to the formation of the Lincoln Diocesan Guild.

The interment took place at the General Cemetery, and in the evening, at the Parish Church, as a tribute of respect to an old comrade, the bells were rung half muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes) being brought round in 47 minutes by C. H. Baker 1, J. C. Tinker 2, F. S. W. Butler 3, W. Dickenson 4, J. T. Ladd (conductor) 5, H. Torr 6, G. Wilson 7, A. H. Curtis 8. It was also rung as a token of sympathy with the relatives and friends of those who lost their lives in the Antarctic disaster.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday last the Manchester branch held their usual monthly meeting at Whitefield. It is many years since a meeting was held at All Saints, but the bells have now been recast and placed in a new steel frame by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the tone and "go" are a credit to the founders.

The Rector (Rev. A. Kershaw, M.A.) presided at the meeting. He gave a hearty welcome to the ringers as co-workers in the church's interest and for the glory of God; and to the association as an organisation, where the bond of interest was created. He spoke of the sacrifice which was not always appreciated as it should be by the many listeners to whom the sound of the bells appealed, and he urged upon the ringers not to think that ringing was the end, but the beginning of divine worship. He, therefore, hoped that they would attend God's House whenever possible.

The Rector was proposed and accepted with acclamation as an honorary life member.—Eccles was chosen as the next meeting place, and a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to the local ringers for having things in readiness.

Members were present from Manchester, Ashton-under-Lyne, Pendleton, Walkden, Worsley, Helmshore, Newchurch, Reddish, Birch, Prestwich, Miles Platting, etc., and the bells kept going in Plain Bob, Grandsire, Double Norwich and Superlative. Mr. Cyril Johnston, of the Croydon Foundry firm, took part in the ringing.

A FALSE PEAL.

Mr. J. H. Barrett writes: The peal of Stedman Caters rung at Steney on February 1st, I am sorry to say, is false, through my neglect, and I humbly apologise to the band who took part in it.

ROUND THE FESTIVE BOARD.

LLANBRADACH.

The ringers at Llanbradach were entertained by the churchwardens (Messrs. J. Barry and T. Lane), and spent a most enjoyable evening. —The Vicar presided, and submitted the toast of "The Churchwardens," which was received with enthusiasm.—In responding, the Churchwardens expressed their pleasure at having such a company of young men, who, in the face of many obstacles and difficulties, had stuck to their posts and had regularly rung for the services. —The Vicar proposed "The Bell Ringers." He was pleased, he said, to have such a sturdy and faithful company belonging to his church, and to show his pleasure, intended to ask them to allow him to become a ringer. He hoped next time they met their numbers would be doubled.—Mr. W. Maybeir and Mr. Frank Stevens responded, and thanked the churchwardens for their hospitality. They were pleased to think their services were so much appreciated, and they would continue to do their best. They reported on the progress that had been made during the year.

ACTON.

An interesting story of the bells of Acton was provided by the churchwarden (Mr. W. A. Brown) in a letter from him read at the annual dinner of the St. Mary's Guild. The party, 21 in number, assembled in the Parish Room at the kind invitation of the Rector (the Rev. G. S. de Sausmarez), who presided. In his letter Mr. Brown said: "The Acton bellringers play a part—and a very important part—in the religious life of Acton, and the history of the Parish Church of St. Mary's itself. History does not tell us the date of the first bells of the church, but it is recorded that one of the old bells which was broken up in 1877, to form a new peal, bore the date 1583 (Queen Elizabeth's time), and might have rung out as a danger signal at the time of the great Armada, and that bell, with two others dated 1637, formed a peal of three bells, which rang out in 1640, when the present communion plate, given by Lady Dudley, was brought to the church. The two latter bells form part of the peal of eight bells, now in use in the church. . . . The old bells remind us of our duty to God and to man, and that on Sundays and other days the old church is waiting for us to return thanks for the blessings we have received, and to receive our prayers for blessings to follow. The Acton bellringers themselves have rung out from generation to generation, 'Faithful unto death,' and, as the poet says: 'Men may come, and men may go, but we ring on for ever.' Acton is fortunate in having such a fine body of earnest workers, and I am sure their services are duly appreciated."

After dinner an enjoyable programme was carried out. Tunes on handbells were skilfully rung by Messrs. J. R. Mackman and W. Phillips, and a course of Grandsire Triples was rung by Messrs. E. J. Ridler, C. H. Dobbie, J. R. Mackman and H. W. Cotton. Other contributors to the evening's enjoyment were Messrs. R. Holloway, Curryer, Briggs, A. W. Mackenzie, J. R. Sims, etc.

RANMOOR, SHEFFIELD.

The 15th annual dinner and social in connection with the St. John's Society took place at the Ranmoor Inn, Sheffield, some 25 ringers and friends sitting down to an excellent repast, served in Host Hutton's usual thorough style. After dinner an adjournment was made to the smoke room, where, after duly honouring the loyal toast, a capital programme was enjoyed, the items, consisting of songs, recitations and tunes on the handbells, being received with much applause and encores demanded in quick succession. Whether it was the jovial spirit of "mine host" or the excellent playing of the bells, or the capital singing and playing of Messrs. Clarke Brothers, who both did duty at the piano, it would be hard to say, but somehow or other the company seemed to be in for a right good time when the hour of closing arrived, greatly to the regret of all concerned, "Auld Lang Syne" having to be gone through during prohibited hours. Thus ended another of those pleasant gatherings which are, alas, mounting up, the years slipping away with such swiftness that one would like to put a few steel filings on the bearings of old Father Time's chariot.

7,000 TREBLE BOB ROYAL.

By S. WOOD, Ashton-under-Lyne.

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First rung at Ashton-under-Lyne, March 9, 1912. Conducted by the Composer.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TENBY, S. WALES.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: T. Johns 1, R. Jenkins 2, J. Evans 3, A. Richards 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, A. W. Brighton (of London), conductor, 7, J. Williams 8.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 19th, at St. Mary's Church, 420 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. E. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

EARL SOHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Jan. 8th, 720 London Singles: E. Jenkins (first 720) 1, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 2, B. Buckle 3, H. Hall 4, J. Barber 5, W. Burgess 6.—On Jan. 15th, 720 Oxford Bob: R. Jenkins 1, W. Saban (first 720 Oxford) 2, B. Buckle 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, H. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.—On Jan. 22nd, 720 Plain Bob: C. Ellis 1, E. Jenkins (first 720 inside) 2, W. Saban 3, W. G. Crickmer (conductor) 4, H. Hall 5, G. Balls 6.

NORWICH.—St. Peter Mancroft Guild.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, for morning service, 720 Bob Royal: G. Day 1, E. Lubbeck 2, F. H. Phillips 3, A. Potter 4, J. Freeman 5, G. P. Burton 6, H. J. Borrett 7, C. W. Bullen 8, J. E. Burton (conductor) 9, G. S. Mayers 10.—In the evening, 592 Bob Major, on the back eight: A. Potter 1, J. Freeman 2, E. Lubbeck 3, G. V. Burton 4, H. J. Borrett 5, F. H. Phillips (conductor) 6, J. E. Burton 7, C. W. Bullen 8.

FAREHAM, HANTS.—At the Parish Church, on Jan. 26th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: H. Pink 1, F. L. Tull 2, F. J. Newland 3, G. Bull 4, H. W. Barry 5, A. Mears (conductor) 6, S. R. Churcher 7, C. Privett 8.

KENSINGTON.—At St. Mary Abbot's Church, on Sunday, January 19th, 1263 Stedman Caters: E. J. Ridler 1, W. E. Garrard 2, W. G. Matthews 3, A. B. Bennett 4, P. Miles 5, A. E. Bradley 6, W. J. Daubney 7, C. Charge (conductor) 8, H. G. Miles 9, W. A. Garrard 10.

DARLEY DALE.—On Jan. 22nd, at St. Helen's Church, a date touch of 1913 Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 8 mins.: T. White 1, F. Travis 2, H. Gregory 3, E. Blackwall 4, J. W. Derbyshire 5, A. C. Wright (conductor) 6, W. Taylor 7, H. W. Gregory 8.

ACTON.—At St. Mary's Church, on Jan. 29th, a half-peal (2520 changes) Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr. 38 mins.: A. E. Smith 1, W. Phillips 2, E. J. Ridler 3, H. W. Cotton 4, R. Holloway 5, J. W. Fruin 6, J. R. Mackman (conductor) 7, W. E. Holloway 8. Longest length by all except ringers of 3rd, 4th and 7th.

FINCHLEY, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, 720 of Oxford Bob: G. Webb 1, W. H. Tubb 2, F. Tubb 3, E. Tubb 4, B. Tubb 5, F. Barker (conductor) 6.

ALTON, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Wednesday, Feb. 5th, at St. Lawrence's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes): W. Chapman 1, E. E. Ham 2, H. Evans 3, R. Apple-gath 4, W. Perry 5, V. Lowton 6, A. Hardiman (conductor) 7, F. Noakes 8. This is the first quarter-peal of Stedman Triples rung by an entirely local band at the above church.

HEMEL Hempstead.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 6th, 518 Grandsire Triples: J. Floyd, junr., 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, F. Walker (first 500 with a bob bell) 3, A. Searle 4, J. Floyd 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. H. Newell 7, W. Charge 8. Also 602 Oxford Bob Triples: J. Floyd 1, H. Golding (conductor) 2, A. Searle 3, W. Floyd 4, J. Floyd, senr., 5, W. Shepherd 6, W. H. Newell 7, W. Charge 8. Rung in honour of Capt. Halsey, commander of H.M.S. New Zealand, who was sailing on an Empire voyage that day.

LEISTON.—On Feb. 4th, 504 Stedman Triples: E. H. Bailey 1, A. F. Bailey 2, J. M. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, C. Sampson 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, J. W. Mallett 8. Also 224 Double Norwich. J. W. Mallett belongs to Earl Soham.

YAXLEY.—Peterborough and District Association.—At St. Peter's Church, on Feb. 6th, an attempt for a peal of Minor was lost in the fourth 720, owing to a bob being missed by the conductor: J. Jutson 1, W. Waldron 2, E. Tilley 3, O. Richardson 4, T. Vaughan 5, G. Jutson (conductor) 6. The party afterwards adjourned for tea, and touches of Kent on the handbells were rung, after which the tower was again visited, and a good 360 rung, the Vicar (the Rev. E. H. Brown) taking a rope.

STOKE COVENTRY.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: A. Roberts 1, *W. Pryce 2, W. H. Brunson (conductor) 3, G. H. White 4, W. T. Cox 5, *W. Maund 6, F. E. Pervin 7, C. Freeman 8. *First quarter-peal in the method.

HIGH WYCOMBE.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, the longest touch yet rung on twelve by the local company, viz., 910 Stedman Cinques: A. F. Ashman 1, R. Coles 2, G. F. Williams 3, G. Twitchen 4, S. T. Goodchild 5, F. K. Biggs 6, E. Markham 7, F. Hayes (conductor) 8, J. Gransbury 9, W. Phipps 10, B. Page 11, A. J. Hoing 12.

GREAT WOLFORD, WARWICKSHIRE.—On Nov. 27th, 720 Bob Minor: R. Pardington (Longborough) 1, J. H. Keyte (Blockley) 2, F. Davis (Stow) 3, E. Pardon (Longborough) 4, F. Bird (Shipston) 5, W. Large, conductor (Fodenham) 6. This is believed to be the first 720 of Plain Bob on the bells.

WEST LYDFORD, SOMERSET.—On Sunday, February 2nd, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles: U. S. Weichman 1, G. Meek 2, A. Cullen 3, A. Whitehead 4, W. Tudgay (conductor) 5, E. Starks 6. This was the first attempt for 720 by members of the above tower, where the bells were recently rehung and a treble added to make six. Fourteen months ago neither of the above band knew anything of change ringing, and have since then been trained by Mr. E. F. Creed, of Castle Cary.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Nov. 26th, at Christ Church, 504 Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, R. W. Hyner 2, J. H. Odey 3, D. Jackson (first in the method) 4, G. Lancaster 5, W. G. Lancaster (first in the method) 6, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 7, A. W. Harrington 8. Also 448 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Odey 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. W. Townsend 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.

HOLLOWAY.—On Dec. 1st, 1263 Stedman Triples: H. Ranzetta 1, C. H. Hughes 2, A. D. Barker (conductor) 3, A. Hart 4, J. Cornford 5, G. Charge 6, R. W. Green 7, A. Turner 8.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER.—At Holy Trinity Church, on Dec. 2nd, 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 27 mins.: T. Oglesby 1, J. Barrick 2, Geo. Thompson, junr., 3, J. W. Crowder (conductor) 4, H. Batson 5, H. E. Dannatt 6. First 720 on the bells since they were rehung by Messrs. Mallaby and Son, and first 720 by ringers of 1 and 3.

ARKLOW, IRELAND.—At St. Saviour's Protestant Church, the occasion of the marriage of Mr. A. O. Hood, kinsman of Lord Hood, to Miss Margery Digby, niece of Lord Lansdown, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 45 mins., 7, 6, 8 covering: C. Bennett 1, E. Keene 2, J. Tyrrell 3, A. Hadley (conductor) 4, S. Forde 5, C. Evans 6, R. Prestage 7, W. Bailey 8. Also nine six-scores of Grandsire Doubles: H. Hoyle 4, A. Hadley (conductor) 5, A. McGowan 6, the rest standing as before. The above and also the quarter-peal was rung on Tuesday, November 26th.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—On Dec. 1st, after evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 52 mins.: H. Mitchell 1, *T. O'Connor 2, *F. Darrell 3, A. Little 4, H. Farlow 5, H. Jones 6, W. H. Lawley 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, E. Mitchell 10. Composed by J. E. Groves. Rung on Queen Alexandra's birthday. *First quarter-peal in the method with a working bell.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, C. Gray (first quarter-peal) 2, H. J. Sudell 3, H. J. King 4, A. J. Harding 5, B. Horton 6, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 7, S. S. Dunwell 8.

ISHAM.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: G. Blaxley 1, W. Lewis 2, F. Talbutt 3, A. Four 4, W. Wilson 5, F. Andrews (first 720 in the method as conductor) 6.

KENNINGTON.—Ancient Society of College Youths (Guild of St. John-the-Divine, Kennington).—On Sunday, Dec. 8th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 41 mins.: H. D. Opher 1, A. Walton 2, H. J. Walton 3, T. W. Wyatt 4, Alec. Miller 5, Arch. Miller 6, G. W. Wild (conductor) 7, T. W. Wellbourne 8.

LONDON.—On Dec. 8th, for evening service, at St. Saviour's, Southwark, 1195 Stedman Cinques, in 57 mins.: H. Springall 1, T. H. Taffender (composer and conductor) 2, L. Attwater 3, R. French 4, C. H. Hughes 5, A. D. Barker 6, C. H. Burden 7, R. W. Green 8, F. J. Hardy 9, T. Langdon (2) 10, H. Langdon 11, T. Walker 12.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.—At St. Stephen's Church, Eastwood, 720 Bob Minor: *R. Brown 1, C. Glenn 2, *J. Monks 3, A. Whitworth 4, A. Hague (conductor) 5, J. Cottam 6. *First 720. Also 720 Bob Minor by members of the Parish Church company: C. Ryder 1, Miss Winnie Hague 2, L. Brightman 3, W. Froggatt 4, J. Monks 5, A. Hague (conductor) 6. First 720 by Messrs. Ryder and Brightman, and first in the method by Miss Hague.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Dec. 11th, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Sheppard 1, C. P. Oliver 2, O. Porter (conductor) 3, A. Hinstead 4, E. W. Wenman 5, J. Hiscock 6, G. Cleave 7, F. Harris 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to Nellie, the eight years old daughter of the conductor, and to the ringer of the 4th.

SOUTH SHORE, BLACKPOOL.—On Dec. 2nd, at Holy Trinity Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hill 1, F. Hill 2, A. Cooper 3, G. Rawcliffe 4, A. Atkinson 5, G. Maries (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method on inside bells by all except the conductor.

EASTON NESTON.—Towcester and District Association.—On Dec. 1st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: C. H. Clarke (first quarter-peal of Triples) 1, J. W. Unwin 2, C. Faulkner 3, G. W. Beesley 4, F. Hopper 5, G. Basford 6, J. W. Sharp (first-quarter of Triples as conductor) 7, T. Denney 8.

CROYDON.—The Surrey Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), being the first quarter on the bells: H. Brooker, junr., 1, H. Brooker, senr., 2, A. J. Perkins 3, H. Lover 4, C. Dean 5, A. J. Plowman 6, G. Bush 7, W. S. Smith 8, E. L. Miles (conductor) 9, C. Kitching 10. First quarter-peal of Caters by three of the band, and the first attempt at calling a quarter of Caters by the conductor. This touch was specially arranged in honour of the wedding of Mr. W. Ives (one of St. Peter's band), which took place on Sunday; it was also the birthday of the ringer of the third.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The next meeting will be held at the new church of St. John the Divine, Coppull, on Saturday, March 1st. Bells available from 3 o'clock. The outward train service from Preston is inconvenient, but a motor 'bus service runs between Chorley and Coppull every hour from 12 noon. A good attendance is requested.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—North Bucks Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Stony Stratford on Saturday, March 1st next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thomas Best, junr., Secretary, Bletchley.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Maidstone district will be held at Maidstone on Saturday, March 1st, 1913. Bells available at 3 p.m. Short service at 5 p.m. Meat tea at the Maidstone Restaurant, Bank Street, 5.30 p.m. A charge of 3d. per member will be made for tea. Subscriptions are now due.—G. Moore, District Secretary, 71, Florence Road, Maidstone.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—The annual Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner will be held at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, Temple Row, Birmingham, on Saturday, March 1st, at 6.30 p.m. The chair will be taken by Sir Arthur Percival Heywood, Bart. Tickets free to fully qualified members whose subscriptions are paid up to date, to other members and friends 2s. 6d. each. The bells of St. Martin's (12) and St. John's, Deritend (8) will be available from 3 to 5 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Barton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Newhall on Saturday, March 1st. Bells read at 3 o'clock.—Harry Wakley, Local Honorary Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Feltham on Saturday, March 1st. Ringing from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6, 6d. each. All are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 4th and 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on the 4th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Hunslet on March 8th. Peal attempt at 2.30. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 7.30.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24 Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Blakesley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells

available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by short business meeting. All ringers intending to be present please notify me by Wednesday, March 5th.—J. Clarke, Brackley Road, Towcester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. The committee meet at Todmorden on the same day.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Thomas, Milnthorpe, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 8th, 1913. Bells (six) available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Short service in the church at 7 p.m.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824) Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 o'clock; business meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present the necessity of giving notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—In consequence of the Honorary Secretary being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Further notice will be given when the date is fixed.—S. Spittle, Ringing Master, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

C. W. P. CLIFTON has removed from 54, Kirkby Street, to the WHEATSHEAF HOTEL, BROADGATE, LINCOLN. All ringers will receive a hearty welcome. Good accommodation for man or beast.

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TAMWORTH RINGERS.

The annual meeting of the Tamworth ringers was held in College Lane School on February 3rd. There were present the Rev. J. H. Courteney Clarke (Vicar) presiding, Messrs. John W. Parker and Sydney N. Chatterton, churchwardens; Mrs. Parker, Mrs. Chatterton, Miss K. Clarke and Miss Sampson, and Messrs. J. Pratt (captain), A. E. Young, R. P. Brindley, J. H. Chatterton, J. H. Chapman, W. Chapman, A. Chaplin, C. Chapman, who were re-elected ringers. Mr. A. E. Young was elected captain, and Mr. R. P. Brindley vice-captain. —Mr. J. W. Timms, Mr. A. Everitt and Miss Sampson were elected hon. ringers, and Messrs. A. Marks, S. Smith, John W. Parker and George Chaplin were elected probationers.

The Vicar and the churchwardens afterwards provided a substantial meal, which was greatly appreciated, and the Vicar said he was always pleased to give the ringers every opportunity for practice.

Mr. Young presented the report of the year, which recorded one peal, one quarter-peal and a large number of touches of Stedman, Grandsire and Erin Triples and Bob Major.

Mr. Brindley moved that the best thanks be given to the Vicar and wardens for the excellent repast and for the pleasant gathering that they had arranged, and expressed the hope that it was only the forerunner of many more. He thanked them also for the interest that they had taken in the ringers during the year.—The Vicar and wardens responded, and said it had been a great pleasure to them to be amongst such a body of men who worked so harmoniously together.—Games were afterwards engaged in, and a happy evening was brought to a close about 11 o'clock.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the London County Association was held on February 8th, and proved most successful. The towers of St. Andrew's and St. Sepulchre's, Holborn, were open during the afternoon, and although the "go" of either of the peals is not perfect, good use of the bells was made by the members, and visitors from the country. Tea was partaken of at the "King of Denmark," 42 sitting down. Afterwards the business meeting took place. Four new members were elected. The concert balance sheet showed a balance of 11s. 4d.

The Secretary read his report for the year, which proved most satisfactory. The two districts were making progress, and good feeling existed throughout the society. During the year, 20 new members were elected, an increase of six on the previous year. Death had removed several of their most respected members, including Mr. Matthew Wood, Mr. William Cooter, Mr. James Pettit, Mr. Arthur Jacob, and Mr. Jarrold Hayward. The rule book had been thoroughly revised and brought up to date, and matter of considerable interest added. —The balance sheet, which showed a balance of 1s. 6d. in the treasurer's hands, was considered satisfactory. During the year 19 peals had been rung in eight methods, 71 members taking part, the conducting having been shared by eight conductors.

Mr. T. H. Taffender was elected Master; Mr. F. J. Hardy was re-elected hon. secretary; Mr. W. G. Matthews, treasurer; Mr. F. Wells, senior steward; Mr. W. G. Kilby, junior steward; Messrs. R. A. Daniell and T. H. Taffender, trustees.

The meeting closed with votes of thanks to the officers of the past year, and to the incumbents of the two churches for the use of their bells during the afternoon.

The rest of the evening was spent in handbell ringing and harmony.

DOVER.—Kent County Association.—On Jan. 20th, at St. Mary's Church, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Corteen 1, C. Turner (conductor) 2, A. Roberts 3, R. Stevens 4, H. C. Saywell 5, G. Saunders 6, W. Sheaff 7, G. Godfrey 8. Also 336.—On Jan. 29th, 224 Grandsire Triples on handbells: R. Stevens 1—2, A. Saywell 3—4, C. Turner (conductor) 5—6, H. C. Saywell 7—8. This is the first successful touch beyond a plain course rung on handbells, double-handed, by the St. Mary's Society.

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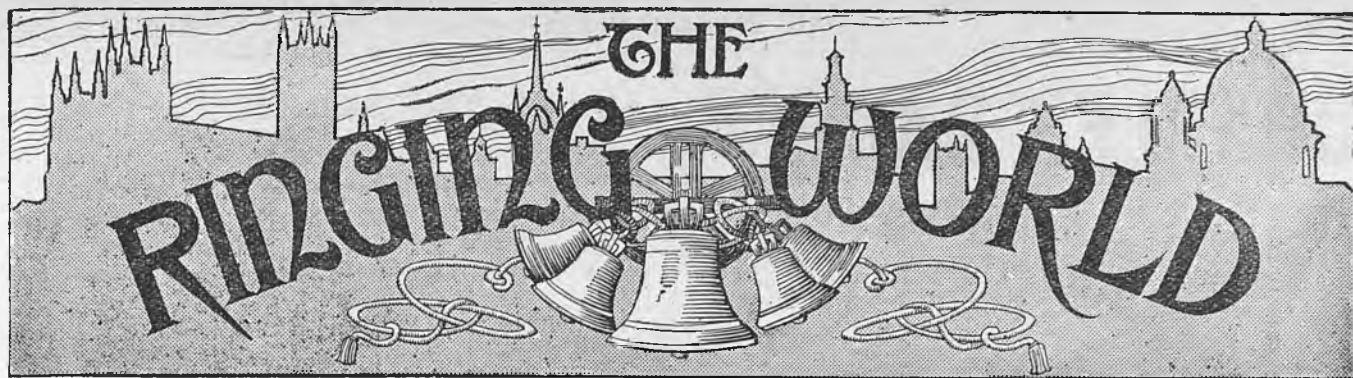
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,
Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

FESTIVITY AT BIRMINGHAM.

Every year seems to add to the success which is attained by the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, and last Saturday's gathering was more than usually noteworthy. No event of its kind in the provinces is so representative in character as this Birmingham festivity, at which ringers, not only from the Midland metropolis, but from distant parts of the country foregather to do honour to the memory of one of the greatest men who ever adorned the Exercise. We are often reminded of the words of Shakespeare, "The evil that men do lives after them; the good is oft interred with their bones," but in the case of Henry Johnson no one ever had a single word to say, during his life or after his death, against his integrity and rectitude. His name stands imperishably for honourable and upright dealing in the belfry and out of it, and it will ever remain a cherished memory.

Saturday's proceedings were attended by almost if not quite record numbers and the after dinner oratory was of a more than ordinarily high order. There were many interesting points about the speeches, and both Sir Arthur Heywood, who presided, and the Rector of Birmingham, whose presence gave intense pleasure to the members of the St. Martin's Guild, had much to say that provided food for thought. Sir Arthur had some pointed remarks to make on the question of Disestablishment, and also on the subject of ringing at churches which are situated in populous centres. His words of warning and advice deserve careful consideration, not only by church officials, but by ringers themselves.

By far the most interesting announcement at the dinner was that made by the Rector—in whom, it is apparent, the Guild have a very warm friend—that he and the churchwardens agreed to the proposal put before him by the indefatigable honorary secretary, Mr. A. Paddon Smith, that the second bell of the twelve at St. Martin's should be recast. This bell, as Mr. Smith had pointed out, is the only blot upon an otherwise magnificent peal. How it came to be a blemish makes interesting and amusing reading—if such a thing can possibly have any humour in it. But for a hundred years that bell has been the bête noire of successive generations of Birmingham ringers. Thanks now to the enterprise of the honorary secretary and the ready acquiescence of the Rector and churchwardens, this is to be remedied, and quickly. The announcement came as a great and pleasant surprise to the company, and, needless to say, was received with whole-hearted enthusiasm. This crowning point to a remarkably pleasant social evening will be a source of great gratification to those who ring at St. Martin's.

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Tenor 43 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

GEORGE R. DAY Treble	HARRY BARTON 6
FRANK H. PHILLIPS 2	HARRY J. BORRETT 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	CHARLES E. BORRETT 8
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4	GEORGE G. BURTON 9
JOHN FREEMAN 5	GEORGE MAYERS Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

The ringers of the 3rd, 4th and 6th hail from Slough, Ipswich and Southwold respectively.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, BERMONDSEY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ARTHUR J. NEALE Treble	WILLIAM THEOBALD 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 7
WILLIAM HEWETT 3	JOHN ARMSTRONG 8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	ERNEST PYE Tenor

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On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs., in D.

*RUPERT J. GOATE Treble	*GEORGE B. BAXTER 6
HARRY BARTON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 7
FREDERICK C. LAMBERT 3	†ERNEST F. POPPY 8
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	*HARRY LING 9
*CLAYTON PARNELL 5	*EDMUND ETTRIDGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN ROGERS, and
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* First peal on ten bells. † First peal of Grandsire Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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(St. Peter's Society.)

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF ERIN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

HARRY PAGE Treble	THOMAS HAMLIN 5
GEORGE CROSS 2	WILLIAM PAGE 6
TOM PAGE 3	JAMES CROSS 7
GEORGE WINES 4	HENRY CRABBE Tenor

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CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
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On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 11½ cwt.	
CLAUD REMNANT... ..	Treble	WALTER G. BROCKHURST	5
ARTHUR J. BARTLETT ...	2	JOHN ALLFORD	6
GEORGE LUFF	3	HERBERT J. ELLIS	7
THOMAS ATTWELL	4	THOMAS LUFF	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. BARTLETT.

Rung as a farewell peal to the Rev. Canon J. W. Hunter, M.A., who vacated the living on this date owing to continued ill health. All the above are members of the local band and offer their best wishes to Canon Hunter in his retirement.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.	
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ...	Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY	5
JAMES M. BAILEY	2	CHARLES SAMPSON	6
GEORGE WILSON	3	CHARLES F. BAILEY	7
EDGAR H. BAILEY	4	LEONARD P. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

First peal of Stedman by all. First peal in the method on the bells by a local company.

NEW ROMNEY, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DAVIES' TEN-PART NO. 1.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
CYRIL WENHAM	Treble	ALFRED DAW	5
ERNEST E. HUTCHINSON ...	2	GEORGE BILLENNESS ...	6
PERCY PAGE	3	HIGHWOOD S. HUMPHERY	7
ARCHIBALD C. KAY	4	GEORGE B. ANDERSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE BILLENNESS.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN AND ROCDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
JOHN P. FOULDS	Treble
ROBERT FOULDS	2
*EDWARD MALLINSON ...	3
ALFRED BROOK	4
*HARRY FOULDS	5
WILLIAM CRABTREE ...	6
HERBERT DEVONPORT ...	7
WILLIAM MALLINSON ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM MALLINSON.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 6th and 7th hail from Todmorden; the rest belong to the local company.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.	
WILLIAM HENLEY	Treble
†GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	2
JOSEPH J. PARKER	3
JESSE ELDRIDGE	4
WILLIAM WELLING	5
*JAMES BLACKMORE	6
GEORGE MARTIN	7
GEORGE ALLDER	Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. † First Surprise peal away from the treble.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE	Treble
THOMAS G. DEAL	2
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON	3
ALFRED GEO. BENNINGTON	4
ERNEST B. CROWDER ...	5
GEORGE H. DAYNES ...	6
†JOSEPH LAW	7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ...	Tenor

Composed by HENRY J. TUCKER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal of Bob Major. † First in the method and first peal of Major. ‡ First with a bob bell. First in the method as conductor.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

BERT CHALLENGE	Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS	5
JOHN CAPP	2	GEORGE GATLAND	6
HENRY STALHAM	3	WILLIAM C. HART	7
EDMUND LINDUP	4	KEITH HART	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

DEVONPORT, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL, HIS MAJESTY'S DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.		Tenor 9 cwt.	
ERNEST W. MARSH	Treble	*WILLIAM RICHARDS ...	5
*WARREN HORN BROOK ...	2	REV. EVERARD S. POWELL	6
WILLIAM RUNDLE	3	WILLIAM FORD	7
WALTER H. MARSH	4	*WILLIAM HOBBS	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Banister.

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

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REEVES' TEN-PART VARIATION.	
ALBERT WALLWORK	Treble
CHARLES SEDDON	2
THOMAS LINGARD	3
DANIEL HOWARD	4
FRANCIS E. BRADSHAW ...	5
*JOHN HOWARD	6
THOMAS HOWARD	7
JOHN EDGE	Tenor

Conducted by T. LINGARD.

* First peal. F. E. Bradshaw comes from Whitefield, the rest are local ringers. Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect to the mother of the conductor.

TYLDESLEY, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.	
TITUS BARLOW	Treble
JOSEPH RIDYARD	2
JOSEPH LEATHERBARROW ...	3
JOHN WELSBY	4
ALFRED POTTER	5
THOMAS WORSLEY	6
JOHN POTTER	7
ROBERT ALLRED	Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HONITON CLYST. THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.		Tenor 19 cwt.	
WILLIAM H. HOWE	Treble	JOHN R. HAYMAN	5
JULIUS A. SNOW	2	FREDERICK J. MILFORD ...	6
ARTHUR D. SOWELL	3	FRANK J. DAVEY	7
WILLIAM A. HAYMAN	4	*GEORGE BETTS	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to F. J. Davey. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. H. Clarke for the use of the bells and for his hospitality after the peal.

CHILHAM, KENT. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.	
CHARLES W. PLAYER	Treble
EDWIN G. BUESDEN	2
FREDERICK G. BRETT	3
EDWARD TRENDILL	4
CHARLES W. BRETT	5
EDWARD E. FOREMAN	6
FREDERICK A. HOLDEN	7
PHILIP H. PIERCE	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK W. HOLDEN.

First peal of Double Norwich on the bells.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.	
FREDK. W. MIDDLETON	Treble
BEN. S. THOMPSON	2
WILLIAM A. HEMPEL	3
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM ...	4
GEORGE H. CROSS	5
GEORGE HOWCHIN	6
ALBERT G. WARNES	7
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ...	Tenor

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

This peal was arranged for Mr. C. H. Gillingham, of Ipswich. The ringers take this opportunity of thanking the Rector (the Rev. Canon J. Still) for the use of the bells.

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

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lb.	
JOHN PEDDLE	Treble
EDGAR HANCOX	2
HENRY WAITE	3
JOSEPH J. PRATT	4
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	5
HENRY H. CHANDLER	6
PERCY E. JONES	7
THOMAS SMITH	Tenor

Composed by JAMES W. MOORHOUSE, and

Conducted by EDGAR HANCOX.

This peal was rung as a farewell to the Rev. H. G. Bird, who, for 22 years was vicar of St. Andrew's Church, and President of the above Guild since its formation; also as a birthday compliment to H. H. Chandler.

SIX BELL PEALS.

ELSTOW, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, February 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND HELEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Woodbine, two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and one each of Oxford and Plain Bob. Tenor 9½ cwt.

HARRY TYSOE	Treble	MISS EVELYN STEEL	4
MISS DOROTHY D. STEEL ...	2	REGINALD GARDNER	5
JOHN W. BARKER	3	EDWARD WHITE	Tenor

Conducted by HARRY TYSOE.

First peal by Miss Dorothy Steel. First peal as conductor.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 11 cwt.

*RICHARD DUNNETT	Treble	CHARLES FISHER	4
†LESTER GRAY	2	WILLIAM REEVE	5
ALFRED CLEMENTS	3	ROBERT MILES	Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT MILES.

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

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lbs., in A.

OWEN H. GILES	Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...	4
*GEORGE PULLINGER	2	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	3	GEORGE WILLIAMS	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First 5040. The band wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them to supper at the Vicarage after the peal. This is the first 5040 on the bells.

BIDDENHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13½ cwt.

HERBERT L. HARLOW	Treble	HERBERT SHARP	4
*MISS EVELYN STEEL	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
HARRY TYSOE	3	JOHN W. BARKER	Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

ASHBOCKING, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Woodbine and Oxford Treble Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt. 0 qr. 21 lb., in A flat.

*CHARLES CHURCH	Treble	GEORGE BENNETT	4
GEORGE FLEMING	2	ALBERT FLEMING	5
GEORGE PRYKE	3	†GEORGE FARNISH	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE FARNISH.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

WHITCHURCH, NEAR CARDIFF.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

DAVID THOMAS	Treble	JOHN CLUTTERBUCK	4
FRANK J. BAILEY	2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ...	5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS	3	SIDNEY DAWE	Tenor

Conducted by DAVID THOMAS.

First peal of Kent by all and first peal of Kent Minor by the Association. Rung on St. David's Day with the bells half-muffled in memory of Captain Scott and his band, who met their tragic death at the South Pole.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND SPITALFIELDS FOUNDRY GUILD.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Anne, S. TOTTENHAM,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Consisting of two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs., in A.

FREDERICK A. NUNN... .. Treble	ARTHUR N. PALMER ... 4
ALFRED HOWELL 2	THOMAS KING 5
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 3	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JR. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, JUNR.

R. N. Runham's first peal in three methods, and the conductor's first peal of Minor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, February 25, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-four 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 W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5027 CHANGES;

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	*E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8
HENRY HODGETTS 3-4	WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 5-6	GEORGE N. PRICE 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.
Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

* First peal on twelve bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, February 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	ERNEST PYE 7-8
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.
Umpire: W. HEWETT.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, February 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Three Minutes,
At 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANGES;

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT 1-2	WALTER S. WISE 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3-4	FRANK I. HAIRS 7-8

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.
Umpire: FRANK BENNETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. S. Wise. This is the conductor's 200th peal.

SHEFFIELD.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

JOHN THORPE 1-2	GEORGE LEWIS 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	R. WILFRED COLLIER ... 7-8

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

First handbell peal in the method by all. G. Lewis's 50th handbell peal.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
At TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR, 5000 CHANGES;

†J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	*FREDERICK BARKER ... 7-8

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

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

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5280 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMS ... 1-2	REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 5-6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3-4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8

*FREDERICK BARKER ... 9-10
Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: F. P. CHEETHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob in hand. First peal of Treble Ten by all except the ringer of 5-6.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, March 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
At PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANGES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3-4	FREDERICK BARKER ... 7-8

Composed by J. FLEMING, and
Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

SCUNTHORPE RINGERS' EXCURSION.

Messrs. Vamplew, Short, Bird, Strickland, Smith, Oliver, Hocknell and Turner, of the Scunthorpe band, had an enjoyable outing to Hatfield on Thursday week, at the invitation of Mr. Smith, of Winterton, formerly of Hatfield, who kindly entertained them to tea. An attempt to accomplish a half-muffled peal of Grandsire Triples was made at the Parish Church in memoriam of the late Mrs. S. Smith, who died a short time ago, aged 102 years, but the peal went astray, after ringing for 2 hrs. 10 mins.

OCCASIONS OF PEAL RINGING.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In your issue of 21st February there was reported a peal rung at Bristol on Wednesday, February 5th. An opportunity was here missed of adding a footnote. "Rung to celebrate Ash Wednesday." It was certainly a novel occasion for a peal, but if it really was rung with the bells open, is not this carrying the "No Popery" movement a little too far?—Yours truly,

F. LI. EDWARDS.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

The monthly combined practice of the Southern Branch was held at Nutfield on Tuesday week, when fourteen members were present, and the following methods were practised: London, York and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Bob Minor. A meeting was held in the tower, at which ten new members were elected to the branch, including the Rector of Burstow as a ringing member. The next combined practice will be at Horley.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE NEW BELLS AT COPPULL.

A well-attended practice meeting of the Preston branch was held at the new Church of St. John-the-Divine, Coppull, on Saturday last. At present the massive tower contains a ring of six bells (tenor 16½ cwt. in E), but as the frame is made for eight it is hoped some day to complete the octave. Everything about the church is on an elaborate scale, and nothing could be more fitting to bring it to completion than two more bells added to make a beautiful ring of eight. Messrs. Taylor are the founders, and their reputation is well upheld in the tone and "go," which delighted all comers. One thing mars the ringing chamber and that is noise, but a conversation with the Vicar showed that he was anxious that this should be remedied. The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening by mixed bands, the local men being put through their first attempt at changes. The methods were: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Original, and Stedman Doubles. The towers represented were: Preston Parish and St. Mark's, Leyland Parish and St. James', Penwortham, Eccleston, Brindle, Chorley, Whittle-le-Woods and Standish.

HENRY JOHNSON DINNER. GREAT GATHERING OF RINGERS AT BIRMINGHAM.

ST. MARTIN'S SECOND TO BE RECAST.

There was a great gathering of ringers from far and near at Birmingham on Saturday on the occasion of the Henry Johnson Commemoration Dinner, held under the auspices of the St. Martin's Guild. The event has always been a great attraction, and this year there was a larger number present than ever. After meeting for ringing at St. Martin's and St. John's, Deritend, in the afternoon, nearly 140 sat down to dinner at Ye Olde Royal Hotel, where mine host provided an excellent repast. Subsequently the party was swelled by the addition of many other ringers and friends, the post prandial speeches being listened to by a company of about 200. Sir Arthur Heywood presided, and was supported by Canon J. W. Willink (Rector of Birmingham), Canon Gonner (Vicar of St. John's, Deritend), Ald. J. S. Pritchett (Presiding Master of the Guild), Messrs. J. Kendall (churchwarden of St. Martin's), H. G. Vickerstaff, Arthur Wade Edge, W. H. Godden, F. E. Dawe, T. Faulkner (Master of the College Youths), H. Mason, A. E. Parsons, C. W. Bassano, and A. Paddon Smith (hon. secretary). Among those also present were: Mr. J. E. Groves (Ringing Master), Mrs. Groves, Miss E. K. Parker (London), Miss M. Sampson (Edinburgh), Messrs. E. Horrex, A. A. Hughes and J. Waghorn (London), J. Griffin (Burton-on-Trent), J. Austin (Gloucester), R. J. Wilkins (Bristol), W. Page and C. Jones (Worcester), and many ringers from neighbouring towns.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD ON DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Chairman, having submitted the loyal toast, which was enthusiastically honoured, proposed "The Church and State." He called particular attention to the fact that the two were coupled together, and, after emphasising the greatness of the Empire with some striking figures, said that with their greatness they had their responsibilities. How had they been justifying their responsibilities? I am not going to talk politics, proceeded Sir Arthur, but what some people call politics are the essence of considering what a nation is doing. That we have a right to do every time and everywhere. We ringers are "down in the mouth," and for this reason, a Bill has passed through the House of Commons, and in about another year will practically pass into law, which disestablishes the Church in Wales ("shame"). It is four years ago since I had the honour of taking the chair at one of these most enjoyable gatherings, and I remember that at that time I pointed out the necessity of every ringer, and by ringer meaning Churchman, must to the utmost resist this attempt to take away money from part of the Church of England. Now what I want to point out to you is this: Is it consonant with the intelligence that ought to accompany the ruling of so great an empire as ours that any Government, I am not talking about one side or the other, should take away from a body that is doing so much good as the Church of England is doing in Wales, that small modicum of its means which will make all the difference between success and, I won't say failure, but success under very much increased difficulty? I venture to think that is not in accordance with the intelligence we should have expected from those who, in other ways, have perhaps very adequately ruled this country.

DANGER TO THE CHURCH IN ENGLAND.

I want most earnestly to beseech you all, as ringers, and, therefore, interested in the welfare of the Church of England, to bear in mind that this disestablishment of the Church of England in Wales is simply a forecast of the methods that will be applied to the Church of England in England itself. Long before there was any Parliamentary Government in England there was a church, and long before there was a church in England there was a church in Wales, and it was from Wales that the church came to England. It is a most ruthless action to take away from that little church in Wales the small endowment they have, and to devote it to a purpose which is wholly illusory. It is an entire misrepresentation to say there is any body in Wales that outnumbers Churchmen in Wales. There is no single denomination in Wales that outnumbers the Church in Wales. Therefore, by what possible reasoning can you make it fair to take away funds from that Church? I do most earnestly ask you in drinking this toast of "Church and State" to bear in mind that the church is responsible in large measure for the creation of this country, and it will be a bad day if in England the Church is separated from the State (cheers).

The Rector of Birmingham, who had a most enthusiastic reception, said, in the course of his reply, that bell ringing was one of the most beautiful arts that science and religion had combined to give them, and to see so many men gathered together, men to whom the art of bell ringing was a true joy and a true enthusiasm, was something to fill a man in his position with great thankfulness and great hope of the future (applause). The Chairman had been speaking to him of what he had known during his long and honourable record of belfry work, and the wonderful change that had come over the ringers of the present day compared with the ringers of the days gone by. Ringers to-day were, in increasing numbers, taking up their art as an offering to God as part of their weekly worship (applause). It was a great joy to him a little while ago to receive from his own noble band of brothers, to whom their St. Martin's belfry was sacred ground, the

request that they might be enrolled as members of the C.E.M.S. (applause), and he should not easily forget the emotions of his heart and mind as they stood before him at the chancel steps and were admitted into that august brotherhood. That, he believed, could be paralleled in many parts of England, and for that he thanked God from the bottom of his heart.

AN ACROSTIC.

Proceeding, the Rector offered an acrostic on the word "bells." Did not the letter B, he said, tell them of the beauty, the holiness and the joy that men felt in giving the very best they had to the service of God? He loved to think that when the bells were rung they were as much a part of Divine service as the anthem that was going to be sung in church (applause). For that reason he welcomed the practice nights which enabled the ringers to make their beautiful work more beautiful still. Then, did not the letter E remind them of the great word "enthusiasm." It was enthusiasm that brought them there that night. Enthusiasm was the salt of life and the joy of work, and he thought, if ever one found enthusiasm anywhere, one found it in a company of bell ringers. The two L's spoke of love's labour; for labour it was, but labour when it was enthused by love, the master motive of humanity, ceased to be labour. The letter S surely spoke to them of the one great thought which he, as representing the Church that night, would like so much to emphasise—the sanctification of their work, the offering of it to God Himself. If they regarded their ringing from this standpoint, it took on a totally different perspective. They looked upon bell ringing as a privilege and joy. It brought them into brotherhood with a remarkably fine set of men; it brought them into touch with great and high things, and he felt that the privilege of their art was one for which they might thank God. It seemed to him that they were there on almost a sacred errand, to hallow their brotherhood, to deepen their goodwill, to exchange experiences, and go forth from that anniversary dinner to the memory of a great and good man with renewed energy, with a higher motive than ever before, and a truer resolve to do their best for Him to whom they offered their services (applause).

ST. MARTIN'S SECOND BELL.

Before concluding, the Rector said he had received a letter from their valued secretary, Mr. Paddon Smith, in which he wrote: "It occurs to me that this is a favourable moment to bring to your notice the fact that the second bell of the twelve at St. Martin's, the smallest but one, is badly out of tune, and it is considered the only blot on our otherwise magnificent peal. Somewhere about a century ago it was clumsily handled by a workman connected with a London firm who were rehanging the bells. This intelligent man finding that the bells and frame had been placed too close together to permit the mouth of the bell to pass, cut away so much of the frame as he thought could be done with safety, and then actually proceeded to operate on the bell itself. He removed portions from both sides of the lip, and this, of course, left the bell hopelessly flat. The only remedy is recasting, and as the cost of this would not be heavy, probably under £25, I earnestly hope that you and the churchwardens will agree to the improvement being made. In the opinion of experts, we should then have in Birmingham a ring of twelve second to none in the country (applause). Should you view my suggestion favourably, I will, on behalf of the Guild, guarantee £5 towards the cost (applause), and would certainly promise to raise a further £5 in subscriptions. In these circumstances the expense to the church would only be a matter of about £15. My members are not aware that I am placing the matter before you at this moment, and if you agree, I think it would be nice for you to spring it on them as a pleasant surprise in the course of your speech after dinner" (laughter and applause). The Rector added: I have only to say in response to that most eloquent appeal—I heartily thank Mr. Smith for writing it—that the Rector and churchwardens are absolutely at one in this matter, and are prepared to sanction the expenditure and see the work carried out (loud cheers). When that work is done, in the course of a few months, we must have a special gathering of ringers; you must let me lead you in a service in the grand old church, and then you must allow me, if you will, to be your host, so that we can celebrate together the completion of the unrivalled St. Martin's peal, and cement our good fellowship in some delightful way. It will be a very great joy to me to meet you once again, and we will have a really good time with the old bells when they are complete (loud cheers).

THE MEMORY OF HENRY JOHNSON.

The Chairman proposed "The Immortal Memory of Henry Johnson," and expressed his pleasure at once more presiding at that dinner which was held in memory of one of the best and most honest and upright of ringers that, to his (the speaker's) knowledge they ever had among them (applause). Sir Arthur recalled the interesting and, as he termed it, the almost romantic story, of the rivalry between those two Birmingham men, Thurstans and Lates, to obtain the first peal of Stedman Triples on the twin-bob principle. The first to get the composition was Thurstans, and Mr. Johnson called the peal. Those who were young ringers did not realise the excitement there must have been in Birmingham, for the whole country was looking for the first proper peal of Stedman Triples to be rung. That toast, he continued, was to the memory of a man who was the one in those days to whom everybody in that town—and it was a great ringing town then—turned to as the one reliable man they could count on (hear, hear). There

was never any idea about Henry Johnson going behind anything he said, or treating any man other than fairly and honourably. All his life that was the one example that he set before them. He (the Chairman) hoped that dinner would be carried on for many years to come, seeing how much good fellowship it engendered, and how many friends it brought together under the influence of its good feeling. In asking them to rise to that toast in silence, he wished that the memory of Henry Johnson might be ever with them, because he was a standing example of the truth, and it was that very truth in his character that had made him the great man in the Exercise that he was and always would be.

The toast was drunk in silence.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Ald. Pritchett, who, owing to another engagement was only able to spend a short time with the ringers, proposed the toast of "Continued Prosperity to the St. Martin's Guild." He said there was nothing with which he was associated that he wished greater prosperity to. He welcomed the presence of Miss Edith Parker (applause), who was, as they knew, the first lady to conduct a peal of Stedman Cinques in this or any other country. He did not know what more that young lady had to look forward to in the way of achievements in ringing, but probably she would find a way to surpass even that wonderful performance. He would like also to mention that they had with them Miss Marjorie Sampson (applause), who rang in a peal of Stedman Triples only the previous week. It was sometime since the ladies began to take an interest in the Art, and they were glad to see them among them in increasing numbers. He thought it was a tribute to the good behaviour of ringers that any young lady might now go into any belfry in England without feeling any loss of self-respect (applause). He would like specially to mention that they had among them that old veteran, Mr. Faukes, who that day completed his 76th year (applause). They hoped he would continue in good health for many years to come. But the great anniversary to which he wished to allude was the 50th anniversary of Mr. Rock Small's entry into the bonds of holy wedlock (applause). They congratulated him, and would have been delighted and proud to welcome Mrs. Small had her health enabled her to come. The speaker went on to congratulate Mr. Painter on recovering from his illness, and Mr. James George on completing his 500 peals, and upon ringing his first peal of Cambridge. Then he also had to congratulate Mr. Jimmy Jones upon three new grandchildren since last they met (loud laughter). He had kept the greatest name till last—their friend John Carter was present (hear, hear). They had hoped his ringing machine would have been perfected, and would have been exhibited to them on that occasion, but he thought it would be there next year for certain. In the course of his duties as a member of the City Council, he (the speaker) had inspected some relics at Handsworth with a view to housing them in the Reference Library. He saw there some wonderful models of steam engines which Watts perfected and patented, but they all seemed wonderfully simple compared with Mr. Carter's ringing machine, and he could not think that the acumen and ability was required to construct these models that Mr. Carter had shown in constructing his wonderful machine (applause). The thought occurred to him in mentioning Mr. Carter, and the mention of Mr. Johnson, how little the world knew of some of its greatest men (applause). He was glad to think the Guild was prospering greatly. They were more numerous in members than ever before, and those members, taking them all round, were more accomplished ringers and certainly better men than those of the past. They also had more friends than they ever had; they were delighted to have a friend in their Rector—a true friend, as they had experienced that night (applause). The speaker referred in eulogistic terms to the services rendered to the Guild by Mr. Paddon Smith, the hon. secretary, upon whom the mantle of Mr. Godden had fallen.

Mr. Smith, who responded, said the work of his office was to him a labour of love, and he was particularly proud to be the secretary of the Guild. With all due respect to the secretaries of other societies he would not "swop" places with any one of them (laughter and applause). He was very proud of the fact that they had with them the Rector of Birmingham, for the first time for eight or nine years (hear, hear). As far as the recasting of the second went, it was one of the objects which he had had in mind, certainly ever since he had rung at St. Martin's. He was determined that one day it should be done, and now it was almost as good as done, thanks to the Rector (applause). He (the speaker) had already received an anonymous donation of three guineas towards the cost (applause).

KINDRED SOCIETIES.

Mr. W. H. Godden submitted "Kindred Societies," of which many were represented there that night, including the Ancient Society of College Youths, who were represented by the Master.

Mr. S. Faulkner, who responded, expressed his pleasure at the opportunity of being present, and added that they in London had a very deep respect for the provincial societies, and there was no society for whom they had greater respect than for St. Martin's Guild. The traditions of ringing between Birmingham and London were so closely bound up, that there seemed a brotherhood between the two that existed between London and no other city, with the possible exception of Norwich. He was glad to have with him the "father" of the society, Mr. Horrex, and their junior steward, Mr. Hughes, as well

as one of their past Masters, Mr. Dawe. They as ringers ought to set a high ideal before them. It was better to fall short of it than to have no ideal at all (applause).

In complimentary terms, Mr. F. E. Dawe proposed "The Ringing Papers," to which the Editor of "The Ringing World" responded.

CENTRAL COUNCIL AND RINGERS.

Mr. Dawe then submitted "The Chairman," and recalled the efforts made by Sir Arthur when he founded the Central Council, which was brought into being to protect the rights and privileges and interests of ringers (applause). He (Mr. Dawe) became the first secretary, but he most candidly admitted that he found the task too gigantic, and he gave way to another. He had not attended a Central Council meeting for many years until last Whit-Tuesday, and he found then that so far from it being established to protect their rights and privileges in the future, it became almost a gigantic argument between two of the most skilled mathematicians. He was sure they did not want to go all over England to hear gentlemen discuss the difference between tweedledee and tweedledum. To say that they had never yet rung a correct peal of Stedman Triples was straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel (laughter). He would like to see the Council do something to induce ringers to study first the feelings of the general public. In some of the populous places he believed the frequent peal ringing would presently lead to a tremendous "kick-up." He thought the Central Council should bring influence to bear on church authorities and bell ringers to study the feelings of the general public. Ten, twelve or fourteen thousand people were not going to be annoyed for hours to please a dozen men who wanted to ring a peal, and they would find ways and means of stopping it. They should never be surprised if some day there was an Act of Parliament passed to stop bells being rung in populous districts. Let them, therefore, before it was too late, get church authorities to carry out the necessary structural alterations to stop the reverberating clang, otherwise their rights and privileges might be crushed in the future.

SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD'S WARNING.

Sir Arthur, whose health was drunk with musical honours, said, in reply, that what Mr. Dawe had said about peal ringing had a very real basis. It was perfectly splendid the way in which year by year their records were increasing in number and increasing in quality, but there was no doubt whatever that the general public did not very much like it. He had always said that, among a population that worked with their hands, there was a deep inborn appreciation of church bells, but he confessed that he himself at times, if he had a considerable amount of brain work to do, found that to do that brain work to the accompaniment of bells that were being rung close by was not the best incentive to one's labours. He believed that if they were not very careful, what Mr. Dawe had forecast might very well come about. It was possible in a parliament which carried things with a rather high hand, they might themselves come up for judgment, and he earnestly commended to them what Mr. Dawe had said about having the belfry windows bricked up. It did not impair the music at all, but increased it, and stopped the noise. It was one of the things to-day which needed their most careful attention. In all other ways, the Exercise was going forward in the right path. Nothing, continued Sir Arthur, had caused him so much pleasure as the information that the Rector of Birmingham had given them that night that his ringers had joined the Church of England Men's Society (applause). If they, as ringers, were to be true to their colours, they must try and mend their ways. He had stuck up for them for years and years (hear, hear), and he knew that almost all of them were real good fellows, but a lot of them were shocking bad church goers (laughter and applause). They could not really pose as church bell ringers unless they would prove themselves Churchmen as well. The interests of the church were necessary to the promotion of their interests because, if the church were swept away, the bells would be swept away. Looking at it, therefore, from the lowest motives, it was to their supreme interests that they should identify themselves with the church authorities. He had always stuck to it, and he had told the Rector so that night that the reform of the ringers—and they wanted reforming to what they were 60 years ago—was due not to the parson, but to the ringer (applause). But having got so far, there remained something for them to do, and he earnestly besought them to bear in mind their responsibility to consider the public, and that unless they took care they might in the future be debarred from the Exercise which they all loved (applause).

This concluded the speech-making, which had left very little time in the course of the evening for music. There was a pianoforte solo, and a course of Stedman Cinques, and tunes on handbells by members of St. Martin's Guild. The tit-bit of the programme, however, was the course of Scientific Triples (216 changes). Mr. Carter's remarkably complex method which was tapped on the dulcimer by that wonderful man, Mr. Harry Withers. Needless to say, the performance fairly "brought down the house." Mr. Withers also played a selection of airs with great skill.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— WORCESTER.

By J. R. JERRAM.

According to Ellacombe's "Bells of the Church," Worcester Cathedral seems to have had a detached bell-tower, standing at a short distance from the north-east transept, in early times. This was built about 1220, and contained four bells. The first was inscribed, "Campanas diu serves has Virgo Maria"; the second, "Cristus vincit, Cristus regnat, Cristus imperat, Cristus nos ab omni malo" [defendit]; the third, "Johannes Lyndesey hoc opere impleto, Christi virtute faveto"; and the fourth, "Ave Maria gracia plena Dominus tecum." There appears to have also been a clock-bell, inscribed: "Thoma Mildenhams Priore. En ego campana nunquam denuncio vana. Laudo Deum Eternum, Plebem voco, Congrego clerum. Funera plango, Fulgura frango, Sabbata pango, excito lentes, Dissipo ventos, Paco cruentos."



WORCESTER CATHEDRAL.

Previous to the present peal there was a peal of eight in the central tower, the old detached campanile having been long since pulled down. These bells are said to have borne the following inscriptions:

Treble.

GOD SAVE THE KING.

Second.

(no inscription).

Third.

IN HONORE SCI WOLSTAN EPSI.

Fourth.

HONI SOIT QVI MAL Y PENS.

Fifth.

RICARDO EDES DECANO 1602 (this bell was recast by Rudhall 1820).

Sixth.

HOC OPUS IMPLETO JESU VIRTUTE FAVETO.

Seventh.

MISSI DE CELIS HABEO NOMEN GABRIELIS.

Tenor.

I SWEETLY TOLLING MEN DO CALL TO TASTE ON MEAT THAT FEEDS THE SOUL. (this bell was recast by Rudhall 1830).

In 1868 these bells were replaced by a peal of twelve. Each bell is inscribed in Lombardic capitals JOHN TAYLOR AND Co FOUNDERS, LOUGHBOROUGH. MDCCCLXVIII, with the following additions:—

		weight	cwt.	qrs.	lbs.
<i>Treble.</i>	S. MATTHIAS		6	3	19
<i>Second.</i>	S. JUDAS JACOBI	"	7	0	22
<i>Third.</i>	S. SIMON ZELOTES	"	7	2	10
<i>Fourth.</i>	S. JACOBUS ALPHÆI	"	8	3	0
<i>Flat Fourth.</i>	(used for chimes)				
	S. PAULUS	"	9	2	4
<i>Fifth.</i>	S. MATTHÆUS	"	10	1	21
<i>Sixth.</i>	S. BARTHOLOMÆUS	"	11	0	24
<i>Seventh.</i>	S. THOMAS	"	12	0	0
<i>Eighth.</i>	S. PHILIPPUS	"	15	2	11
<i>Ninth.</i>	S. ANDRÆAS	"	21	2	11
<i>Tenth.</i>	S. JOHANNES	"	26	1	8
<i>Eleventh.</i>	S. JACOBUS	"	34	2	12
<i>Tenor.</i>	S. PETRUS	"	49	2	0

A large bell, weighing 4 tons 10 cwt., on which the clock strikes the hour, was put up at the same time. This bell bears the following inscription in Lombardic letters:—

+ SURGE + QUI + DORMIS + ET + EXSURGE + MORTUIS + ET + ILLUMINABIT + TE + CHRISTUS. [and on the waist below] IOHANNES TAYLOR DE LOUGHBOROUGH FUDIT IN USUM ECCLESIE CATHEDRALIS CHRISTI ET BEATÆ MARIE VIRGINIS IN CIVITATE ET COMITATU VIGORNIENSI MDCCCLXVIII ☐ (Royal arms) ☐ (arms of Dean and Chapter) ☐ (arms of See of Worcester) ○ (arms of City of Worcester) ○ (Taylor's Medallion).

In 1875 two more bells, cast by Messrs. Taylor & Co., were added for the carillons. These are a flat sixth, inscribed S. MARCUS, weight 11 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs., and a flat eighth, inscribed S. LUCAS, 18 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.

ODD CHANGES.

Mr. Ted Horrex, now the "father" of the College Youths, paid his first visit to Birmingham on Saturday, for the dinner of the St. Martin's Guild. He is getting quite "gay" in his old age. Needless to say, Mr. Horrex was a very welcome visitor.

Speaking of Birmingham, it is not uninteresting to note that for over a hundred years St. Martin's Church has never been without a Stedman Cinques band. This must be a record for any church, we should think. For 150 years, except when silenced through illness near the church, or for repairs, the bells have always been rung on Tuesday nights. It has become a perfect tradition, and even open air preachers and speakers—who in Birmingham may only use the Bull Ring—recognise the well established custom and avoid the Bull Ring on Tuesdays.

Few men, at the outside half-a-dozen, have rung 800 peals, yet we record this week the 800th peal which the brothers William and Ernest Pye have rung together!

Last Friday was the 112th anniversary of a peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal rung at Christ Church, Spitalfields, by a mixed band of Cumberland and College Youths. Only one peal in the method is supposed to have been rung previously. This was at Norwich, but no record of it is in existence.

Mr. York Green, of Stratford, writes: In your issue of January 17th (page 47) you publish in the article upon Originality of Compositions of Bob Royal and Major, a three-part peal of Major (5088) with H. Price's name attached to it. This peal belongs to me, and is published in the "Appendix" of 1895, page 63. It was first rung at Bow, Middlesex, February 14th, 1895, conducted by H. Springall.

Referring to the lines anent "Ye rascally ringers," which we quoted last week, the Rev. A. Du B. Hill, of East Bridgford, writes: It may interest some of your readers to see the following French quatrain, expressing the same idea as those quoted by you from the "Staffordshire Advertiser" of 1813:—

Persécuteurs du genre humain
Qui sonnez sans miséricorde,
Que n'avez vous au cou la corde
Que vous tenez in votre main.

I have copied this from my "common-place book," where I entered it nearly 40 years ago, with the appended note "Drabicius, 1618." This is a reference I cannot now verify, nor am I sure whether it refers to the verses quoted. But the French is probably the original, and we may take comfort that it was not originally aimed at English change ringers.

Successful district practices have been held during the past month by the Durham and Newcastle Association at South Shields and Jarrow, with decided benefit to a considerable number of the younger members. The methods rung were Plain Bob, Grandsire, Kent and Stedman.

Mr. G. R. Newton's reply to critics of the Wallasey peal is unavoidably held over.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The March meeting of this Society was held at Doncaster on Saturday, and proved very successful. About 30 ringers were present from Arksey, Bolsover, Doncaster, Ranmoor, Rotherham Parish Church, Retford and Treeton. The fine peal of eight (tenor 30 cwt.) at the Parish Church of St. George, were raised about 4.15 p.m., and were kept going in Stedman Triples and Double Norwich Major till about 8 p.m., with short intervals.—A short business meeting was held in the tower, presided over by Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president. Five new members were elected—Rev. A. R. James (Arksey), Messrs. W. Froggatt, W. Bunting and L. Brightman (Rotherham Parish), and Mr. A. Whitworth (Treeton).—A hearty vote of thanks to Canon Sandford for granting the use of the bells, and to the local company for making all arrangements, was carried unanimously.—Mr. G. Halksworth suitably replied.

SALISBURY GUILD'S PRESIDENT DEAD.

Owing to the death on February 25th of Lord Nelson, of Trafalgar House, near Salisbury, who since the foundation of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild in 1882 has been the much respected president, and who was buried at Standlynch Church, near Salisbury, on Saturday last, the bells of St. James', Southbroom, and those of St. John the Baptist, Devizes, were rung muffled on Saturday evening, while at the request of Mr. H. Brownlee West, the hon. secretary of the Devizes branch, muffled peals were also rung on the bells at all the towers within the area of the Devizes Branch—between 20 and 30—as a token of respect to the late earl.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Having read the letter signed "Veritas," which term, to my mind, is quite descriptive, I should like to say I heartily endorse every word this ringer has written, and moreover his opinion is supported by many members with whom I have discussed this topic, all of whom are of one mind, that these accumulated funds might be applied to a more useful and practical purpose. Personally, I think the majority of ringers are in no way indebted to the Church, but rather the reverse. In reply to Mr. Cooper's statement, that "Veritas" is a ringer who has nothing to say at a meeting, but makes his complaints to a small number of outsiders, this I may say is purely an "hypothetical assumption," and may be instantly dismissed. I have attended several association meetings at which "Veritas" has openly expressed his opinion on certain topics under discussion in no uncertain tone. In conclusion, I should like to say "Veritas" may have a multiplicity of reasons for adopting a nom-de-plume, as I myself have. NEMO.

SPLICING MINOR METHODS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—The following are the two Plain Imperial Minor methods which were omitted from the C.C. Collection.

CHILDWALL

123456

214365

241635

426153

246513

245631

425361

423516

243156

421965

412635

146253

142635

WAVERTREE

123456

214365

241635

426153

246513

245631

425361

423516

243156

421965

412635

146253

164523

They were rung (and provisionally named) at All Saints', Childwall, on February 28th, spliced to St. Clements and College Single. A "Parkerian" splice is necessary, as the in-and-out-of-course of the changes does not allow of a "Jacobian" splice. Below are the 720's, one requiring 24, the other 35 changes of method.

23456 S. Clements

42635

64523 Childwall

56342

S 32564

— 45326 S. Clements

34652

63245

26531 Childwall

— 45263 S. Clements

24356

Five times repeated
with — for s, except
in 4th part.

23456 College Single

— 64235

52364 Wavertree

43652 College Single

— 26435

54326 Wavertree

— 63542

25463 College Single

34625

52341 Wavertree

42356 College Single

Five times repeated
with s for last — in
3rd and 6th parts.

To get the methods equally divided it would be necessary to select another group of six leads, which would not occur in the same place in each part.—Yours faithfully,
Simonsdelf, Frodsham.

EDWIN H. LEWIS.

HONOURING A GRAND OLD MAN.

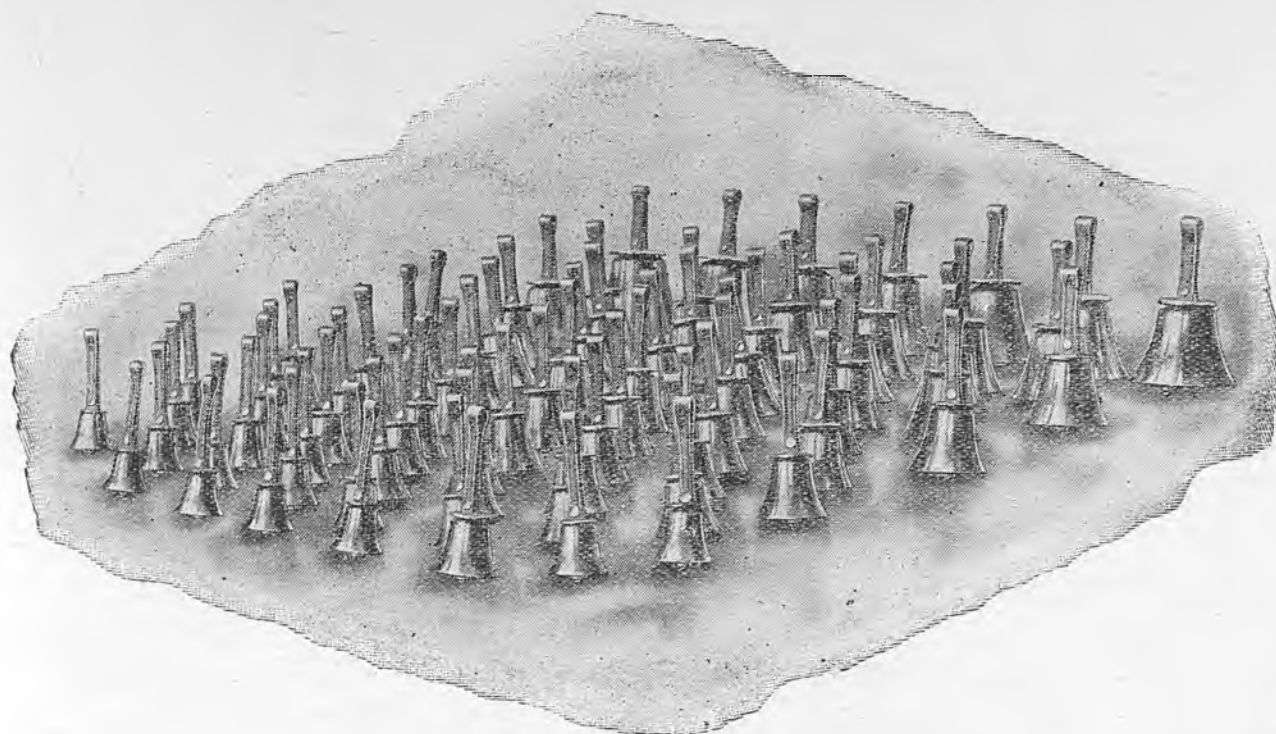
As reported in another column, eight members of the Devon Guild met at the Dockyard Chapel, at Devonport, on March 1st to ring a peal of Stedman Triples in honour of the birthday of that grand old veteran ringer, Mr. Wm. Banister, and it will be seen that their efforts were crowned with success. Mr. Banister, who is 89 years old, resides at Fulham, London, with his relatives, and still writes a splendid letter, the handwriting and composition being superb. He was born on Feb. 29th, and thus only gets a real birthday every fourth year.

He came of a great ringing family from Woolwich to Devon to take up an appointment at Devonport Dockyard, and laboured long and earnestly in the cause of change ringing in Devon. He was instrumental, together with the late Col. Troyte and others, in the formation of the Devonshire Guild, and it was he who got two trebles added to the then six at the Dockyard Chapel. He wrote a valuable book on change ringing, and went up and down the county and the adjacent county of Cornwall, giving advice, ringing peals, and with a splendid chromatic peal of 60 handbells, together with a band whom he had taught, gave concerts, and secured large sums of money for charitable purposes.

He conducted the first peal rung on Charles' bells, Plymouth (by all local men) in 1877, and the first peal in West of England at the Dockyard in 1868. Nearly 30 years ago he was ordered by doctor to give up ringing, which was a serious loss to the ringing world. Of his achievements with his own brothers before coming to Devonport, abler pens than mine can tell. They were simply marvellous. But we who still keep the thing moving in the Three Towns feel that we owe him much. The late Col. Troyte also personally paid him that compliment in his book. We read of him at the last Central Council meeting, and the honour then shown him. May he be yet spared to us for many years.

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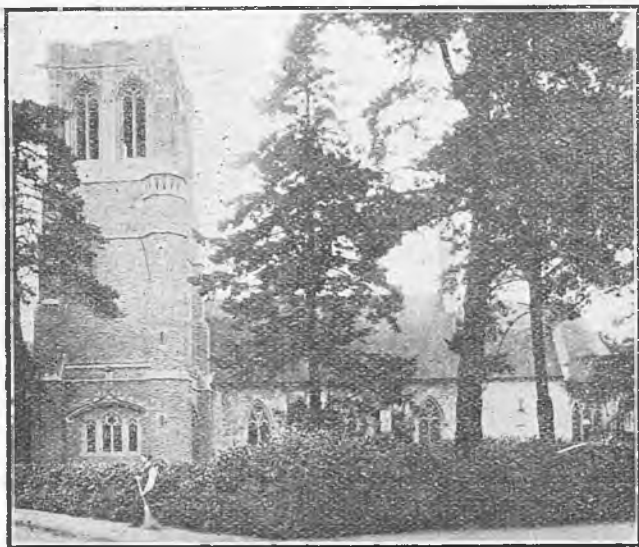
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NEW PEAL OF EIGHT IN SURREY.

SUCCESSFUL EXPERIMENT WITH GLASS SCREENS.

North-west Surrey has just acquired another peal of eight bells, which have been put into the tower of St. Mary's, Oatlands, a residential district lying not far from the banks of the Thames. The church has been built for many years, but hitherto, one ting-tang has sufficed as a call to the worshippers, although the fine square tower, standing up boldly, seemed a particularly inviting structure for a ring of bells. The scheme for putting up the peal has now been successfully carried out, the church authorities having secured the musical octave which Messrs. Warner and Son, of the Spitalfields Foundry, had on exhibition at the Crystal Palace Festival of Empire. The peal are a set of admirable castings, and in tone leave nothing to be desired, the trebles being a particularly good feature. The tenor is 12 cwt. in G, and the total weight is 52 cwt. Each bell bears the name of the founders and the inscription: "Cast in the first year of the reign of King George V, 1911."

As we intimated in our last issue, an experiment has been made in closing up the apertures in the tower with glass screens, instead of interfering with the architectural appearance by erecting unsightly louvres. What has been used is known as "armoured" glass, which is bedded in lead and let into oak panelling, and the success of the experiment is unquestionable. Standing beneath the tower the sound of the bells was splendidly deepened, yet every one in the peal could be heard. While thus successfully filling the main purpose of the experiment, the glass has other advantages, for while softening the sound and keeping out the weather, it affords plenty of light in the bell chamber, a place where, as a rule, light has been a last consideration.



OATLANDS' CHURCH, SURREY.

The dedication of the bells took place on Sunday morning at the ordinary service, for which the old single bell that has been used for many years, was rung. When it ceased, the processional hymn, "We love the place, O God," was sung while the clergy and choir passed on their way to the foot of the tower. At a given signal the bells were chimed in rounds and changes, together with two verses of the processional hymn by Mr. W. Shepherd, of Hersham. The new peal was rung for the thanksgiving service, which took place in the afternoon, the first touch being a 312 Stedman Triples by: A. F. Shepherd 1, W. Shepherd (conductor) 2, F. J. Shepherd 3, W. A. Woodrow 4, O. J. Hamblin 5, F. Shepherd 6, E. J. Harding 7, J. Emery 8. Afterwards, two touches of Grandsire were brought round, conducted by F. J. Shepherd and G. Woodiss respectively. Nearly all the ringers attended service, after which 192 Double Norwich and 84 Stedman Triples were brought round, both conducted by W. Shepherd. At the tea, which was kindly provided by the Rev. J. H. Townsend, some 16 or 17 sat down, and after the thanks of the company had been ably voiced by Mr. F. Shepherd, senr., a move was made for the tower to ring for evening service. A 224 of Bob Major, conducted by F. White, was brought round, followed by three courses of Stedman Triples conducted by W. Shepherd, after which the bells were lowered in peal.

Many were the visitors to the belfry and bells at various times during the day. The bell founders were represented by Messrs. Robert and Andrew Warner, Mr. Duncan F. Christy, and four of the foundry band. Ringers were also present during the day from Ashted, Ewell, Twickenham, Kingston, Chertsey, Walton, Woking, Portsmouth and Hersham.

MEMORIAL PEAL BOARD.

Before the peal at Tyldesley, Lancs, last Saturday, a board was unveiled recording a peal of Bob Major rung in memory of the late Mr. James Allred, who was for 46 years tower keeper at the above church. The ceremony was performed by the curate (the Rev. H. Stones). After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allred, who were heartily thanked for their hospitality.

THE SILENT PEAL OF CINQUES.

A HANDBELL PERFORMANCE RECALLED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While congratulating the band of College Youths on the non-conducted peal of Stedman Cinques at Cornhill, I beg to point out that by a curious coincidence the peal was rung on the anniversary (10 years) of the previous peal of silent Stedman Cinques, which was rung "in hand" here at Leicester. In ten years many ringers come and many go "to that bourne," and it may interest those who have come on the scene since that time to reproduce the record.

"On Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 1903, in 3 hrs. 15 mins., on handbells (retained in hand) at the King and Crown, Leicester, a peal of Stedman Cinques (5006 changes): John O. Lancashire 1—2, George Cleal 3—4, Samuel Cotton 5—6, William Willson 7—8, John Buttery 9—10, Alfred Millis 11—12, composed by J. O. Lancashire and rung non-conducted. First silent peal of Stedman Cinques ever rung. This band has now rung the extent of Stedman system, from Triples to Cinques, all silent. Umpires: S. Cooper, C. Fowler, F. Dexter, J. Marlow, J. Wilson."

Out of the above band, Messrs. Cooper, Marlow and Millis have gone to rest; Mr. G. Cleal is in Ireland; Mr. J. Buttery is approaching the "sero and yellow leaf," but the record stands as the only silent peal of Cinques ever rung "in hand."—Yours,
Leicester.

WILLIAM WILLSON.

MITCHAM RINGERS' DINNER.

A SUCCESSFUL SOCIETY.

Although need for proper light and ventilation in their ringing chamber is still desirable, the Mitcham Society continue to progress and show their earnest desire to advance the interests of change ringing, and the proper recognition of ringers. This is, no doubt, due to perseverance, constant practice, and with a genuine effort to assist others in that direction. At their annual dinner, served by Host Bance in his usual admirable manner, Mr. J. D. Drewett presided, and was supported by Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the Master of the Surrey Association, and others, about 32 being present, representative of the towers in the adjoining districts of Ashted, Beddington, Croydon, Carshalton, Ewell, Sutton, etc., and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

The Mitcham Society was founded in 1832, and now consists of 13 ringing and 15 honorary members, and Dr. Carpenter, in proposing the toast of "The Mitcham Society," spoke in encouraging terms to the ringers, and with other speakers paid a warm tribute to their work which has resulted so successfully.—Mr. F. Holder (Carshalton), in reply to the toast of "The Visitors," said how fortunate the Mitcham Society were to have such an energetic man as the chairman to manage the affairs of the society. His never-failing courtesy and hearty welcome were one of the many pleasant features of a visit to Mitcham tower.

Songs and recitations were contributed by Dr. Carpenter, Messrs. Holder, Gordon, Bance, Ely, Brown, Welling, Copley, the Chairman, and Miss Bance, the last-named also kindly assisting with her valuable musical ability.

OXFORD GUILD.

NORTH BUCKS BRANCH AND THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

The quarterly meeting of the North Bucks Branch was held at Stony Stratford, on Saturday.—The Rev. J. R. Vincent, President of the Branch, was in the chair, supported by the Master of the Guild (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), and the Vicar (the Rev. H. Last) and 64 ringers from Emberton, Olney, Old Wolverton, Thornborough, Shenley, Calverton, Newport Pagnell, Stony Stratford, Padbury, Milton Keynes, Sherington, Maids Moreton, Linslade, and Bletchley.

The resolution by the Rev. F. W. Bennitt, Rector of Bletchley, "that the question of the holding of the annual meeting of the Oxford Diocesan Guild at Oxford each year instead of as at present at different centres each year be fully discussed by the branch at this meeting," was considered, and it was agreed by a large majority to instruct the branch representatives to support this course at the next committee meeting of the Guild, the Master having promised to introduce the matter.

Mr. Harry Sear (Bletchley) proposed, and Mr. George Clarke (Shenley) seconded, "that in view of the extra expense which would be incurred by holding the annual festival at Oxford this branch is of opinion that the refund of 1s. to members attending the dinner be stopped."—This was also carried by a large majority.

On the motion of the Rev. J. R. Vincent, seconded by Mr. V. Sear (Bletchley), a vote of thanks was accorded to the Rev. H. Last for his hospitality that day, and to the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn for his very excellent address at the service which had been previously held.

BELL RESTORATION IN KENT. TWO PEALS OF FIVE REHUNG.

Mr. Alfred Bowell, of the Wykes Bishop Street Bell Foundry, Ipswich, is having a very busy time in Kent, having just completed the restoration of rings of five at Sandhurst and Warehorne, and is now rehanging a peal of six at Yalding.

Thanks to the excellent judgment of our forefathers in using massive timber, the frames in both towers will last for many years to come, and in each case it was only necessary to brace the bell cages slightly, thereby making them practically as firm as a new frame, and saving additional expense.

It seems evident that it was intended in bygone years to have six bells in both towers, for an extra pit exists in each bell chamber, and as contributions have poured in freely, it has been decided to add a new treble at Sandhurst at no distant date.

At both places the frames have been rearranged, and the ropes now fall in much more convenient positions. Steel headstocks, new clappers, grease boxes, wheels, and all the latest fittings were included in the contracts, while at Sandhurst neat guides have been fitted. Quarter turning was necessary for each peal, and the crowns have been done away with.

As regards the history of the peals, Sandhurst dates much farther back. The fourth is an old "black letter" or Pre-Reformation bell, and was cast between 1450 and 1500. It weighs 10 cwt. The tenor (12½ cwt.), the second (7 cwt.), and the treble (6 cwt. 0 qrs. 14 lbs.), were cast by Joseph Hatch in 1619, and the third (9 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.) which Mr. Bowell has recast, was originally made by William Hull in 1678.

On Thursday evening in last week, members of the Kent Association journeyed to Sandhurst to inspect the work and test the bells. They were received by Mr. Bowell, and Grandsire, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles were rung by Messrs. C. Tribe (Tenterden), G. Billenness (Rye), W. H. Lambert (Benenden), A. Blackman and F. Underdown (Roven-den), T. Ashenden (Hawkhurst), and A. Bowell and H. Welham (Ipswich).

On the following evening, a scrutiny took place at Warehorne. The local ringers were present, and Grandsire and Bob Doubles were rung by Messrs. C. W. Slayer (Stone), G. Johnston (Appledore), A. Bowell (Ipswich), A. C. Kay (Ashford), G. Billenness, P. F. Giles and D. Martin (Rye), and — Barman (Woodchurch), while other Woodchurch ringers and the Warehorne band had some round ringing.

The bells, founded by John Waylett in 1721, weigh as follows: Treble, 4 cwt. 3 qrs.; second, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs.; third, 6 cwt. 2 qrs. 12 lbs.; fourth, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 12 lbs.; tenor, 9 cwt. 2 qrs. 8 lbs. Mr. Bowell has recast the third and fourth, and the ringers expressed their absolute satisfaction with the "go" of the bells at both places, and also highly praised the neatness of the workmanship.

On Monday evening, the Bishop of Croydon dedicated the Sandhurst peal, and on the afternoon of the same day, the dedication at Warehorne was performed by the Rural Dean, the Rev. P. H. Collins, Rector of Lydd. At each church the local ringers had charge of the ringing.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday week, the annual meeting of the Bedford District was held at Sharnbrook, and a goodly number attended to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent (the Rev. Edwards), and the local company. Not only in-county members, but a number of Northamptonshire friends attended to share the pleasures of the meeting, and cement the cordial friendship that exists between the two societies. The bells were fully utilised, and were turned in to a variety of methods, a number of ringers receiving further tuition in methods they had not practised to any appreciable extent.

An excellent tea was enjoyed, and was followed by the business meeting.—The Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. W. Barker) presented the report and balance sheet. Circumstances might have militated against the success of the meetings, he said, but, notwithstanding, the majority had been highly successful. The numbers that had attended had been very satisfactory, and the methods rung were on a higher plane than at any other period. The financial side also proved satisfactory, there being a substantial balance in hand.

It was thought advisable, at the election of officers, that the office of president should not be a permanency, but should be conferred each year on a different incumbent that took an enthusiastic interest in ringers, and subsequently the Rev. C. W. Browning, Bromham, was elected to that office.—Miss Evelyn Steel was again elected vice-president, and Mr. J. W. Barker, hon. secretary for the ensuing year.—It was decided to hold the next monthly meeting at Renhold.

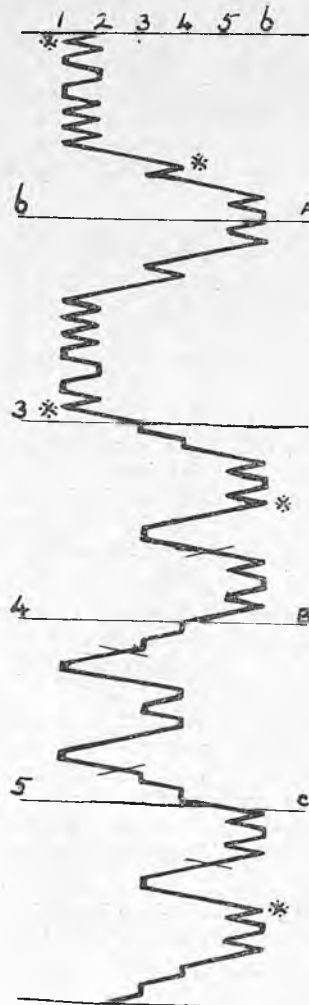
Mr. G. Ette, Wellingboro', addressed the meeting on a subject that has been much discussed privately among country ringers, viz., the affiliation of societies for the purpose of allowing affiliated members to ring peals with other societies. Much could be said for and against the idea. He considered that it would be advantageous to the ringing community, especially to the poorer members. A small sum could be paid each year, individually by the members or collectively by the societies, into a central fund, the fund to be controlled by the Central Council or any such similar body. His remarks were received with sympathy by the ringers present.

A vote of thanks to the Rev. B. C. Edwards concluded the business.

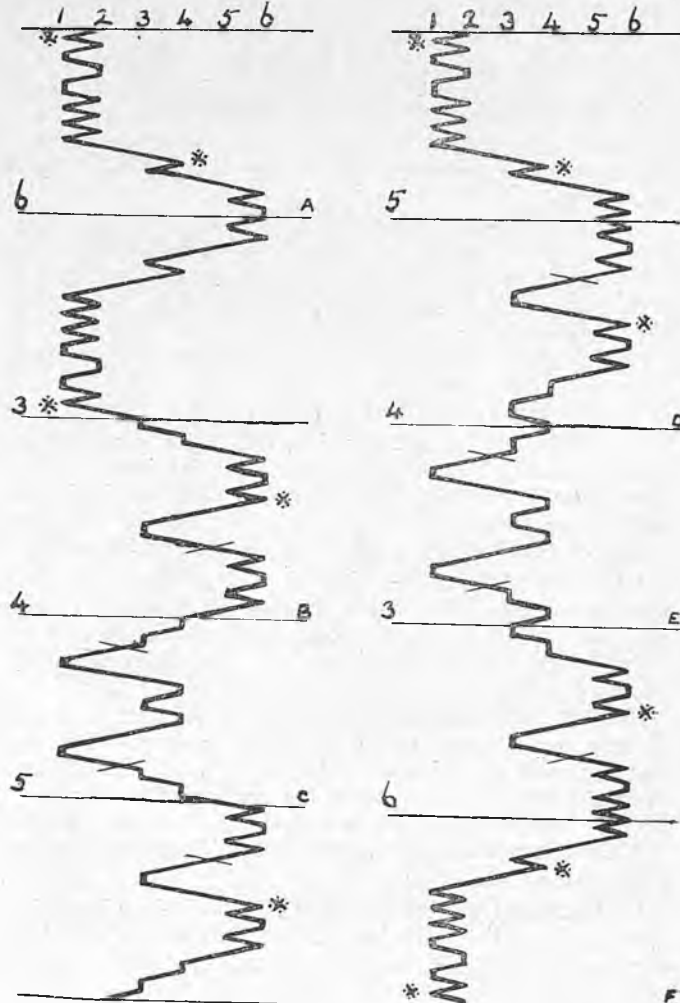
RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

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.

KILLAMARSH TREBLE BOB



SANDIACRE TREBLE BOB.



THE BOB WORK.

Killamarsh: A. Dodge, instead of lying a whole pull, and take up work of 5th. B. Dodge, instead of going down to 4th's, and take up work of 6th. C. Make 4th's place and take up work of the 4th (as in Kent Treble Bob.)

Sandiacre: D. Run in after 3rd's, and take up work of 2nd. E. Make 4th and take up work of 4th. F. Run out and take up work of 3rd.

The figures of a lead of the above methods only differ in the back-stroke lead of the treble.

PEAL AT BECCLES.

Recorded in another column is a peal of Grandsire Caters at Beccles. It was rung in honour of a Confirmation service, which was to take place on March 5th, and also as a welcome to the Bishop of Thetford, who was to administer the rite, March 1st being the nearest available date for the peal attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Mr. R. Rush, the steeplekeeper, for having everything ready. Mr. H. Barton hails from Southwold, Mr. W. H. Fussell from Slough, Mr. E. F. Poppy from Eye, Mr. D. Hayward from Great Yarmouth, and Mr. F. C. Lambert from Halesworth. The rest belong to the St. Michael's company, and it is 60 years since five members of the local band took part in a peal on ten bells in their tower.

NOTICES.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A quarterly meeting of the above Association will be held at Blakesley on Saturday, March 8th. Bells available at 3 p.m. Tea at 5 o'clock, followed by short business meeting.—J. Slarke, Brackley Road, Towcester.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Todmorden Parish Church on Saturday, March 8th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 7 o'clock. All ringers welcome. The committee meet at Todmorden on the same day. — J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Furness and Lake District Branch.—The half-yearly meeting of the above will be held at the church of St. Thomas, Milnthorpe, by kind permission of the Vicar, on Saturday, March 8th, 1913. Bells (six) available from 2 p.m. to 7 p.m. Meeting at 5 p.m. Short service in the church at 7 p.m.—W. Robinson, Honorary Secretary.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next practice will take place at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on Saturday, the 8th inst. Tower open from 3 to 5 o'clock. There will also be ringing for service on Easter Day and the first Sunday in every month at 10 o'clock.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824) Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 o'clock; business meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after light refreshments, which will be provided for those sending their names by Wednesday, March 12th.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of this society will be held at Norton on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on March 18th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 13th and 27th;

St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 18th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each) and general meeting at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Hardy, 3, Wright Street, St. Peter's Lane, by March 20th at the latest. The towers will be closed during the tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45 prompt. General meeting in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), Oldswinford (8) and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the branch secretaries and reports obtained in a room near the church between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6) from 11 a.m. Rushall tower penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General meeting to follow. Kindly send word not later than Tuesday, the 18th inst., to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913. Towers open at 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of six earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. Meat tea 6d. each to members; other ringers, who will be heartily welcomed, 1s. 3d. each.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present the necessity of giving notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.—H. Moore, junr., Honorary Secretary, Pentrefelin, Wrexham.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, on Saturday, March 29th. Full particulars will be announced later.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, and H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—In consequence of the Honorary Secretary being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Further notice will be given when the date is fixed.—S. Spittle, Ringing Master, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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To the Editor.

Sir,—On page 117 of the 1895 Appendix there is a peal of 6048 Superlative by J. W. Washbrook. Call a W in the 2nd course and it brings 53425, which is the 15th course. The figures and calling would then be:

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This is bob for bob the same as the second 5040 of New Cambridge Royal published by Mr. Lindoff last week. Surely nobody claims this but J.W.P.

F. PITSTOW.

WITNEY, OXON.—The Oxford Diocesan Guild.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, for evening service, 504 Grandsire Triples: H. E. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. E. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8.

ARDLEIGH, ESSEX.—On Sunday, February 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1152 changes): A. Bacon 1, H. T. Pye 2, H. Bacon 3, W. Fenner (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, E. Merchant 5, H. Evers 6, G. Potley 7, W. J. Schofield (conductor) 8. Messrs Pye, Evers and Schofield belong to Colchester.

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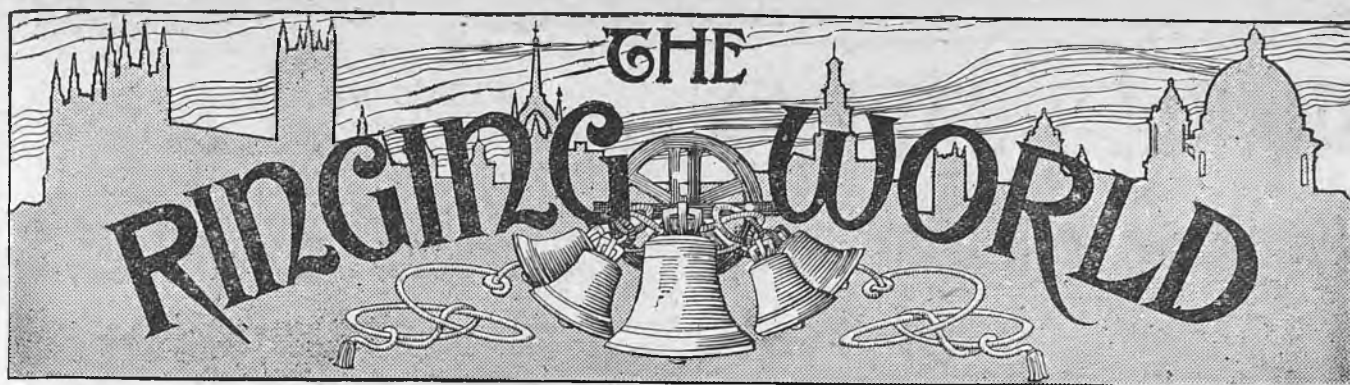
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Gentlemen,

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.

OUR SECOND YEAR.

With this issue we complete the second year of our existence, and we may, perhaps, be pardoned if we pause to review the past, which has been for us a period of very considerable satisfaction, and for our readers, we hope, a time during which they have found their interests efficiently served. Throughout these two years we have done our best to meet the desires of the Exercise in recording its successes and in circulating its news. Only the limitations of space have prevented us doing even more in this direction than has been accomplished, for there has never been any lack of material. Needless to say that, to our many correspondents up and down the country, we are duly thankful for the way they keep us informed of the happenings in ringing circles, although, as we recently took the opportunity of pointing out, there are times when we wish that so many of them would not leave their communications until we are on the point of going to press.

The question of space is one which has seriously perturbed us, for we are fully aware that those who are kind enough to send in reports do not like to see their handiwork "cut down," to use a journalistic expression. We always make the fullest endeavour to use what is so willingly contributed, but if there are those who sometimes think that the editorial pencil has been rather severely used, we would only say to them that we have within the limits of our space to provide for all, and that sometimes curtailed reports are necessary in order to cover the whole of the ground. But this is really by the way, and was not what we started out to say.

We believe "The Ringing World" has served and is serving a useful purpose, and, above all, has a useful future before it. It has stimulated interest in the Art, and, indirectly, we are egotistical enough to think, has been one of the causes that has led to the recent great impetus in peal ringing. We have always encouraged the practice of the Art from its highest standpoint—that of service to the Church—and in this direction we shall continue to do our best to advance its interests. That we have justified our existence is manifested by the continued and increasing support which is given to our efforts. A speaker at the recent Birmingham dinner, said, with truth: "It is better to have high ideals and fall short of them, than to have no ideals at all." We have ideals before us, which in the coming year we shall strive to reach. If we fail it shall not be for want of effort. To those who have supported us in the past we return our gratitude, and we trust that in the future we shall do nothing to forfeit their esteem.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL, CORNHILL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

Tenor 41 cwt.

REUBEN SANDERS Treble	CORNELIUS CHARGE... .. 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	JOHN H. CHEESMAN 8
ERNEST PYE... .. 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE 10
BERTRAM PREVETT 5	JAMES GEORGE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by J. H. CHEESMAN.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAXIMUS, 5136 CHANCES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

WILLIAM MOTTS Treble	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... 7
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	JOHN C. G. HAGGAR ... 8
*WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 9
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 4	EDWARD EVANS... .. 10
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	ERNEST F. POPPY 11
*HARRY BARTON... .. 6	JAMES MOTTS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Kent Treble Bob Maximus. By kind permission of Canon W. Melville Pigot, Vicar of the Church of St. Mary-le-Tower, this peal was arranged and rung to commemorate the 85th birthday of Mrs. Harriett Motts, mother of the treble and tenor ringers; also to oblige W. H. Fussell of Slough, Robert H. Hayward of Marlesford, Harry Barton of Southwold, and Ernest F. Poppy, of Eye, Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WEST HAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 28 cwt., in D.

WILLIAM H. DORAN Treble	RUEBEN SANDERS 6
AUGUSTUS SCAMBLER 2	FRANK C. NEWMAN... .. 7
WILLIAM H. THEOBALD 3	JOHN MOULE 8
JAMES SCHOLES 4	GEORGE HAYDEN 9
WILLIAM TRUSS 5	HENRY TORBLE... .. Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM H. DORAN.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt. 0 qr. 14 lbs.

*SIDNEY GOSKIN... .. Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 5
FREDERICK A. POULSON 2	WILLIAM MEARS 6
FREDERICK SALTER 3	FREDERICK C. BURROWS... 7
*OLIVER BULLMAN 4	CHARLES CARTER Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 19½ cwt.	
ROBERT H. HAYWARD	Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5	
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN	2	HARRY BARTON	6
GEORGE WHITING	3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN	7
PETER LAFLIN	4	GEORGE PERRY	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WIGHTMAN.

LONDON. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.	
*HENRY C. KILN	Treble	THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 5	
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2		GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 6	
THOMAS G. DEAL	3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7	
FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON ... 4		FREDERICK H. GOOCH ... Tenor	

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. (GUILDFORD DISTRICT.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 23 cwt. 3 qr. 8 lbs., in D.	
HENRY HUTTON	Treble	THOMAS MACK	5
*ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 2		FREDERICK BENNETT ... 6	
SEPTIMUS RADFORD	3	FRANK BLONDELL	7
CHARLES EDWARDS	4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor	

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. This was the conductor's 50th peal of Stedman on tower bells. R. Whittington hails from Ewhurst, C. Edwards from Farnham, T. Mack from Haslemere, F. Bennett from Clandon, S. Radford and F. Blondell belong to S. Nicolas', and H. Hutton and A. H. Pulling to the Holy Trinity Society, Guildford.

LONDON. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF DUFFIELD MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 20 cwt.	
WILLIAM HEWETT	Treble	FRANK I. HAIRS	5
EDWIN F. PIKE	2	J. ARMIGER TROLOPE ... 6	
ALFRED W. GRIMES	3	JOHN H. B. HESSE	7
HAROLD BURTON	4	JAMES E. DAVIS	Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal of Duffield Major by all the band, first peal by the Association and the first on the bells; also the second peal in the method ever rung in London.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE. THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 18½ cwt.	
GEORGE WELLBURN	Treble	WILLIAM KNAGGS	5
FRANK S. HODGSON	2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 6	
J. BENJAMIN BUDD	3	ALBERT COATES	7
WILLIAM HARLAND	4	JOHN W. LOWTHER	Tenor

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

Rung on the occasion of a Confirmation Service held by the Lord Bishop of Beverley, at the Church of St. Hilda, Whitby. The bells of St. Stephen's, Fylingdales, were also rung on the following Friday evening for a similar service conducted by the Lord Bishop of Beverley, several of the above ringers assisting.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK. THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.	
WILLIAM STEELE	Treble	ALBERT G. WARNES ... 5	
*WILLIAM A. HEMPEL ... 2		GEORGE H. CROSS	6
ALFRED FUNNELL	3	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 7	
GEORGE HOWCHIN	4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Tenor	

Composed by J. A. GOFTON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS. GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 29 cwt., in D.	
FRANCIS J. LEWIS	Treble	CHARLES E. BARTLETT ... 5	
J. CHARLES EDEN	2	H. TOM GARDNER	6
CHARLES BEECH	3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES	7
H. CHARLES BOND	4	WILFRED G. COOK	Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a last tribute of respect to the late Mr. D. G. Bingham, who, by his many generous gifts to the town, is best described as Cirencester's munificent benefactor. Rung after meeting short for Caters.

LONDON. THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART No. 1.		Tenor 22½ cwt.	
*JOSEPH LAW	Treble	*WILLIAM W. FOX	5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2		*WILLIAM MARTIN	6
*GERALD KING	3	HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... 7	
CHARLES H. WALKER	4	†HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... Tenor	

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method. † First peal. This peal was rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in England.

NORTH STONEHAM, HANTS. THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	ALAN R. MACDONALD ... 5	
WILLIAM T. TUCKER	2	CHARLES J. FRAY	6
HENRY W. WILKES	3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7	
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	4	OWEN H. GILES	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. GEORGE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. H. George, A. R. MacDonald and Mrs. C. J. Fray.

ROMFORD, ESSEX. THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

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

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 17 cwt.	
ALFRED PYE	Treble	GEORGE H. JAYE	5
*ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN ... 2		HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6	
*ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	WESLEY WATSON	7
GEORGE R. PYE	4	ERNEST PYE	Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells by a local company.

LINDFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
GEORGE TOMSETT Treble	FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS... .. 2	ALFRED TOMSETT 6
RICHARD HOLDER 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
HERBERT TOMSETT 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HUGHENDON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.	
JOHN EVANS Treble	GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE 5
JESSE ELDRIDGE 2	JAMES BLACKMORE 6
*CECIL C. MAYNE 3	GEORGE MARTIN 7
*HARRY BUNGAY... .. 4	GEORGE ALLDER Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, ROTHERHITHE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... Treble	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
THOMAS G. DEAL 3	*HENRY E. DARE 7
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 4	GEORGE J. HARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

* First peal away from the tenor.

HALEWOOD, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

EDWIN BREEZE Treble	J. FRANK SMALLWOOD ... 5
*JOHN WILKINSON 2	GEORGE WOODHALL... .. 6
HENRY FYLES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS JENNION 4	†FRED CROSBY Tenor

Conducted by E. CAUNCE.

* First peal of Stedman. † First peal. This peal was arranged by G. R. Newton, who, owing to a slight accident, was unable to stand in. The tenor man was proposed a member of the Association before starting.

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

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES, CLERKENWELL, E.C.,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 3 qr. 26 lbs., in E flat.

*THOMAS WALKER Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES 3	FREDERICK J. HARDY ... 7
*RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 4	ARTHUR D. BARKER... .. Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and
Conducted by THOMAS H. TAFFENDER.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Henry Springall.

HERTFORD.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*GEORGE GRAY Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
*JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	HENRY REEVES 6
†THOMAS HULL 3	*FREDERICK JEFFS 7
LEWIS GOODENOUGH... .. 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method. † First on an inside bell. This is believed to be the first peal in the method on the bells, and is the first since they were overhauled by Messrs. Gray, of Hertford.

LIVERSEDGE, YORKS.

THE HALIFAX DISTRICT AND YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

SID. GOODALL Treble	W. THOMAS 5
J. F. CLAYTON 2	W. BREARLEY 6
W. H. SENIOR 3	F. ROBINSON 7
ALBERT NORTH 4	*F. THORPE... .. Tenor

Composed and Conducted by F. ROBINSON.

* First peal. After the peal the ringers were entertained to a sumptuous repast by Mr. Thorpe at the local ringers' headquarters.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

HERBERT GREEN Treble	ARTHUR R. JONES 5
*JOHN EDMONDSON 2	ROBERT W. JENNISON ... 6
SAM BATEMAN 3	JOHN MCKELL 7
THOMAS BANCROFT 4	JOHN HALL Tenor

Conducted by J. MCKELL.

* First peal of Grandsire. Rung as a welcome to the Bishop of Ripon, who came to hold a Confirmation Service.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S VARIATION.

Tenor 16 cwt., in F.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	FRANK HOLDER... .. 5
JAMES D. DREWETT ... 2	ALBERT CALVER 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT... 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
*JAMES W. TRAPPITT ... 4	ALFRED J. TRAPPITT ... Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Stedman Triples and first attempt.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

THOMAS STEEL Treble	WILLIAM KNAGGS 5
WILLIAM BRECKON 2	JOHN I. WATERS 6
FRANK S. HODGSON 3	ALBERT COATES 7
WILLIAM HARLAND 4	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COATES.

Rung in honour of the peaceful settlement of the threatened Railway Strike, which has thereby averted a national disaster.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE ROWE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM GROOM 2	WILLIAM RUMSEY 6
HARRY BARTON 3	WILLIAM GRIMES 7
JAMES MOTTS 4	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR PERCIVAL HEYWOOD, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

BILLINGSHURST, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

RAYMOND WOOD Treble	WILLIAM DENYER 5
PERCY H. DOICK 2	ALFRED GREENFIELD ... 6
ROBERT WHITTINGTON ... 3	WILLIAM STAMFORD ... 7
JAMES BURDFIELD 4	HARRY J. DOICK Tenor

Conducted by A. GREENFIELD.

PENDLETON, MANCHESTER.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FRANK SMITH Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5
HARRY WILSON 2	*WALTER WOLSTONCROFT 6
*HARRY WASHBROOK ... 3	*SAMUEL GREENHALGH ... 7
JOHN POTTER 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

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

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

RODMERSHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 9½ cwt.

FREDERICK BROWN ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
JAMES NYE 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER ... 5
WILLIAM SPICE 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM NYE.

WROXHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Called in four different ways.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

E. WARNES Treble	A. WEBB 4
R. HAINES 2	J. LONG 5
H. HAYES 3	S. NUNN Tenor

Conducted by S. NUNN.

J. Long was elected a member of the Association previous to starting the peal, which was rung at the second attempt.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOHN BAILEY Treble	WALTER MARSHALL ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	HARRY PRICE 5
GEORGE FULLER 3	ALBERT RELFE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

First peal in seven methods by the local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Relfe, brother of the conductor. It was also rung on the 50th anniversary of Queen Alexandra's landing in England.

GREAT MUNDEN, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and Oxford Bob.

Tenor 11 cwt.

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

Conducted by BARNARD PATMORE.

BARLEY.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-scores of Grandsire and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 8½ cwt.

WILLIAM PEACHEY ... Treble	ROBERT HOWARD ... 3
HARRY HOWARD 2	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
ROBERT G. KING ... Tenor	

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

This peal was rung as a wedding compliment, and also as a farewell peal, to Harry Slater, one of the band, who is leaving the village for Barton, the band wishing him every happiness. First peal of Doubles by R. G. King, who hails from Royston, Herts.

PRESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 11 cwt.

VICTOR CORNELL ... Treble	WILLIAM DENT 4
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	HARRY CRICK 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 3	WM. R. JOHN POULSON ... Tenor

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

V. Cornell hails from Waldingfield, and this was his first peal. First peal of Minor by W. Dent.

SHARNBROOK, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*WILLIAM A. NORMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM JACQUES ... 4
HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	PEARL INSKIP Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* First peal in seven methods. This is the first peal of Treble Bob on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. L. Harlow.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)
On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
FRED CHALK 2	CHARLES J. MANN 5
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 3	*ARTHUR APPLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

* First peal of Treble Bob Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Charles J. Mann.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, March 4, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT 72, BRIDGE END ROAD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

HARRY THORPE... .. 1—2	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 3—4
SIDNEY PROCTOR 5—6	

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

Umpires: Miss R. S. PROCTOR and W. H. PROCTOR.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. H. Thorpe and Miss R. S. Proctor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S, JOSEPH ROAD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

*CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*BERNARD CLARK 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING, MRS. HAZELDEN,
MISS YVONNE ELOIE-LELOUE.

* First peal on handbells and rung at the first attempt.

BELCHAMP WALTER, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in Two Hours,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF F. HAWKINS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

HARRY CATTERWELL ... 1—2	OLAVE BROYD... .. 3—4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5—6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

Witnesses: FREDERICK HAWKINS and HARRY WRIGHT.

First handbell peal by H. Catterwell with two working bells and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 6, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS... .. 1—2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON... .. 3—4	TOWER TAYLOR 7—8

Composed by G. PATRICK, and
Conducted by A. J. MORRIS.

Umpire: THOMAS PHILO.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5009 CHANCES;

WILLIAM HODGETTS ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
GEORGE N. PRICE 3—4	*WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 7—8

FRANK T. MARTIN 9—10

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: FRANCIS A. SMITH.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on handbells other than on 9—10.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT ST. MICHAEL'S SCHOOLS, STAR STREET, PADDINGTON,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8

*WILLIAM J. HAZELL ... 9—10

Conducted by W. D. JAMES.

* First peal in the method. E. M. Atkin's 50th peal on handbells. Miss Parker is the first lady to ring an inside pair to Royal.

The number of changes in the peal at Chilham published last week should have been given as 5024.

THE DISPUTED PEAL AT WALLESEY.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I have been told by a few whose opinions I respect that I have already written and caused to be written enough irrelevant matter in connection with the disputed peal that was truly rung at Wallasey on December 26th last, but with your kind permission, I should like to say another word or two in reply to Mr. Wilcox and his two distinguished pupils. With regard to Mr. Wilcox, I say none of my statements are untrue or unfounded, and I still maintain what I said in my first letter. With regard to the distance from his place to Wallasey Church, I happen to have walked it a few times, so I know what I am talking about. I also have been told by quite as competent persons, who were listening outside, that it was impossible for Mr. Wilcox to hear the bells on that day, as the wind was blowing strongly in the direction of New Brighton (which is quite in the opposite direction), and from what has transpired since he first wrote to me I am strongly inclined to think that he never heard them at all.

With regard to Mr. Rogers, those who read his letter will see that his theoretical knowledge is equivalent to the practical side of it, very limited, and as he does not know the demerits of Grandsire Minor, I will tell him that one of its merits is that it is admirably adapted for the "wheelbarrow style" of ringing.

Now comes the most serious business of all. One of the ringers that took part in the peal actually says that to his idea it was not a true peal. So much for his idea. Your readers will see what a courageous nature Mr. Walter is possessed of. Could he not have said at the time the peal was rung that he was not satisfied with it? He had every opportunity for so doing. No, it was not until I had denounced his bosom friend and he found he had company, that his bravery asserted itself. Mr. Walter's reference to my term "wheelbarrow fashion" is certainly amusing to him, but to onlookers it looks deliberately evasive.

As regards the quality of peals usually rung by me, I should prefer someone else to speak; that is, someone unbiassed. Mr. Walter and his colleagues would very soon know of what calibre they were if they happened to be included in a peal, and I was calling it and they were not ringing carefully. And let me tell Mr. Walter that the only methods that "lumps" fall off are Grandsire Minor, and other such like methods, and judging by the amount of them that he rings, it would take some pretty large furniture vans to hold them.

In conclusion, sir, let me say this, that our peal was well and truly rung, and I shall not withdraw it, and when I ring and conduct a peal in future, and publish it as a true performance, it will require more than those that have brought the present peal into question to make me withdraw it. Thanking you for your kindness in allowing me so much space, yours faithfully,

GEORGE R. NEWTON.

GRAVESEND.—At St. George's Church, on Feb. 9th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: J. Avis 1, J. Burles 2, A. Constant 3, R. Tall 4, J. Constant 5, A. Martin 6, R. Constant (conductor) 7, A. Latt 8

HERE AND THERE.

The members of St. Nicholas' Society, Deptford, have elected Mr. G. H. Daynes, 66, Ashburnham Grove, S.E., as captain and tower-keeper; and Mr. T. H. Hawkins, 20, Scyssel Street, Cubitt Town, E., as hon. secretary.

In our report of the opening of the new peal of eight at Oatlands Church, Surrey, last week, we omitted to state that the bells are hung in Messrs. Warner and Son's special design steel frame, which is built up entirely upon rolled steel girders of heavy section.

By a slip of the blue pencil, the fact that a course of Kent Treble Bob Major was rung and one of Oxford Treble Bob Major was lost at the Kent Association meeting at Mersham was accidentally cut out of the report of the proceedings.

Can Leicestershire boast of a younger ringer to score a peal of Stedman Triples than Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray? He was 16 years and five months old when he ran the peal, and as a memento of the occasion, has just received from the other members of the band a silver bell pendant.

Miss E. K. Parker has added another to her many achievements by being the first lady to ring an inside pair of handbells to a peal of Royal, as she was also the first to ring them to a peal of Major. She rang the tenor behind to a touch at St. Martin's, Birmingham, on Sunday week. This bell is 33 cwt., and the performance, incidentally, shows how well it was rehung by Messrs. Barwell.

At Royston, Herts, on March 5th, an attempt for a peal of Minor failed in the last 720, after ringing 2 hrs. 35 mins., through the organist coming into the Church and practising with the choir boys. The methods completed were: Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Oxford Bob: H. G. Wilkerson 1, R. Wilkerson 2, A. Gilbert 3, R. King 4, W. L. Darlow (conductor) 5, S. E. Roberts 6. The peal was attempted in honour of the 70th birthday of the Vicar of Royston (the Rev. J. Harrison), and of his 36 years as Vicar of the parish, and it was a great disappointment to the ringers that the peal was lost, the conflicting sounds of bells, organ and voices making it impossible to continue ringing.

THE OXFORD GUILD.**THE MASTER ON ITS ACTIVITIES AND ITS IMPERFECTIONS.**

A copy of the new report of the Oxford Diocesan Guild has reached us, and from its pages it is obvious that the year 1912 was in many ways an extremely successful one. The membership is higher now than ever it was, being 1,852, made up of 195 non. and life members, 1,430 change ringing members, and 227 probationers. This compares with 1,845 in the preceding year. The Master (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn), in his report, speaks of the year's activities. "The Guild," he says, "is alive; that is the great thing. We are at the same time conscious of the imperfections of its life; that is another great thing." He speaks of the signs of life first, which include the great gathering at Oxford for the annual festival, the movement towards increasing the number of local branches, and the peal list, which is a long one and a record for the Guild. During the year 122 peals were rung, including 15 Surprise peals. The Master adds that there were also signs of a better realisation of what it was to be a Church bell ringer.

Then with his frank outspokenness, he turns to "Some of our imperfections." He enumerates them under four headings:—

"(1) Some of us turn up very late for practices and peals, and some even for service ringing. It is time we learnt, for instance, that 6 o'clock does not mean 6.15, and still less 6.25.

"(2) We do not make enough of our Branch meetings. It is good for us to meet together, even if there is not time for much ringing; Church work being corporate work cannot get on vigorously without it.

"(3) What about the bells on Ascension Day? One of the four great festivals of the Church. And yet in many towers the bells bear no part in the festival of 'Our Lord's Triumph.'

"(4) There is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship."

The Master also comments upon the completion of the two memorials to the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, the successful Oxford Guild ringing tour in October, the presentation to the hon. treasurer and late hon. secretary (the Rev. R. H. Hart-Davis), and the able and painstaking work of the new secretary, Mr. A. E. Reeves.

The Hon. Treasurer's statement is, perhaps, the least satisfactory feature of the report, as it shows a steady drop in the balance in hand: 1910, £40 14s. 2d.; 1911, £33 3s.; 1912, £28 15s. 8d.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I do not think the Association ought to take the money from the reserve fund for a new bell to make a peal of twelve, for, I think, ten bells are quite enough. If there is any money to spare there are plenty of other rings in the county which need adding to. There are numerous five-bell towers, where good rings of six could be made. I certainly endorse every word "Veritas" says, and there are fourteen members of the Association here who think likewise. UNKNOWN.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The half-yearly meeting of the Furness and Lake District Branch was held at Minthorpe, on Saturday, and proved very successful. About 30 ringers were present from Ambleside, Brathay, Burton, Broughton-in-Furness, Crosthwaite, Dalton-in-Furness, Kendal, Kirkby-in-Furness, Milnthorpe and Silverdale.

The new peal of six (tenor 10 cwt.) were raised about 2.30, and were kept going in various Minor methods till about 4 p.m., when the ringers adjourned for tea, after which the business meeting was held in the Schoolroom.

The Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar of Crosthwaite, presided, and the annual meeting was fixed for Dalton-in-Furness in September, when it is expected there will be a new peal of eight available.—It was also decided to hold two ringing meetings during the summer, the first at Broughton-in-Furness, on June 7th, and the second at Crosthwaite, on June 21st.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. C. Pickering (Vicar of Milnthorpe) for the use of the bells, and to the Rev. T. Heelis for presiding, was carried unanimously.

ROCHDALE BRANCH.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Todmorden Parish Church, on Saturday, members being present from Todmorden Parish and Unitarian, Walsden, Middleton, Glodwick, Oldham, Heywood, Newhey, Milnrow, Ashton, Pendleton, Colne, Liverpool, Walkden, Bolton, Blackburn, Eccles, and Helmsford. The meeting was presided over by Mr. William Crabtree, five members being elected, and Leesfield selected for the next meeting. The bells were kept going during afternoon and evening in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Major, Kent Treble and Double Norwich.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of this Association was held at Blakesley on Saturday, about 30 ringers being present from Cold Higham, Bradden, Lois Weddon, Easton Neston, Greens Norton, Weston Favell, Northampton, and the local tower. Tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Inn, and a short business meeting was afterwards held, with Mr. J. S. Constable in the chair, supported by Mr. F. Wilford (secretary of the Central Northants Association).—A letter of apology for non-attendance was read from Mr. J. Slarke.—A vote of thanks to the Rev. F. H. Mentha, who was unable to attend, was carried unanimously.

Mr. F. Wilford proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman for presiding, and in the course of his remarks, said he was very pleased to see that several belfries in the district were taking up the art of change ringing, and making good progress with it.—The vote was seconded by Mr. F. Hopper, and carried unanimously.—The Chairman, in reply, said he was much interested in bell ringing, and pleased to do what he could to assist ringers. He knew it was a rather difficult matter to keep a good band together in their belfry, but if only they would stick to their work he saw no reason why they should not have another bell put in to make the six. He could assure them that he would soon make a move in the matter if he saw there was a likelihood of a good band of ringers.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Grandsire, Plain Bob, St. Simon's, and Stedman Doubles.

A PLYMOUTH SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Charles' Parochial Society, Plymouth, was held in Charles' belfry, the Rev. J. P. Baker presiding, supported by the Rev. E. S. Powell (Holbeton) and Captain C. F. Jerram, R.M.L.I. The annual report showed a very successful year's work, under the able management of the leader, Mr. W. H. Marsh. The same officers were elected for the ensuing year as were in office during 1912.

During the meeting a double peal board recording the peals rung on Empire Day and Coronation Day, 1912, was unveiled.

A handsome peal book was also presented to the tower in which is recorded all the peals rung on the bells of Charles' Church and all those rung by the society, the records having been tastefully illuminated by Capt. Jerram and his wife, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was accorded for the great interest they have shown in the society.

A hearty vote of thanks was also accorded to the Rev. E. S. Powell for his work among the ringers, and for the assistance rendered by him, through his instruction, in obtaining the first Minor peal in seven methods ever rung in Devon.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on March 6th, for Confirmation service, by the Bishop of Kingston, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: H. Whanslaw 1, A. Hubbard 2, W. Honeyball 3, J. Kent 4, A. Jones 5, T. Bolton 6, B. Morris (first quarter-peal as conductor, and first attempt) 7, C. Collis, senr., 8. After the Confirmation, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins., by the same band. J. Kent's first quarter as conductor.

ISLINGTON.—London County Association.—At the Parish Church, on Sunday evening, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, from Holt's Original, in 43 mins.: J. A. Hotten 1, A. D. Barker (conductor) 2, R. N. Runham 3, A. H. Palmer 4, L. B. Porter 5, R. W. Green 6, J. Bullock 7, A. E. Boggis 8.

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Stedman Cinqus by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. J. E. GROVES, OF BIRMINGHAM.

For over one hundred years Birmingham has been one of the most prominent centres of ringing in the country, and many great names well known in the Exercise have been linked up with it through association with St. Martin's Church. Johnson, Thurstans, Lates, Day, Bastable, Carter—these are but a few which come at once to mind when speaking of Birmingham and ringing, and St. Martin's has to-day a band of ringers who are worthily upholding the traditions of the past. The sphere of activity has widened in recent years, and has extended beyond the limits of the famous Bull Ring to the borders of the diocese and the Guild of St. Martin now embraces the whole area of the new See. Occupying the position of ringing master at the Parish Church as well as in the Guild, is Mr. James E.



MR. JAMES E. GROVES.

Groves, who is a successor in a long line of able men, and the ringing at St. Martin's is not likely to decline while he remains the leader. As popular among Midland ringers as he is capable in the tower, Mr. Groves as a ringer and conductor is to be classed among the best men of to-day.

He was born at Wroseter, near Shrewsbury, on March 13th, 1868, so that yesterday he completed his 45th year. He took up ringing when he was 18 years old, receiving his first lessons at the Old Abbey Church, Shrewsbury. His first peal, however, was not rung until four years later, this being Grandsire Triples at Upton St. Leonards, Gloucestershire, conducted by Mr. John Austin, on November 8th, 1890. In September of the following year he moved to Wolverhampton, and joined the St. Peter's company, who were then struggling with plain courses of Grandsire Triples. He was elected captain, a position which he held for some years, and a few months later was elected ringing master of the now defunct St. Peter's Guild. Mr. Groves has done a great deal in teaching young bands, and

for six years from 1895 he was instructor to the Hereford Diocesan Guild. In 1904 he was elected the first ringing master of the Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, and held office for five years, while in 1910 he was appointed to a similar position in the St. Martin's Guild.

He has taken part in some notable performances, including several long lengths. He conducted a 7019 and 11,500 of Grandsire Caters, and rang in 8009 of the same method. He was also one of the band that put up the present record of 11,111 Stedman Cinques at Birmingham, and conducted the only peal of Erin Cinques yet rung. He rang in and conducted the first handbell peal in Wales, while another of the handbell peals which he rang was the first peal of any description in the City of Hereford. On April 20th and 21st, 1891, he rang his first peal of Double Norwich Major inside at the Parish Church, Bisley, Gloucester, conducted by the Rev. H. Law James. The bells came round at 2 a.m.! Mr. Groves was the first to ring a pair of tower bells to a peal in Great Britain, this being a peal of Grandsire Triples which he called at St. Luke's, Wolverhampton. Incidentally it is worth mentioning that the only man who had previously accomplished a similar performance was Mr. J. W. Washbrook, at Arklow, Ireland. Another interesting point is that Mr. Groves and Mr. John Carter are the only two living men who have rung peals of Grandsire on all numbers from Triples to Maximus. It would not be fitting to close this brief outline of Mr. Groves' career without mentioning that he is the author of that very popular transposition of Mr. J. J. Parker's celebrated twelve part peal of Grandsire, known as "Groves' Variation."

Mr. Groves is a member of a number of societies and guilds, including the following: Ancient Society of College Youths, St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham, Societies for the Archdeaconry of Stafford, Archdeaconry of Stoke, Archdeaconry of Salop, the Worcester and Districts, Essex, Gloucester and Bristol, Bath and Wells, Midland Counties and Central Northants Associations, the Salisbury, Winchester, Oxford, Warwick, Hereford and Cheltenham and Districts Guilds.

His 384 peals have been rung in 103 towers in 22 counties, his list being as follows:—

	Rung.	Conducted.
Grandsire Doubles	5	1
Minor (one to seven methods)	11	
Grandsire Triples	81	59
Plain Bob Triples	2	1
Darlaston Bob Triples	8	4
Oxford Bob Triples	1	1
Stedman Triples	71	25
Grandsire Major	6	6
Plain Bob Major	21	14
Canterbury Pleasure Major	1	
Forward Major	2	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	3	
Oxford Treble Bob Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	16	6
Superlative Surprise Major	11	4
Cambridge Surprise Major	10	4
Grandsire Caters	51*	26
Plain Bob Caters	1	
Stedman Caters	17	9
Grandsire Royal	1	
Plain Bob Royal	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	5	2
Forward Royal	2	

Cambridge Surprise Royal	2	2
Grandsire Cinques	3	
Erin Cinques	1	1
Stedman Cinques	45†	20
Grandsire Maximus	1	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	2	
Forward Maximus	1	
Total	384	186

*Including 7019 (conducted), 8009 and 11,500 (conducted). †Including record 11,111. Four of the peals of Grandsire Triples were rung on handbells, and all four were conducted by Mr. Groves.

ODD CHANGES.

In mediæval and, indeed, in much later times singular criminals have fallen under the ban of the law. Not only animals but even inanimate objects such as bells have been brought to trial and sentenced to most grotesque punishments.

Bells, for having been tolled at inopportune times, have on more than one occasion suffered, and Rouvel, the famous Rouen bell, was sentenced to many years' silence by Charles VI. The bell of Uglitch, which, at the time of the assassination of Demetrius, in 1591, knelled the alarm, was, with all the other actors in that gruesome episode, brought to trial, when it was sentenced to be mutilated, knouted, and sent into perpetual exile. Over 250 years later, in 1847, it was pardoned. Reconsecrated at Irkutsk, in Siberia, by the Bishop, it was, amid general rejoicing, bedecked with flowers.

Very few men indeed have ever rung a peal with two tower bells at the same time. Mr. J. E. Groves, who is the subject of our illustration this week, is one of them. Mr. J. W. Washbrook, senr., was the first ever to accomplish the performance of ringing a peal with a rope in each hand, and, if we remember aright, this was at Arklow, Ireland. The only other is Mr. W. H. Lawrence, of Little Munden. He rang two bells to a peal of Minor. One of J. W. W.'s sons is also master of two bells, and recently Mr. J. Thomas attempted a peal. How long will it be before four men ring a tower bell peal? Not long, we think.

We quote the following from a Devon paper, and it refers to ringing at Chulmleigh:—

The No. 2 band of ringers, under the tuition of the present instructor, has accomplished some excellent round and call change ringing. Some years since it was a hard matter to keep one set together. Now there are two sets, and, it is said, another band is to be formed by the No. 1 set, so that there will be three teams of campanologists to perform on the splendid peal of bells that Chulmleigh possesses. Such is the progress being made in some places in Devon. Chulmleigh is a scattered village, and has a population of about 1,200. It possesses a peal of six bells.

Last Wednesday was the 155th anniversary of the first peal of Treble Bob Maximus ever rung. This was in the Oxford Variation, and was accomplished by the College Youths at St. Saviour's, Southwark (tenor 52 cwt.). It is recorded in the following terms on a tablet in the belfry:—
"The Society of College Youths rung in this steeple, on

March 12th, 1758, a compleat peal of 5040 Treble Bob, 12 in, in 4 hrs. 12 mins., being the greatest peal ever done before on 12 bells. John Underwood, treble; James Coxon, 2; Robert Butterworth, 3; George Meakins, 4; James Darquitt, 5; Thomas Bennett, 6; William Lovell, 7; Stephen Pickhaver, 8; William Moss, 9; Robert Bly, 10; Robert Mortimer, 11; Joseph Monk, tenor. The peal was call'd by Mr. G. Meakins."

Twenty years later, to be exact, on March 16th, 1778, 6240 Treble Bob Maximus was rung at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, by Norwich members of the Cumberland Youths, with two men on the tenor (41 cwt.). This occupied 5 hrs. 22 mins., and is recorded as "being the greatest performance ever done by any society."

On March 10th, 1784, the College Youths, with Samuel Muggeridge on the tenor, rang 7008 of Treble Bob Maximus in 5 hrs. 4 mins. at Southwark, but this was surpassed by the Cumberlands on the same bells on March 22nd, 1802, when James Marlton rang the tenor single handed to 7104 in 5 hrs. 30 mins. The record is worth reproducing, for it contains some famous names: "Cumberlands Society. On Monday, March 22nd, 1802, rang on these bells a compleat peal of Treble Bob Maximus, consisting of 7104 changes, it being the full extent of nine courses, the greatest performance ever done on twelve bells, which was completed by twelve men only, in 5 hrs. and 30 mins. Performers were: G. Gross, senr., treble; G. Gross, junr., 2; P. Jones, 3; James Nash, 4; Wm. Shipway, 5; Thos. Reeves, 6; J. Barnard, 7; A. Cavellier, 8; J. Hints, 9; M. Channon, 10; Wm. Stephens, 11; J. Marlton, tenor. Called by G. Gross, junr." The peal was a composition by J. Reeves.

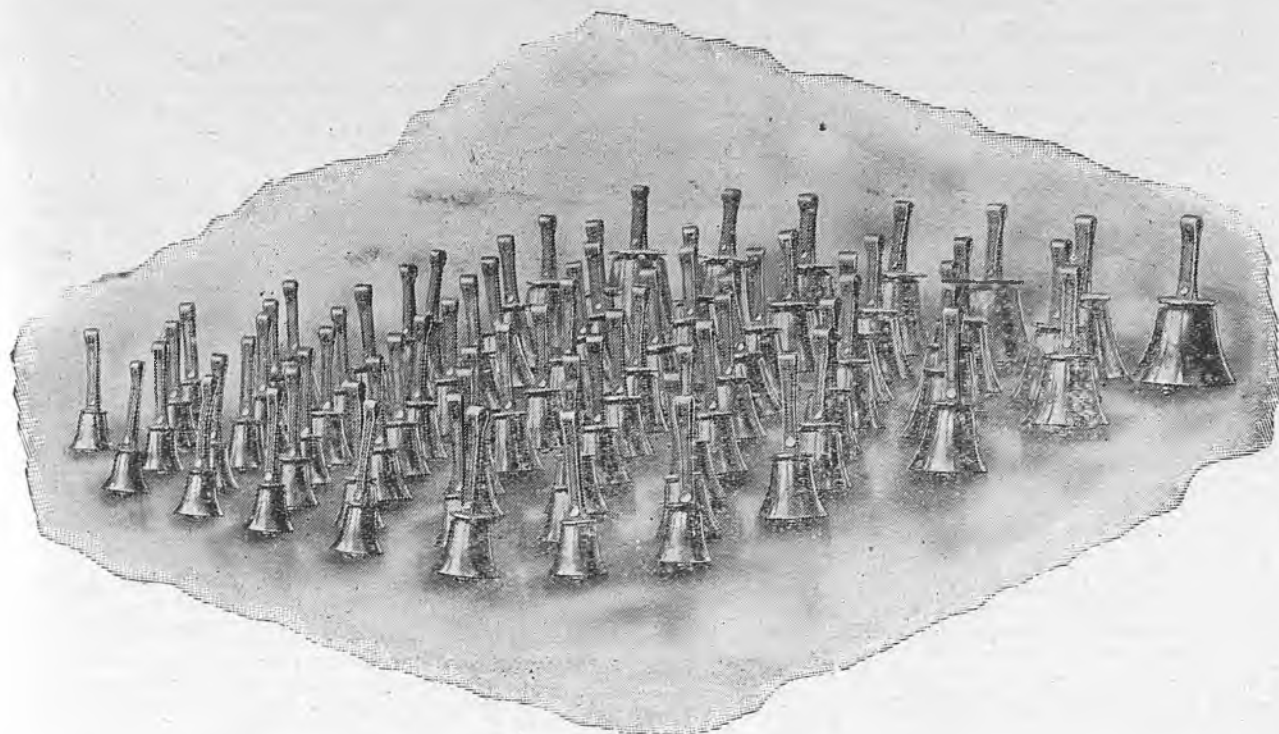
On March 6th, 1832, a peal of 7392 was rung at St. Mary's, Oldham, Lancs. This was supplanted by the 10,224 at Painswick in the following year, the latter remaining as the record length until the peal at Ashton-under-Lyne rung on Easter Monday, 1911. March was, in the old days, a memorable month for Treble Twelve.

Incidentally it may be mentioned, that to-day is the 186th anniversary of the first peal on the bells of St. Martin's-in-the-Field, London. It was 6006 of Grandsire Cinques, rung by the London Scholars, on March 14, 1727. On the following day the College Youths rang 6314 in the same method. Benjamin Annable "called the bobs" in this latter peal.

Subscriptions towards recasting the 2nd bell at St. Martin's Parish Church, Birmingham, have come in so well up to the present that it has been decided to raise the full amount among members and friends of the Guild, and present the bell to the church free of cost. If any of the numerous visitors to the church who have rung their first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells would like to show their appreciation, now is the opportunity. Contributions should be sent to Mr. A. P. Smith (Hon. Sec.), 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

We are requested to state that Peal No. 2,175 in the Yorks Association report 1911-12, published over the name of F. Robinson, belongs to A. Knights, and was rung for the first time as long ago as 1887.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Correspondents are reminded that, as Good Friday falls in next week, "The Ringing World" will be published on Thursday. Consequently, matter intended for publication should reach us not later than Monday next.

Reports of peals and meetings on Bank Holiday should be despatched to us the same night to ensure insertion in the following issue.

MUFFLED RINGING. INFORMATION WANTED.

To the Editor.

Sir,—While visiting a neighbouring tower not long ago, a discussion arose as to the correct way to toll the bell at a death or a funeral. Various views were put forward, and it was decided to ask, through the medium of "The Ringing World," what is the general practice in this matter. We should also like to know if there are any church rules dealing with the subject of tolling, muffled peals, ringing the old year out, etc. It seems to be left to custom and tradition in each parish.

As an instance of the difference of opinion that exists, may I quote an incident that occurred in this parish some time ago: One of our ringers having died, we wished to ring a muffled peal in his memory, and consulted our Vicar as to the best time to do so. He did not seem very clear on the matter, but gave it as his opinion that the day of the funeral would be the best time for a muffled peal; that in a time of national mourning it might be rung on a Sunday after service; but that the bells should never be muffled to call the congregation to church, as had been done on a previous occasion here. After this interview, I happened to see a paragraph in "The Ringing World" stating that in a distant parish, on the death of a ringer, his colleagues had rung the bells muffled for service throughout the Sunday.

We should be grateful for any information on the subject. Also I would suggest that if there are none already in existence, the associations might draw up some general rules for the guidance of the inexperienced.—Yours truly,
Blandford.

W. H. PERKINS.

PRESENTATION TO A YOUNG RINGER.

MEMENTO OF FIRST PEAL OF STEDMAN.

Ernest Bartram, of Melton Mowbray, has been the recipient of a silver bell pendant, in recognition of the way in which he rang in his first peal of Stedman Triples at the Church of All Saints', Oakham, Rutland. The present was subscribed for by the other members of the Midland Counties Association who took part in the peal, and was accompanied with the following letter from Mr. W. E. White (hon. secretary) of the Association: "As a mark of appreciation of the way in which you rang the treble in your first peal of Stedman Triples, we (that is the others who rang in the peal) beg you to accept the small bell pendant, which I send herewith with our best wishes for your continued progress in the art of ringing."

The bell was splendidly engraved with the inscription: "Ernest Bartram, August 31st, 1912," on one side, and "Stedman Triples at Oakham" on the other. The recipient was very surprised and pleased with the gift, and wishes to thank sincerely, through "The Ringing World," each subscriber for the beautiful present which will always be prized very much.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

At Southover Church, Lewes, Sussex, recently, an attempt was made for a peal of Grandsire Triples, but it failed after ringing had been in progress for a little over an hour. A quarter-peal of the same method was afterwards brought round in 46 mins., by: G. Richardson 1, E. E. Bish 2, E. J. Pannett 3, F. S. Sturt 4, G. H. Sturt 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe (conductor) 7, C. Errey 8. This was rung to celebrate the birthdays of Messrs. E. J. Pannett, G. H. Sturt, C. Errey, and the son of Mr. R. J. Dawe, and also the 45th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Dawe, senr. The ringers were subsequently entertained by Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pannett. A most enjoyable evening was spent. After supper, there were songs and handbell ringing, and thanks were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Pannett for their hospitality.

RYE RINGERS.

At the annual meeting of the Rye ringers, it was reported that there were 89 subscribers to the annual appeal, and hearty thanks were accorded them for their support. A very satisfactory report on the work in the belfry was also presented, attention having been mainly directed to bring on the junior members to fill vacancies in the ranks. The following officers were elected: Vice-president, Rev. H. E. Laughlin; captain, Mr. G. J. Youngs; conductor, Mr. G. Billenness; hon. secretary, Mr. H. F. Cobon.—After the meeting the ringers were entertained by the Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) and Mrs. Howes, who were thanked for their kind hospitality.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

PLYMOUTH.—The Devonshire Guild.—On March 5th, at Emmanuel Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. Shapcotte 1, W. Ford 2, W. Hobbs 3, W. Rundle 4, W. Hamblyn 5, W. Richards 6, G. H. Myers (conductor) 7, G. Kerswell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday, March 9th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's Church, Bethnal Green, a quarter-peal of Bristol Surprise Major: T. King 1, W. Hewitt 2, C. T. Coles 3, J. A. Trollope 4, B. Saunders 5, T. Groombridge, junr., 6, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 7, W. Pye 8.

READING.—Oxford Diocesan Guild.—On Sunday, March 9th, at St. Mary's Church, for evening service, 448 of Cambridge Surprise Major: W. A. Webb 1, J. E. Hern 2, A. T. Reeves 3, A. E. Reeves 4, C. Giles (conductor) 5, J. Swain 6, L. Watmore 7, F. W. Hopgood 8.—At 18, Seamer Place, on handbells, 504 of Grandsire Triples: A. T. Reeves 1—2, C. Giles (conductor) 3—4, F. W. Hopgood 5—6, F. Watmore 7—8.

CARDIFF.—At St. John's on Sunday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1259 changes), in 47 mins.: S. Williams 1, J. Harris 2, H. Day 3, W. Heath 4, C. O. Hobbs 5, W. G. Miller 6, T. Cox 7, S. Dawe 8, A. Rowley (conductor) 9, S. Barker 10. Rung in honour of the wedding of Mr. Evan Coles, who was married to Miss Hister E. Rosser, at the Parish of Llaneshen, on the 1st inst., the ringers wishing them every happiness.

WISBECH, CAMBS.—At the Parish Church, on March 2nd, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (tenor covering): F. W. Carter 1, S. Andrews (first 720 as conductor) 2, R. Narborough 3, T. Haines 4, G. Piggins 5, H. Banham 6, H. Cheeswright 7. First time this particular 720 has ever been rung by any of the band. For Confirmation service, on Wednesday, 5th March, several touches of Minor and Bob Doubles, the conducting being shared by Messrs. Benham, Andrews, Haines and Piggins, A. W. Wenlock ringing his first 120.

SUTTON GOLDFIELD.—The Warwickshire Guild.—On March 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 50 mins.: C. Waithman 1, J. Jennings 2, B. Claydon 3, G. Roberts 4, W. Allson 5, T. Bloore (conductor) 6, B. Leedham 7, J. Reynolds 8. Rung with the bells muffled as a tribute of respect to the late Mr. E. J. Brooks for 10 years churchwarden of this church.

WRITTFLE, ESSEX.—On March 2nd, at All Saints' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 7th: J. Poole 1, F. Edwards 2, F. Radley 3, A. Whight 4, R. Wood 5, W. Lincoln (conductor) 6, A. Head 7, R. A. Rolfe 8.

CHATHAM.—At St. Mary-the-Virgin's, on March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 49 mins.: H. Springate 1, H. Hogarth 2, Corpl. J. Bennett, R.M.L.I., 3, P. Burgess (Waldron) 4, F. Belsey (conductor) 5, S. Shellock 6, C. H. Sone (Linton) 7, E. Sills 8.

LONDON.—On March 2nd for morning service, at St. John's, South Hackney, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 45 mins.: J. Barry 1, F. Nunn 2, E. Wigg 3, E. E. Grimes (first quarter-peal in the method) 4, A. H. Palmer 5, R. Green 6, F. Hull 7, A. W. Grimes (conductor) 8.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for men's service, 504 Grandsire Triples: J. Whatmore 1, J. W. Whatmore 2, —, Jeavons 3, A. Greenfield (conductor) 4, W. Cotter 5, R. Allen 6, J. Lloyd 7, C. Harley 8. Also 336 Bob Major: J. Williams 1, J. Whatmore 2, —, Jeavons 3, J. Lloyd 4, R. Allen 5, W. Cotter 6, C. E. Corkins 7, A. Greenfield (conductor) 8.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—On March 2nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters, in 49 mins.: A. Edgerton 1, L. Corrigan 2, W. H. Jones 3, F. Downing 4, M. J. Morris 5, C. H. Potter (Barnsley), first quarter-peal of Caters, 6, W. Davies 7, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 8, W. Saunders 9, C. Allen 10.

BURTON LATIMER, NORTHANTS.—On March 2nd, 720 Oxford Bob: E. Hodson 1, J. Hendry 2, J. Pettit 3, G. Lines 4, A. Henman 5, P. Inskip (conductor) 6. This was rung for the christening of Mr. J. Hendry's son. For evening service, 720 of Oxford Treble Bob: G. Lines (conductor) 1, J. Hendry 2, J. Pettit 3, H. Saddington (first 720 of Treble Bob away from the treble) 4, P. Inskip 5, A. Henman 6.

LEYTONSTONE.—On March 3rd, at St. John's Church, 720 each of London, Beverley and York Surprise, the following taking part: A. Prior (first 720 Beverley), A. Fiddes (first 720 London), W. Theobald, G. Dowson, W. Miller (conductor), J. Moule, W. Doran, H. Torble.

BRIDGEND.—On March 4th, at St. Iltid's Church, 504 Stedman Triples: R. Gregory 1, D. R. James 2, J. Davis 3, J. Evans 4, W. Smith 5, J. Cox 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, J. Fisher 8. First 504, by all except the ringers of 6 and 7.

DERBY.—The Midland Counties Association.—On March 4th, at St. Alkmund's Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 13 mins.: C. Draper 1, J. Vickers, junr., 2, G. Robinson 3, G. Freebrey (composer and conductor) 4, J. Vickers, senr., 5, W. Wallace 6, B. Mitchell 7, A. Francis 8.

HODDESDON, HERTS.—At St. Paul's Church, on March 9th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins., by: *T. Newman 1, *W. Mumford 2, Jesse Puppelt 3, S. Knight (conductor) 4, A. Cains 5, W. Onvil 6, W. Irons 7, C. Rainbird 8. *Longest length.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on March 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, S. Thomas 3, C. Groves 4, J. Symonds 5, A. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8. For evening service, 504 Grandsire: J. Symonds 1, C. Groves 2, J. Harris (conductor) 3, J. Wheeler 4, E. J. Harding 5, J. Smith 6, A. Creasy 7, J. Matthews 8.

DEAL.—Kent Association. — On Sunday, March 9th, 720 College Single: *E. Kemp 1, *L. Ladd 2, *G. W. T. Smith 3, F. A. Holder (conductor) 4, *A. Long 5, H. C. Castle 6. *First 720 in the method.

NORWICH.—At St. John de Sepulchre's Church, on Monday, March 3rd, 1264 Bob Major: C. Brundell 1, C. Jenkinson 2, F. Phillips 3, W. Mayers 4, J. Freeman 5, W. W. Goodbourn 6, T. Wright 7, G. Mayers (conductor) 8. Ring with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late Mr. F. T. Miller, who, although a prominent member of St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, was a true friend of the poor in this parish, and a supporter of all good work, irrespective of creed.

LITTLE MUNDEN.—Hertfordshire Association. — On March 4th, 720 Duke of York: S. Game 1, B. Patmore 2, A. Carter 3, A. Phillips 4, A. Woolston 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6. Also 720 College Single: A. Smith 1, B. Patman 2, S. Game 3, W. H. Lawrence 4, A. Phillips 5, A. Woolston (conductor) 6. — On Sunday, March 9th, 360 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Carter 1, A. Phillips 2, S. Game 3, G. H. Barker 4, A. Carter 5, W. H. Lawrence (conductor) 6.

STANSTED.—Essex Association. — On Feb. 9th, for morning service, 560 Double Norwich: H. Little 1, T. Jordan 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, T. J. Watts 6, H. J. Tucker 7, W. Watts (conductor) 8. — On March 9th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Ansell 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, J. Luckey 5, W. T. Prior 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, T. J. Watts 8.

CHILDWALL, LANCS.—The Chester Diocesan Guild. — At All Saints' Church, on Feb. 28th, 720 each of St. Clement's and Childwall, College Single and Wavertree, Double and Plain Bob, containing 71 changes of method in the three 720's: Rev. C. A. Clements 1, W. Bibby 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston 3, G. R. Newton 4, E. H. Lewis (conductor) 5, H. W. Wilde 6. The splicing of St. Clement's and Childwall, and of College Single and Wavertree, were shown in our last issue.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Minor, consisting of 720 Plain Bob, 360 Oxford Bob, and 180 Canterbury, in 40 mins.: R. Summers 1, J. Bevan 2, J. Gwynne 3, A. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6. — On Feb. 25th, a quarter-peal of Minor, in seven methods, being 240 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, 180 each of Oxford Bob, Canterbury and Plain Bob, and 120 each of College Single and Grandsire: J. Bevan 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, J. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.—Salisbury Guild. — On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: *S. Vining 1, P. H. Beams (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, *J. Lathey 3, J. Zealley 4, *H. Haines 5, E. Powell 6, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 7, T. Lathey 8. *First quarter-peal of Triples. Ring with the bells muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Earl Nelson, President of the Sarum Diocesan Guild since its formation in 1884.

SHIPLAKE, OXON.—On Jan. 16th, for evening service, to mark the induction of the new Vicar, the Rev. C. A. W. Aylen, to SS. Peter and Paul, Shiplake, the ringers rang a date touch of 1913 Grandsire Triples, composed by Mr. C. Jackson Hull: A. Sheppard 1, C. P. Oliver 2, W. O. Porter 3, A. Hiestad 4, W. Wicks 5, G. Cleave (conductor) 6, J. Hiscock 7, F. Harris 8.

SWINDON, WILTS.—On Jan. 12th, at Christ Church, for morning service, 576 Kent Treble Bob Major: J. H. Odey 1, O. W. Layng 2, R. W. Hyner 3, S. Palmer 4, E. Bishop 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, S. Hillier (Devises) 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. — On Jan. 14th, 1344 Superlative Surprise Major: J. H. Odey 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, E. Bishop 5, G. W. Townsend 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Longest touch in the method on the bells.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Jan. 13th, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 London Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster 5, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 6. — On February 3rd, at St. Margaret's Church, 720 Beverley Surprise: A. J. Gilbert 1, R. W. Hyner 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6. First 720 in the method on the bells.

OLD HILL, STAFFS.—On Sunday, Jan. 26th, for morning service, 336 Stedman Triples, conducted by W. Green. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Price 1, L. Johnson 2, H. Johnson 3, W. Bird 4, G. Bird 5, O. Pearson 6, A. Greenfield (conductor) 7, A. Houghton 8.

LONDON.—On Jan. 25th, for evening service, at St. Giles', Camberwell, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): T. H. Taffender (conductor) 1, C. H. Hughes 2, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 3, W. H. Taffender 4, R. W. Green 5, C. W. R. Grimwood 6, A. D. Barker 7, F. J. Hardy 8.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdelene's Church, on Jan. 26th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Cornford 1, H. Ranzetta 2, H. Brooks 3, J. Barry 4, G. Charge 5, J. Cornford 6, A. Turner (conductor) 7, A. Hart 8. — On Feb. 2nd, for

evening service, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major, in 47 mins.: J. Barry 1, B. Green 2, H. Dains 3, *H. Brooks 4, A. Hart 5, *L. Porter 6, G. Charge 7, A. Turner (first in the method as conductor) 8. *First quarter of Treble Bob Major.

BLITCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild. — On Feb. 1st, 168 and 350 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Sear, and 336, conducted by E. Marks. — On Feb. 8th, 336 Stedman, conducted by H. Sear. Also 518 Grandsire Triples: S. H. King (first 500) 1, W. Sear 2, J. Mead 3, L. Meager 4, T. Best (conductor) 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear 7, F. Goodman 8.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Sear 1, J. Lovell 2, G. West 3, E. Marks 4, F. Mynard (conductor) 5, T. Best 6. 120 Stedman Doubles, with V. Sear 6.

EWELL.—On the occasion of the marriage of Capt. John A. Don, R.H.A., and Miss Violet Bridges, second daughter of Mr. J. H. Bridges, of Ewell Court, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Sherman 1, H. G. Beams 2, Jesse Beams 3, J. Beams 4, E. T. Grove 5, S. Wilson 6, C. E. Read (conductor) 7, F. Laver 8. Also 630, 546 and 168 in the same method, H. Pederick taking part.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, 720 Bob Minor, conducted by F. W. Naunton, and 216 conducted by J. Spencer: G. Bertram 1, A. J. Naunton 2, L. Naunton 3, W. Mellin 4, J. Spencer 5, F. W. Naunton 6.

WITNEY, OXON.—Oxford Diocesan Guild. — At the Parish Church, on Sunday morning, Feb. 9th, 350 Grandsire Triples: H. Long 1, C. R. Walker 2, E. Brown 3, A. Brooks 4, T. Bull 5, J. Monk (conductor) 6, J. Brooks 7, G. Brooks 8. Also for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins., by the above band, conducted by J. Monk. C. R. Walker's first quarter-peal with an inside bell.

CLAIMS TO AUTHORSHIP.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I had thought this subject was dropped, but Mr. Lindoff's vain and boasting letter in your issue of February 28th provokes me to reply. Evidently he thinks Mr. Dains, Mr. Hattersley and myself are nothing better than fools in composition, and can be treated as such accordingly, or he would not have sent with his letter the two 5040's of New Cambridge Surprise Royal, which, like his other efforts, are merely extracts from peals published in the 1895 appendix. The first 5040 is abstracted from a 5056, third peal on page 108, and the second may be abstracted by a school-boy from the second peal given on page 117. As this is such a bare-faced bit of priggish and an attempt at fooling, I enclose the peals side by side as published.

With this attempt to hoodwink us, he has the impertinence to tell us that he is not like Mr. Dains, given to idle boasting. Can idle boasting go further? He also states that these extracts are his peals, and his they will remain. I have no doubt they will in his imagination, but the discerning part of the Exercise will not be so deceived, but will estimate his efforts at their worth.

N. J. PITSTOW.

[Mr. Pitstow enclosed the two sets of course-ends, which are exactly the same as that in Mr. F. Pitstow's letter last week, and need not, therefore, be repeated.—Ed.]

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor: C. H. C., 10s.; T. R. D., 6s.; C. W. B., 5s.; E. V. C., 5s.; V. Y. J., 1s.; Winchester Diocesan Guild (Guildford branch), 10s. Also the following bands: Elham (Kent), 11s. 6d.; Patrington (Yorks), 10s.; Seal Chart, 6s. 2d.; Scarborough, 7s.; Bolsover, 7s. 6d.; Skipton, 5s.; Great Munden, 5s.; Halifax Parish Church, 4s. 3d.; Tynemouth Parish Church, 3s. 6d.; Castle Ashby, 3s. 6d.; Blackburn, 2s. 6d.; St. Peter's, Nottingham, 2s.; Bradwell, 2s.; Wisbech Parish Church, 1s. 6d.; total received to date, £23 13s. 11d.; amount required, £35. Donations will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Daggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton, Cambs.

NOTICES.

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CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Runcorn Branch.—The quarterly meeting of the above branch will be held at Runcorn on March 15th. Bells ready at 3. Tea at 5 p.m. Meeting to follow after tea. Ringers' service at 7. All ringers welcome.—B. Trivett, Branch Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The next meeting of the Guild will be held at St. Nicholas', Liverpool, on Saturday, March 15th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. T. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

NOTICES (continued).

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society, established 1824) Northern District.—The next meeting will be held on March 15th, at St. Mary's, Walthamstow. Tower open for ringing from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All cordially invited.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7d, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Saviour's Church, Bolton, on Saturday, March 15th, at 6 o'clock; business meeting, 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Rochester District.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Tunstall, near Sittingbourne, on Saturday, March 15th. Tower open at 3.30. Short service at 5 p.m. Meeting following immediately after light refreshments.—Edward A. G. Allen, Honorary Secretary, 77, Bill Street Road, Frindsbury, Rochester.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Paul's, Ramsbottom, on Saturday, March 15th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6) from 11 a.m. Rushall tower penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General meeting to follow. Kindly send word not later than Tuesday, the 18th inst., to H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45 prompt. General meeting in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), Oldswinford (8) and Wollaston (6). Tea will be provided for those who notify me by Wednesday, March 19th. Subscriptions should be paid to the branch secretaries and reports obtained in the Choir Vestry between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James' Church, 12.30 p.m. Bells available: St. James' (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rougham (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by business meeting, will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. members, 2s. non-members. Will those who intend coming to dinner please notify me not later than Wednesday, March 19th?—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each) and general meeting at 4 o'clock. Will those who intend taking tea kindly notify Mr. T. H. Hardy, 3, Wright Street, St. Peter's Lane, by March 20th at the latest. The towers will be closed during the tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Portsmouth District.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Fareham on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells available from 2 o'clock. Tea at Foster's Temperance Hotel at 6 o'clock. Meeting after. Members requiring tea kindly let me know by the 19th inst.—J. W. Whiting, District Secretary, Fareham.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913. Towers open at 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of six earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbev Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. Meat tea 6d. each to members; other ringers, who will be heartily welcomed, 1s. 3d. each.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter Meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday (March 24th, 1913). Bells of the Parish Church (10, tenor 18½ cwts.) available all day. Dinner at Botham's Cafe, 12.30 p.m. prompt, members 1/-, non-members 2/-. Ringers attending must notify the Secretary by Wednesday, March 19th.—T. Metcalfe, Hon. Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30. I wish to remind those intending being present the necessity of giving notice not later than the 20th, as tea will only be ordered for number sending notice.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.—H. Moore, junr., Honorary Secretary, Pentrefelin, Wrexham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 a.m. Dinner at All Hallows' Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10) will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6, and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 21st, at Epsom. Both towers (St. Martin's and Christ Church) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after. —Cyril S. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells, St. Mary's (8). All Saints (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting, St. Mary's Room. Short service, 5 o'clock, at St. Mary's. All ringers welcome.—Will those intending being present please notify F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec., 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

S. MARY'S, TWYFORD, BERKS.—The new ring of eight bells will be dedicated on Easter Tuesday, March 25th. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Those intending to be present kindly notify same to F. Dentry, Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, March 29th. The new peal of bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Tea in the Star Hall at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 26th.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. A service will be held at 5 p.m., with an address by the Rev. Canon Harvey, of Dewsbury, Yorks. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, and meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new president, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist's (10) from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.—In consequence of the Honorary Secretary being in hospital suffering from severe burns, the annual meeting is postponed. Further notice will be given when the date is fixed.—S. Spittle, Ringing Master, 6, Great Hill, Dudley.

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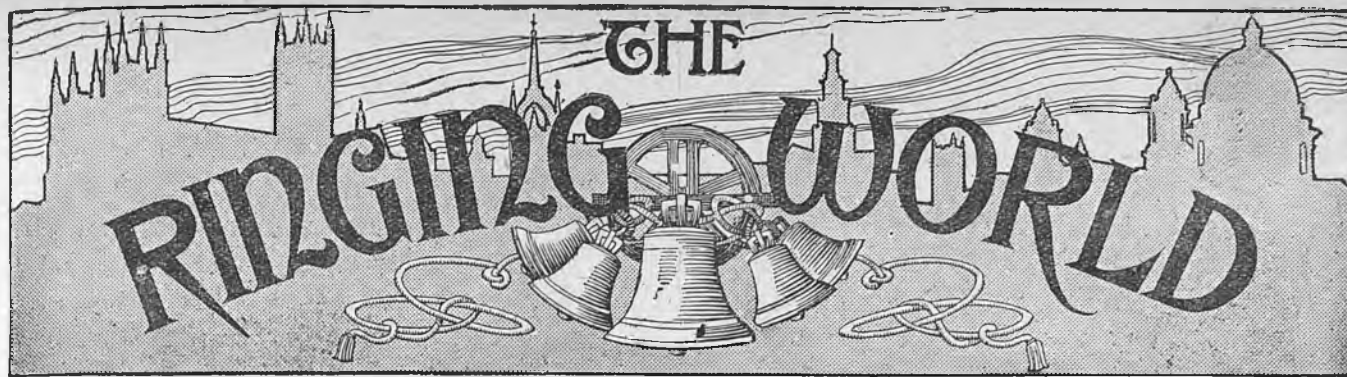
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MODERN WORK.

THE EASTER MEETINGS.

The first Bank Holiday of the year always brings a big crop of important association gatherings, and next Monday will find ringers assembling in many centres from Wales to East Anglia, from Hampshire to Yorkshire. In most of these meetings the purpose is the transaction of the annual business, and with the ever increasing interest which there is in ringing affairs, there will be, we have no doubt, large and successful gatherings. The obvious advantages which are afforded by Bank Holiday meetings make them extremely popular with members, and for this reason by far the larger number of the big societies hold their annual meetings upon these occasions, while many others seize upon the opportunity for district gatherings.

While the business part of the proceedings has, of course, considerable importance, it is not the only feature which brings ringers from a wide area to foregather at a central spot. The social side has its natural attraction, for in many cases it is the one occasion during the year when old friends can meet. Then, too, there is the inducement of the opportunities which are provided by the day's ringing. All this goes to make these assemblies attractive, and it is gratifying to notice the wide-spread interest which, generally speaking, members take in the affairs of their respective associations. Moreover, there is a duty attaching to membership, for every individual ought to feel pride and concern in the successful and capable management of his association. It is sometimes said that a small attendance at a business meeting is a sign of general satisfaction with the conduct of affairs, but it is not altogether a healthy sign. It is sometimes an indication of apathy, and apathy only too often leads to disintegration. Happily, in regard to the ringing associations, there are usually ample signs of a live interest in their affairs, and we hope this condition of things may long prevail.

In those associations where nothing has yet been done, the Easter meetings provide a very favourable opportunity for raising the subject of a ringers' benevolent fund, to the need of which we have so often directed attention. In several instances, we know, the matter has been shelved in order to see the effect of the Insurance Act, but already there is proof that this measure has not done away with the value of a benevolent fund. Ringers ought to feel it a privilege to do something to help a brother in distress, and systematic provision, such as two or three of the associations are now making is the best method of meeting an emergency when it does arise. We hope that in those organisations where nothing has yet been done, steps will be taken to establish a fund, and in several cases the opportunity of introducing the matter will occur next Monday.

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On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... <i>Treble</i>	*GEORGE WALKER 7
WILLIAM SHORT 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 8
FREDERICK DICKENS 3	THOMAS H. REEVES 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND 4	SAMUEL GROVE 10
ALF. PADDON SMITH... .. 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
JAMES H. SHEPHERD ... 6	JOHN NEAL... .. <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
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* First peal on twelve bells.

TEN BELL PEAL.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Wednesday, March 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHEW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5149 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED ADAMS <i>Treble</i>	CHRISTOPHER HICK 6
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 2	WALTER R. HUGHES 7
EDWIN J. TYLER... .. 3	THOMAS HILL 8
GEORGE SMITH 4	THOMAS J. ELTON 9
EDGAR T. SMITH... .. 5	HOWARD W. CATTELL ... <i>Tenor</i>

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THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

HENRY STALHAM... .. <i>Treble</i>	RICHARD STREDWICK 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALBERT HARMAN 6
HENRY J. RANZETTA... .. 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	KEITH HART <i>Tenor</i>

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN DIVISION.)

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

ALFRED HACKETT <i>Treble</i>	GEORGE WITHERS 5
ELIJAH WHITE 2	VICTOR WHITE 6
WILLIAM COLEY... .. 3	WILLIAM H. WEBB 7
GEORGE N. COCHIN 4	M. HACKETT <i>Tenor</i>

Conducted by W. H. WEBB.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

JOHN SINDEN Treble	WALTER FRANKS 5
WALTER ALCOCK 2	WILLIAM THOMAS 6
FRANCIS A. KENNETT ... 3	GEORGE WATSON 7
*PERCIVAL CARTER 4	HARRY DENMAN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WATSON.

* First peal in the method.

HURSTPIERPOINT, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

RICHARD STREDWICK ... Treble	HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 5
JOHN CAPP 2	ALFRED J. TURNER ... 6
OLIVER SIPPETTS 3	ALBERT D. STONE ... 7
WILLIAM C. HART 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART NO. 1.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

GERALD KING Treble	WILLIAM W. FOX 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE 2	CHARLES H. WALKER ... 6
*JOSEPH LAW 3	HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM MARTIN 4	HARRY NORGATE Tenor

Conducted by HARRY WARNETT, Senr.

* First peal in the method with a bob bell. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. W. Fox and to the conductor.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANGES;

FROM 'SHIPWAY.'

Tenor 15 cwt.

TOM J. BUTLER Treble	FRANCIS E. B. CHARLES 5
A. VICTOR MORGAN 2	JOHN BUTLER 6
JOHN W. JONES 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	FRED ATWELL Tenor

Conducted by FRED ATWELL.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last mark of respect to the late Vicount Tredegar, Lord Lieutenant of the County (one of the noble 600 who took part in the Balaclava charge), and who was interred on this day at Bassaleg, near Newport.

DORKING, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.

EDWARD E. DODD Treble	JOHN RUSSELL 5
ARTHUR C. OTWAY 2	JOHN H. WHITE 6
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ARTHUR DEAN 7
HENRY BOXALL 4	WILLIAM LYNCH Tenor

Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

Rung on the occasion of the visit of the Lord Bishop of Winchester to dedicate the new South Chapel, erected as a memorial of the Rector's (Canon W. E. Chichester) twenty-five years' ministry.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*ERNEST J. HUGHES ... Treble	SAMUEL COTTON 5
FREDERICK H. DEXTER ... 2	R. HENRY BARTRAM ... 6
CHARLES H. FOWLER ... 3	†ERNEST MORRIS 7
ARTHUR PETTITT 4	JOSIAH MORRIS Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method as conductor. The composition is now rung for the first time, and contains the 6th its extent in 4th's and 6th's at alternate course ends. Rung on the occasion of Confirmation Service by Bishop Mitchinson.

LONDON.

THE ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

*THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS G. DEAL 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
WILLIAM SHIMMANS 3	GEORGE H. DAINS 7
WILLIAM BERRY 4	FREDERICK H. GOOCH ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. G. H. Daynes.

ECCLES, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 13½ cwt., in F sharp.

J. BARRETT Treble	J. JACKSON 5
†E. OLDFIELD 2	E. STUBBS 6
†W. SHERCLIFF 3	†M. OLDFIELD 7
J. MYLES 4	*T. BENTLEY Tenor

Conducted by J. MYLES.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. ‡ First peal with a bob bell. Also first peal as conductor, and rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the 2nd and 5th.

BLACKBURN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BLACKBURN AND ROCHDALE BRANCHES.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON Treble	*HERBERT DAVENPORT ... 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 2	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 6
WILLIAM CRABTREE 3	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 7
ALFRED BROOK 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by W. E. WILSON.

* First peal of Stedman.

PONTEFRAC, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S IRREGULAR SIX-PART, NO. 1.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON ... Treble	FRANCIS WOODHEAD ... 5
ARTHUR WALKER 2	JOHN FRYER 6
*MARK TATE 3	THOMAS R. HENSHER ... 7
*JOHN W. MOORHOUSE ... 4	*FRED COCKELL Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS R. HENSHER.

* First peal in the method.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

JAMES E. GROVES Treble	THOMAS MILLER 5
FREDRICK DICKENS 2	JAMES L. WELLS 6
JOHN NEAL 3	JAMES GEORGE 7
SAMUEL GROVE 4	BERNARD W. WITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

First peal in the method on the bells.

TIPTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5216 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*THOMAS HUGHES Treble	GEORGE HUGHES 5
*MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	*ALBERT BLUNDELL 6
WILLIAM ROCK SMALL 3	*JESSE SCREEN 7
ALFRED ROWLEY 4	*HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED ROWLEY.

* First peal in the method. This composition contains the 4th, 5th and 6th their extent in 5-6 without the 2nd a 6th's place bell.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD, AND THE
HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

ROBERT E. STAVERT Treble	ERNEST PYE 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

LEATHERHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E flat.

ALFRED H. WINCH Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 5
WILLIAM S. SMITH 2	JOHN HOYLE 6
ERNEST C. BONIFACE 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. ROBINSON, and
Conducted by A. H. WINCH.

This is the first peal of Treble Bob Major on the bells since 1829.

HALESOWEN, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*CHARLES E. PERKINS Treble	ALFRED DAVIES 5
*VICTOR WHITE 2	WILLIAM FISHER 6
JOHN BASS 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ROBERT MATTHEWS Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method, and first peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 15 cwt. 1 qr. 15 lbs., in F.

GEORGE F. SWANN Treble	MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 5
THOMAS RUSSAM 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS 6
JOHN SANDERS 3	GEORGE GARRISON 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	THOMAS WELLS Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

Miss Margery F. Sampson was elected a member before starting and this was the first peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part. The ringers expressed their delight in ringing the peal.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 2 lbs., in E.

SAMUEL GREENHALGH Treble	THOMAS BOTTRILL 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
JOSEPH LOWE 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 7
HARRY WASHBROOK 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by GEORGE R. NEWTON, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

First peal ever rung in the method at Ashton-under-Lyne. W. W. Wolstencroft belongs to the local company.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLYTH, NOTTS.

THE NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND MARTIN,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Duke of York, New London Pleasure Violet and Oxford, and two 720's of Kent called differently.

Tenor 15 cwt.

ALFRED ALLISON Treble	FRANK H. HIND 4
RICHARD RICKETTS 2	JOHN H. HIND 5
ALBERT E. EASTLAND 3	SMITH EASTLAND Tenor

Conducted by J. H. HIND.

This is the first peal of Minor ever rung on the bells, and by the Blyth company.

LITTLE MUNDEN, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE LITTLE MUNDEN SOCIETY.)

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and Plain Bob.

HENRY CARTER Treble	ARTHUR PHILLIPS 4
FRED WILLIAMS 2	ALBERT CARTER 5
ARTHUR WOOLSTAN 3	WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. LAWRENCE.

NEWHALL, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Double Bob, St. Clement's, Double Court, Single Court, Double Oxford, Oxford Bob, and Plain Plain. Tenor 11 cwt.

GEORGE BASELEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN 4
CHARLES SANDERS 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
JOHN HOUGH 3	DAVID L. COTTON Tenor

Conducted by D. L. COTTON.

Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who leaves Newhall for Canada, on March 26th.

BUCKNALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Coventry, Worcester, London, Wells, Lichfield,
Bristol and Cambridge.

*JAMES WALLEY Treble	WILLIAM WHEELDON ... 4
CHARLES PRESTON 2	ERNEST TIGWELL 5
JOHN E. WHEELDON 3	DANIEL PRESTON Tenor

Conducted by J. E. WHEELDON.

* First peal of Surprise. Rung at the first attempt, and as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Nicholas,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*THOMAS BECKETT Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
CLAYTON PARNELL 2	JOHN SPENCER 5
GEORGE E. NAUNTON 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by FRANCIS W. NAUNTON.

* First peal of Minor. First peal of Minor as conductor. Arranged for Mr. T. Beckett, of Barsham.

MALDON, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, London Scholars' Pleasure,
College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Wood-
bine and Kent. Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH Treble	THOMAS C. GOZZETT ... 4
ALFRED SOUTH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 5
HAROLD FINCH 3	FRED CHALK Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Alfred South.

HANDBELL PEALS.

OXHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven-and-a-half-
Minutes,

At 43, HEATH ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5555 CHANCES;

HUBERT EDEN 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7-8
WILLIAM HODGETTS 3-4	GEORGE N. PRICE ... 9-10
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN 5-6	FRANK T. MARTIN ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONS.

The conductor has called a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques from each pair of bells, comprising in all 77,955 changes in 44 hours and 26 minutes, and is the first person to call a peal from each pair of bells.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

SEPTIMUS RADFORD 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	WILLIAM SMITH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

W. Smith hails from Loughborough.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At George IV., Brunswick Street, Haggerston,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 5-6
GEORGE R. PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: C. T. COLES and W. HEWETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. Grimes, mother of the ringer of 9-10.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 13, 1913, in Two Hours,
At the Residence of Mr. A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... 1-2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON ... 3-4	TOWER TAYLOR 7-8

Composed by G. PATRICK, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

FYLINGDALES, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
In the Belfry of St. Stephen's Church,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

ALBERT COATES 1-2	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5-6
JOHN W. LOWTHER 3-4	*FRANK S. HODGSON ... 7-8

Composed and Conducted by G. F. ALEXANDER.

* First peal of Major on handbells.

NETHERTON COMPLEX MAJOR.

Under this title, Mr. Alfred Davies, of Netherton, Dudley, sends us the following method for publication. It is on the lengthening lead plan, with the treble a plain hunt bell, and it contains half the changes to be found in the corresponding lead of Bristol Surprise. In common with Bristol, it also has this feature that a bell doing front work never gets above 4th's for three leads, and when doing the work behind never gets below 5th's.

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23146587

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Bob

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Single

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TEWKESBURY.—The Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association. —On March 9th, for evening service, at the Abbey Church of St. Mary the Virgin, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.: W. Hampton 1, F. S. Wilson 2, R. H. Witherington 3, C. W. Dyson 4, John Wathen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Wathen (conductor) 7, Wm. Haines 8. The above was rung as a birthday compliment to Jos. Wathen, and also to celebrate the completion of his fifty years' service to the Abbey Church Society as ringer and conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.—At Great St. Mary's, on March 10th, 395 Grandsire Caters, 108 Stedman Caters, 120 Kent Treble Bob Royal: W. B. Kempton 1, G. Taylor 2, H. Mansfield 3, Rev. A. H. F. Boughey 4, J. Taylor 5, A. Wilkerson 6, P. Taylor 7, T. R. Dennis 8, J. H. R. Frecborn (conductor) 9, F. E. Kempton 10. Also a course of Grandsire Triples.

ST. PETER'S BELLS, COLCHESTER.

DEDICATION OF NEW PEAL.

The bells of St. Peter's, Colchester, were re-dedicated at a special service on Thursday week by the Lord Bishop of Colchester (Dr. Whitcombe), who was assisted by the Rev. C. Triffitt Ward (Vicar), and the Rev. E. J. Goodchild (curate). In addition to the recasting of the bells, two steel girders have been placed under the frame to strengthen it. The first six bells bear the names of those providing for the recasting, viz.: Treble, the Rev. C. Triffitt Ward, Vicar, and Mrs. Triffitt Ward; 2nd, the Churchwardens, Messrs. A. Polley and T. M. Loyd; 3rd, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Simkin; 4th, the Executors of the late Miss Walker; 5th, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Frost; 6th, Miss Hewitt and Mr. W. W. Hewitt, of Dedham. The inscription on the tenor bell is as follows: "This peal of eight bells, cast in 1763 by Lester and Pack, of London; Rev. Wm. Symthies, Vicar; Robt. Duke, Jas. Robgent, Churchwardens; was recast 1913, C. Triffitt Ward, Vicar; A. Polley, T. M. Loyd, Churchwardens. This bell was recast at the expense of the parishioners, congregation and friends."

There was a large congregation at the dedication service, which was conducted by the Vicar. The hymns included: "Rejoice to-day with one accord," and "Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore Him," and Psalm 150 was also sung. Immediately after the dedicatory prayers, the bells were rung as the clergy were returning to the chancel. The Bishop preached an appropriate sermon, taking his text from Psalm cxiv, 10, "All thy works praise Thee, O Lord, and thy saints shall bless Thee." Having traced the history of bell making and referred to the romantic history of many church bells, and the notes of joy and sorrow they had uttered through the ages, the Bishop concluded with an earnest address to the bell ringers, urging them to do all their work to the glory of God, saying that there was a danger that in the practice of an art, they might forget the inspiration which gave birth to it. The highest effect would be reached, and the truest service rendered only when they who listened to those bells, knew that they were never touched, their melodies never evoked, but by devoted servants of Jesus Christ. — The Vicar having mentioned that the sum of £50 was still needed to complete payment, a collection was taken during the singing of the concluding hymn, "The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended."

After the service, the following touches were rung: 224 Bob Major, 112 Grand sire Triples, 288 Kent Treble Bob, and a course of Double Norwich, by the members of the local company: Messrs. A. Burch, G. Burch, W. Burch, G. W. Dixon, F. L. Bumpstead, W. Button, W. Chalk, H. Evers, S. Hull, H. T. Pye, W. J. Schofield and E. W. Stannard, and the following visitors: Messrs. W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), G. Lindridge (Ashford, Kent), Jas. Newman (Feering), and E. Denison Taylor (Loughborough), representing Messrs. John W. Taylor and Co.

The weights of the bells are as follow: Treble, 4 cwt. 3 qrs. 4 lbs.; 2nd, 5 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.; 3rd, 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lbs.; 4th, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.; 5th, 9 cwt. 1 qr. 19 lbs.; 6th, 11 cwt. 1 qr. 5 lbs.; 7th, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; tenor, 21 cwt. 0 qrs. 17 lbs., in E flat (diameter 4 feet 1 3/8 inch). The bells have been tuned upon the five-tone principle, and the whole work reflects great credit upon the well-known founders, Messrs. Taylor and Co.

AN UNIQUE RECORD.

Mr. George N. Price, of Watford, has just completed a unique performance by calling a different peal of Stedman Triples, Caters and Cinques, from each pair of bells. Mr. Price is the first to accomplish this feat, and in addition he has conducted Carter's Odd-Bob peal of Triples from each pair. The composition of Stedman Triples called from 1-2 and 5-6 had not been previously rung on handbells. All the peals of Caters and Cinques had the turning course at the end, thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance, and had it not been for two of the peals of Caters (those called from 1-2 and 9-10) having the same coming-round, all would have had different going-off and homing courses both in Caters and Cinques.

Appended is the list of peals and the dates of performance:—

STEDMAN TRIPLES.

1-2	Thurstans' Five-part	Sept. 6, 1905.
3-4	Thurstans' One-part	Jan. 16, 1908.
5-6	J. J. Parker's One-part	Jan. 23, 1908.
7-8	Carter's Odd-Bob One-part	Aug. 28, 1906.

STEDMAN CATERS.

1-2	5002 F. Donch	Mar. 23, 1905.
3-4	5555 G. Lindoff	May 26, 1907.
5-6	6591 C. H. Hattersley	Sept. 5, 1908.
7-8	5009 N. J. Pittow	June 1, 1907.
9-10	5009 C. H. Hattersley	Mar. 20, 1912.

STEDMAN CINQUES.

1-2	5019 C. H. Hattersley	Jan. 1, 1913.
3-4	5014 John Carter	June 19, 1912.
5-6	5002 C. H. Hattersley	May 8, 1912.
7-8	5021 John Carter	Jan. 29, 1913.
9-10	5555 John Carter	Mar. 9, 1912.
11-12	5027 John Carter	Feb. 26, 1913.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A VISIT TO ASH.

A party consisting mostly of six-bell ringers, met at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, for the opportunity of ringing some touches on eight. For about a couple of hours the bells were kept going to short touches of Bob Major and Grand sire Triples, and on each occasion that the bells came round, somebody had rung their first touch on eight, or in the method. Afterwards, in the Ringers' Arms (The Lion), a social hour was spent with the local band, and Stedman Triples and Caters were rung in hand.

Only three peals seem to have been rung on the bells, the dates of which (as far as local information goes), are No. 1 by the Quex Park band early in the last century; No. 2 in the '80's again by a Birchington band, and the last one by a mixed band from the Canterbury district in 1905. The "go" of the bells showed the visitors the attention paid by the genial local steeplekeeper, Mr. Martin, and we hope before long to record the first peals of Stedman and Major on them.

The following are the members who rang: Messrs. E. Buesden, F. Brett, C. Brett, F. A. Holden, H. C. Casale, E. Kemp, F. Rogers, J. Trinder, F. Fenn, Harrison Smith, and S. White, and all wish to thank the Vicar for his kind permission, and the local secretary (Mr. F. Wells) for meeting them and arranging for the visit.

BELLS DEDICATED AT FINEDON.

FINE NEW PEAL FOR NORTHANTS.

The restoration of the bells at Finedon, Northants, has just been completed as a memorial to the late Miss Ellen Mackworth Dolben, and the dedication took place, in the presence of a large congregation, on Saturday. The service was conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. J. E. Greaves), the dedicatory prayers being read by the Archdeacon of Oakham, while the Rev. F. E. Willis (Rector of Uffington Stamford) was the preacher.

The work of recasting five of the bells and rehanging the whole peal in a new frame has been admirably carried out by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, and the peal, with a tenor of 22 cwt., now ranks among one of the finest in the county.

Mr. Cyril Johnston and Mr. Taylor were present at the dedication to represent the firm, and among others who attended were: Mr. F. Wilford (general secretary of the Central Northants Association), Mr. W. Perkins (district secretary), Mr. E. M. Atkins (London), and about 30 ringers. Everyone was satisfied that the work had been very satisfactorily carried out, and it reflected great credit on the founders. It is intended to have a gathering of the members of the Central Northamptonshire Association, on Saturday, March 29th, to celebrate the restoration of the ring.

5376 DOUBLE NORWICH MAJOR.

By ERNEST MORRIS, LEICESTER.

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35624	S	—	—		43625	—	—	—
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54623	—	—	—		23654	—	—	—
34526	—	—	—		43256	—	—	—
24635	—	—	—		34652	—	—	—
54236	—	—	—		24356	—	—	—
45632	—	—	—		42653	—	—	—
25436	—	—	—		32456	—	—	—
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42536	—	—	—					
32645	—	—	—					
52346	—	—	—					
25643	—	—	—					
35246	—	—	—					
53642	—	—	—					
23546	—	—	—					

The whole repeated.
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full extent in 4th's and
6th's at alternate
course-ends.

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A DATE TOUCH.

At the Parish Church, Hull, on March 11th, a date touch of Grand sire Triples (1913 changes), in 1 hr. 15 mins., was rung by: F. Dale 1, H. Jenkins 2, E. Cutsforth 3, H. Rodwell 4, G. Dowling 5, C. Jackson (composer and conductor) 6, L. Rodwell 7, F. Morrison 8. The odd changes in the touch are as follows:—

	1234567
Start at back stroke	1243657
	2146375
	1264735
	2167453
	2614735
	6217453
	6124735
	1642375
	1463257

Afterwards call bobs at 1, 3, 1s, 4, 4, 2, 1, 5, 4, giving 523467. Thereafter bobs at 2, 3, 2, 5s, 1, 3, 1, 4, 4, 2, 1, 5, 4, giving 452367. Repeat this last part twice brings the bells round. The touch includes the 24 6-7's at backstroke.

STREATHAM.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 29th, 1912, at St. Leonard's, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): H. Pates 1, A. J. Perkins (conductor) 2, G. Edsor 3, I. J. Attwater 4, F. Pates 5, L. Attwater 6, C. Daniels 7, F. Hardy 8. This quarter-peal is in three courses, with the 4th in 6th's place, with bobs at "home" full.

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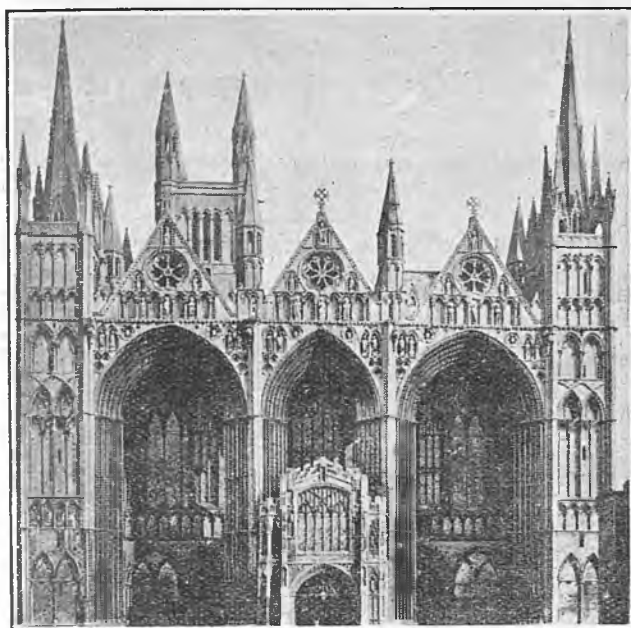
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— PETERBOROUGH.

By J. R. JERRAM.

Among the early records relating to Peterborough bells we find that Abbot John de Caletto gave a great bell to the monastery of Peterborough in 1250; and a little later Richard de London, sacrist, gave two more bells. Several odd bells are mentioned in the inventory taken in 1539 (see "Church Bells of Northamptonshire," pp. 363-4, by the late Mr. T. North.

Passing over the very early times, we find that a heavy peal of ten bells was hanging in the tower at the time of the Commonwealth. It is recorded that Cromwell's soldiers were quartered in the Cathedral for some time, and that they used to amuse themselves by jangling the bells at all hours, night and day; much to the annoyance of the inhabitants of Peterborough, who managed secretly to re-



PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL.

move the clappers and hide them, and so put a stop to the nuisance. The tenor of this peal must have weighed nearly 60 cwt.

In 1709 the Dean and Chapter entered into an agreement with Henry Penn, the Peterborough bell-founder, whose foundry was on the east side of Broad Bridge Street, to cast a tuneable peal of ten bells out of the four largest of the above-mentioned peal with a little additional metal; taking the six front bells in payment for his work in casting and hanging the new bells. It may be also mentioned that in addition Penn gave £50 towards "adorning the altar."

A peal of ten bells, with a tenor weighing about 32 cwt., was then put up, which bore the following inscriptions:—

Treble.

CANTEMVS.DOMINO.CANTICVM.NOVVM.HENRY.
PENN.FVSORE.1709.

Second.

VENITE.EXVLTEMVS.DOMINO.WILLIAM.WAR-
ING.PRECENT:1709.

Third.

GLORIA.DEO.IN.EXCELSIS.RICHARD.CVMBER-
LAND.PRÆB:HENRY.PENN.FVSORE.1709.

Fourth.

VOCE.MEA.AD.DOM:IOHN.BALDERSTON.D.D.
PRÆB:1709.

Fifth.

BENEDICTVM.SIT.NOMEN.DOMINI.IOHN.
TAYLOR.A.M.PRÆB:1709.

Sixth.

TE.DECET.HYMNVS.RICH:RYNOLDS.L.L.D.
PRÆB:HENRY.PENN.FVSORE.1709.

Seventh.

PSALLAM.DEO.MEO.QVAMDIV.SVM.TH0:
BALL.PRÆB:1709.

Eighth.

MAGNIFICATE.DOMINVM.MECVM.IOHN.EVANS.
PRÆB:HEN:PENN.FVSORE.1709.

Ninth.

TE.DEVM.LAVDAMVS.WHITE.KENNETT.SS.T.P.
DECANO.HENRY.PENN.FVSORE.1709.

Tenor.

PACEM.TE.POSCIMVS.OMMES.CONCORDIE.RES.
PARVÆ.CRESCVNT.1709.RICH0 CVMBER-
LAND.EPO.

After being in use for over 120 years the ninth bell became cracked. At that time the tower was supposed to be in an unsafe condition, and it was resolved to sell the five front bells, with the idea of reducing the strain thereon. Though there is no doubt that if it was capable of standing the strain of the five heavier bells, it would easily have stood that of the five lighter ones. The five front bells were then sold to William Dobson, bell-founder, of Downham, Norfolk, who recast the old ninth (now the fourth) at the same time, with the following inscription:—HERBERT MARSH, D.D., BISHOP OF PETERBOROUGH; THOS TURTON, D.D., DEAN OF PETERBOROUGH; WILLIAM STRONG, D.D., ARCHDEACON OF NORTHAMPTON; JOHN JAMES, D.D., WM MC'DONALL, M.A.; WM TOURNAY, D.D.; JOSH STEPH PRATT, L.L.B.; S. MADAM, D.D. & THOS HUGHES, B.D. PREBENDARIES, 1831.

With regard to Henry Penn, the bell-founder, he carried on business until 1729. In 1723 he cast a peal of eight for St. Ives, which did not satisfy the authorities there, and who refused to pay for the work. The matter ended in a law suit which dragged on until 1729; when the case was finally settled in Penn's favour at the Summer Assizes held at St. Ives in that year. But, sad to relate, as he was mounting his horse to return home he suddenly fell down dead, presumably from the effects of over excitement.

RINGERS' CHAPEL AT LINCOLN.

PROPOSED RESTORATION.

At Lincoln Cathedral there is a ringers' chapel. It is, perhaps, better known as St. Hugh's Chapel, and for many years has been dismantled and uncared for. As long ago as the year 1612 it was the home of "The Company of Ringers of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Lincoln," and it is felt to be a reproach that it should remain now in a dilapidated condition. From time to time small sums have been set apart by members of the Diocesan Guild to form a fund. This now amounts to £18 3s. 8d., and it is hoped that it will become the nucleus of a fund for the restoration of the chapel, which, it is estimated, will cost upwards of £300. The committee of the Northern Branch of the Lincoln Guild are appealing to all ringers and to those interested in ringing and archaeology for contributions to complete the work. The treasurers of the fund are the Dean of Lincoln, who is President of the Guild, and Mr. F. F. Linley, Bank House, Gainsborough, President of the Northern Branch. Donations may be sent to the latter, or to the District Secretary.

ODD CHANGES.

Among the meetings which have been fixed for next Monday are the following :—

Archdeaconry of Stafford, annual, at Walsall.
Bedfordshire, annual, at Bedford.
Cleveland and North Yorkshire, at Whitby.
Ely Diocesan, annual, at Bury St. Edmunds.
Essex, North-Eastern District, at Colchester.
Hertfordshire, annual, at St. Albans.
Midland Counties, annual, at Leicester.
North Wales, annual, at Bangor.
Peterborough and District, at Huntingdon.
Surrey, at Epsom.
Worcestershire and Districts, annual, at Stourbridge.
Winchester Diocesan, Portsmouth District, at Fareham.

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The old established firm of Charles Carr, Ltd., of Woodland Works, Smethwick, have recently had the honour of being placed on the Crown agents list for the Colonies, for alloys and anti-friction metals, castings in all non-ferreous metals and bells. Messrs. Carr report business as good, they having in hand several important contracts for re-hanging work, also large orders for the British and Foreign Governments.

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We are glad to note that the appeal that has been made for funds to recast the cracked tenor at Long Stanton is meeting with a good response. There is not much left now to be done; let that little be done quickly. Every mickle makes a muckle, and the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley), who worked so hard to get the peal augmented to eight, will welcome the smallest contributions.

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Among the members of the Oxford Guild are no fewer than 34 ladies.

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As a result of the letter from Dr. A. H. Nichols, which appeared in these columns, we are pleased to learn that the district of Boston, U.S.A., where there are now several peals of bells in ringing order, is likely soon to have a competent band of change ringers, recruited from this country. If the Art becomes firmly established in the States, as a result of this, there will be a great deal to thank Dr. Nichols for.

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Mr. Lawrence Thomas Henry Seers, who has been a ringer at the Church of St. Mary, Rye, Sussex, for 14 years, has been, with four other nominees, elected unopposed upon the Rye Board of Guardians. However, if a fight had taken place, he would have probably received sufficient support at the poll to occupy a seat in the Board Room, as he is well-known, having resided in Rye for many years.

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His services to the Rye belfry have been and are highly valued. We tender to him our congratulations upon his election, and wish him success in his public career.

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In our last issue we mentioned that the month of March saw the anniversaries of several great performances of the past. Next Monday is the anniversary of the first true peal of "Real Double Twelve In," which, according to the "Clavis," was rung by the Society of College Youths on March 24th, 1784, composed and called by Mr. John Povey.

Two days later the Ancient Society of College Youths rang 6048 in the same method at St. Saviour's, Southwark. These were peals of Double Bob Maximus with two bobs in one lead.

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In our biographical sketch of Mr. J. E. Groves last week we stated that he and Mr. John Carter were the only two ringers who had rung peals in the Grandsire method on all numbers of bells from Triples to Maximus. There are, however, two other ringers who have accomplished this—Messrs. J. George (Rugby) and T. Russam (Birmingham).

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Recently we pointed out how the "Ringing World" had been taken to Land's End, and inquired how near it had got to John O'Groats. We have quickly got an answer. Not only has it been taken as far north as John O'Groats, but even to far off Lerwick in the Shetlands. Mr. C. H. Bernard, of Harwich, spent five months in Fortrose, Scotland, Long Hope and Kirkwall in the Orkneys, and Lerwick in the Shetlands, and the "Ringing World" was sent to him regularly while there.

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In writing us upon this matter he asks if change ringing has entirely died out at Inverness. Perhaps some of our Scottish ringers can enlighten us.

DEATH OF A ROCHESTER RINGER.

It is with deep regret that we have to record the death of Mr. William J. Baker, of Rochester. The sad event took place on Sunday week. The deceased, who was 56 years of age, was for more than 38 years a ringer at St. Margaret's Church and Cathedral, Rochester, of which city he was a native. A cooper by trade, he was a man of a very cheerful disposition, although having suffered for several years. He never married.

As a ringer he was a man of rare ability, with a fine ear for music. A good striker, he was the leader of St. Margaret's band of ringers for many years, and a member of the Kent County Association from its institution. He was also a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. Although he did not ring many peals, it was not for want of enthusiasm, but owing to his suffering from bronchitis most of his peals he rang at Gillingham, as this was the only peal of eight in the district until late years; in fact, most of his change ringing he learned on Gillingham bells. The following are the peals he rang: Grandsire Triples, 3, conducted, 1; Stedman Triples, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1; Cambridge Surprise, 1. These Surprise peals were the first Surprise peals by the Kent County Association. His loss will be much felt at St. Margaret's.

The interment took place on Saturday afternoon last, at St. Margaret's Cemetery, the first portion of the service being said in the Church. There were many mourners, including his four brothers, several other relatives and friends, the whole of St. Margaret's ringers, and members from the Cathedral and Gillingham bands. Numerous floral wreaths were sent from relatives, fellow workers and friends; and one, in the shape of a bell, from the St. Margaret's ringers. In the evening, at St. Margaret's Church, touches of Grandsire Triples were rung with the bells muffled, as a last tribute of respect.

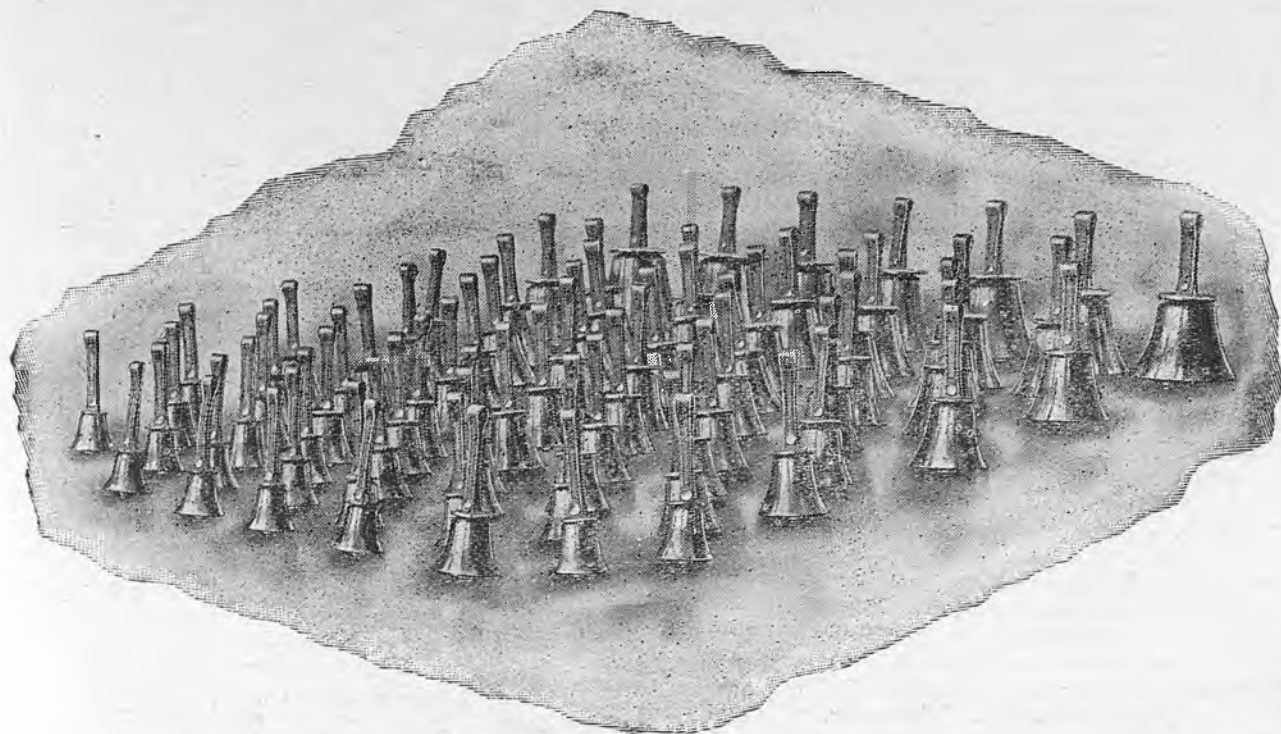
DEATH OF A YORKSHIRE RINGER.

We regret to record the death of Mr. Henry Cutts, of Royston, Yorks, took place on Sunday, March 9th, after a lingering illness. The deceased, who was 54 years of age, was interred on Thursday week at Royston Cemetery, in the presence of relatives, friends and ringers from surrounding towers.

Harry Cutts, as he was familiarly known, was one that Minor ringers delighted to meet. He soared to great heights in Treble Bob Minor, although of late years his practice was restricted, for, being the last of a once famous band, which has never been replaced, he had to stand alone in his native village. No record of his peals appears to have been kept, but if it had been it would have made a very creditable record.

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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 27th; Southwark Cathedral on the 25th; also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays; St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—The annual meeting will be held at Walsall on Easter Monday. Bells available: St. Matthew's (10) and Rushall (6) from 11 a.m. Rushall tower penny tram from The Bridge. Short service at St. Matthew's at 4. Tea at 4.30 in Masonic Hall, High Street, 1s. each. General meeting to follow.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by the Rev. Stanhope Newland, Vicar, in St. Thomas' Church at 1.45 prompt. General meeting in the Foresters' Hall, High Street, at 2.30. Bells available: St. Thomas (8), Oldswinford (8) and Wollaston (6). Subscriptions should be paid to the branch secretaries and reports obtained in the Choir Vestry between 12 and 1. The peal book will also be on view there.—J. R. Newman, Honorary Secretary, Bransford, Worcester.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will take place at Bury St. Edmunds on Easter Monday, March 24th. Service, with address by Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, will be held in St. James' Church, 12.30 p.m. Bells available: St. James' (10), St. Mary's (8), Horringer (8), Rougham (6), Great Barton (6), Fornham St. Martin (6). Dinner, followed by business meeting, will be held at the Suffolk Hotel at 1.15 p.m., 1s. members, 2s. non-members.—T. R. Dennis, General Secretary, 33, Clarendon Street, Cambridge.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The thirty-first annual meeting will be held at Leicester on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells at St. Margaret's, St. Martin's, St. Mark's and St. John's will be available for ringing from 10.30 a.m. Committee meeting at 3 o'clock in the High Cross Coffee House, followed by tea (1s. each) and general meeting at 4 o'clock. The towers will be closed during the tea and meeting.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Albans on Easter Monday, March 24th, 1913. Towers open at 2 p.m.: St. Peter's (10), Cathedral (8), St. Stephen's (6), St. Michael's (6). Ringing can be had upon the peals of six earlier in the day by communicating direct to respective conductors. Service in the Cathedral (choral) 5 p.m., with short address by the Rev. Canon Lord William Gascoigne Cecil, Rector of Hatfield. Tea and business meeting in the Abbey Institute adjoining, immediately after service, for election of officers and other business. Secretaries are asked to communicate the probable number of their band attending by first post on Easter Monday to enable satisfactory tea arrangements to be made. Meat tea 6d. each to members; other ringers, who will be heartily welcomed, 1s. 3d. each.—G. W. Cartmel, Honorary Secretary, Duffield, St. Albans.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The Easter Meeting will be held at Whitby on Easter Monday (March 24th, 1913). Bells of the Parish Church (10, tenor 18½ cwt.) available all day. Dinner at Botham's Cafe, 12.30 p.m. prompt, members 1/-, non-members 2s.—T. Metcalfe, Honorary Secretary, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Eastern District.—A meeting will be held at Colchester on Easter Monday. The bells of St. Peter (8), which have recently been re-cast, and All Saints (5), will be available from 11 o'clock till 7. Tea 1/- each, followed by meeting, will be held in Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, at 4.30.—A. Shufflebotham, District Secretary, Sandpit Road, Braintree.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Bangor on Easter Monday. Business meeting at 2.45 p.m. in the schoolroom. Bells available all day. All ringers welcome.—H. Moore, junr., Honorary Secretary, Pentrefelin, Wrexham.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held in Bedford on Easter Monday. Committee meeting at the Church House, St. Paul's Square, at 11 a.m. Dinner at All Hallows' Mission Room at 1. General Meeting after dinner. The bells at St. Paul's (10) will be available except from 11 to 12, and from 5 to 6, and at St. Peter's (6) except from 3.30 to 5.30.—A. Rust, Hon. Sec.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.—The quarterly meeting will be held on Easter Monday, March 21st, at Epsom. Both towers (St. Martin's and Christ Church) will be available for ringing from 2.30 p.m. Service at St. Martin's at 5 p.m. Tea at 5.45 p.m. Business meeting after.—Cyril S. Johnston, Hon. Sec., Bell Foundry, Croydon.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday. Bells, St. Mary's (8), All Saints (6), available afternoon and evening. Tea at Plumb's, Confectioner, 9d. each. Meeting, St. Mary's Room. Short service, 5 o'clock, at St. Mary's. All ringers welcome.—Will those intending being present please notify F. T. Cooke, Hon. Sec., 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting will be held at Leeds on Easter Monday, March 24th. Bells (12) available all day. Business meeting at the Royal Oak Hotel at 7 o'clock.—Frank R. Cundale, Secretary, 24, Recreation View, Holbeck, Leeds.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—S. Ignatius the Martyr, Sunderland. — To celebrate the completion of the octave at the above church by the addition of two trebles a gathering of the members of the Association will be held on Easter Monday, March 24th. The bells will be available for ringing from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tea will be served in the Parish Hall, Burlington Road, at 5 p.m. Those intending to be present are asked kindly to inform Mr. J. W. Parker, 5, Amberley Street, Sunderland.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The meeting of this society arranged for Easter Monday at Mansfield is cancelled. I also wish to remind members of the alteration to Rule 4, passed at the last annual meeting, viz., "All nominations for any of the officers' positions to be in the hands of the secretary by March 31st."—J. E.

L. Cockley, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

S. MARY'S, TWYFORD, BERKS.—The new ring of eight bells will be dedicated on Easter Tuesday, March 25th. Service at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—Those intending to be present kindly notify same to F. Dentry, Church Street, Twyford, Berks.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, March 29th. The new peal of bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 (lasting 20 minutes). Tea in the Star Hall at 5 p.m. Will those requiring tea kindly let me know by the 26th?—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. A service will be held at 5 p.m. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, and meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new president, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist's (10) from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton, on Saturday, April 5th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., Evesham (10), Bengeworth (6) available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to give a welcome to the new Vicar. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. L. W. Copsey has removed to Therapia, Fielding Road, Maidenhead.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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

ILLUMINATED ADDRESSES, PEAL CARDS AND ALBUMS artistically executed.—A. S. Beer, 63, Devonshire Avenue, Southsea.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

LEWISHAM.—On Feb. 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples (1260 changes): M. R. Warnett 1, C. H. Walker 2, G. King 3, T. Taylor 4, W. W. Fox 5, E. F. Blackwell 6, H. Warnett, senr., (conductor) 7, H. G. Goodwin 8.—On Sunday evening, Dec. 29th, 1912, for service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: M. R. Warnett 1, H. Barrett 2, G. King 3, T. Taylor 4, W. W. Fox 5, E. F. Blackwell 6, H. Warnett, senr., (conductor) 7, H. Norgate 8. Rung on the 75th anniversary of T. Taylor's birthday.

ERIDPORT, DORSET.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 4th, at St. Mary's Church, 720 of Grandsire Minor (38 Bobs and 22 Singles) was rung on the middle six, with the treble leading and tenor covering, in 28 mins.: J. Gale 1, G. Greening 2, W. Bishop 3, J. Zealley 4, J. Tompkins 5, E. Powell 6, T. H. Beams (conductor) 7, G. Lane 8. This is the first 720 of Minor by all except the conductor, and the first on the bells.

HAGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.—At St. John's Church, on Saturday, Feb. 1st, in 1 hr. 30 mins., a half-peal of Grandsire Doubles (2520 changes), by: C. Worrall 1, G. Poppell 2, J. Sheriff 3, J. Barber, senr., 4, C. Sheriff (conductor) 5, J. Barber, junr., 6.

CHESTERTON, CAMBS.—On Feb. 8th, at St. Andrew's Church, in an attempt for a peal, which was lost after 2 hrs. 19 mins., 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, and about 500 of College Single, was rung by: E. Bonnett 1, A. Wilkerson 2, W. Darlow 3, R. Wilkerson 4, S. Roberts 5, R. G. King (conductor) 6.

LONDON.—On Feb. 9th, for morning service, at St. John's, Waterloo Road, 1280 Double Norwich, in 42 mins.: E. Grimes 1, A. Hardy 2, A. W. Grimes 3, H. Burton 4, W. Hewett (conductor) 5, A. Hairs 6, F. Hairs 7, J. A. Trollope 8.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.—Charles' Parochial Society.—At Charles' Church, on Feb. 9th, for evening service, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters: T. Westcott (first quarter-peal) 1, E. Marsh (conductor) 2, W. Hooper (first quarter-peal with a bob bell) 3, R. W. Hornbrook 4, W. H. Marsh 5, W. S. Hornbrook 6, W. Hiscott 7, G. Stroud 8, F. Hockaday 9, F. Purse 10.

NORTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.—Stoke-on-Trent Association.—On March 2nd, for evensong, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: S. B. Billinge (first 720) 1, J. Walley (first 720 with a bob bell) 2, J. E. Wheelton 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, G. E. Lawrence 5, J. F. Ryles (conductor) 6.—On March 9th, for Matins, 720 Woodbine; in the afternoon, 720 Violet, on the occasion of the visit of the late Bishop of Lichfield to conduct a Confirmation service. For evensong, 720 Oxford: J. Walley 1, G. E. Lawrence 2, W. C. Taylor 3, W. C. Lawrence 4, J. E. Wheelton 5, J. F. Ryles 6. The conductors were: J. E. Wheelton, J. F. Ryles and W. C. Lawrence respectively.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.—On March 1st, an attempt was made for a peal of Bob Major, but after ringing 2 hrs. 18 mins., the treble man missed his rope, and the peal was lost: A. Thorpe 1, W. R. J. Poulson 2, G. Lambert 3, S. H. Symonds 4, T. W. Garrard 5, A. Symonds 6, T. Reed 7, J. King 8.

LAVERNHAM.—On March 4th, in the tower, on handbells, 720 Bob Minor: Chas. King 1, A. Symonds 2, G. Lambert 3, W. R. J. Poulson 4, S. H. Symonds (conductor) 5—6. First 720 by C. King, who attained the age of 15 years on the following Sunday.

MARCHAM, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On March 6th, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Caudwell 1, Miss K. Holifield 2, G. Holifield, junr., 3, H. Holifield 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, G. Holifield, senr., 6. First 720 in the method by all the band except the ringer of the tenor.

STEBBING, ESSEX.—Essex Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on March 7th, 720 London Surprise Minor, the first 720 in the method on the bells, and the first by all the company: A. Barker 1, A. Shufflebotham (Baintree) 2, J. T. Barker 3, H. P. Emery 4, W. Smith (Dunmow) 5, E. Claydon (conductor) 6. Rung on the conductor's birthday.

ABINGDON, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On March 7th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Holifield 1, G. Holifield, junr., 2, Miss K. Holifield 3, *E. Humfrey 4, A. E. Lock (conductor) 5, *T. Short 6. *First 720 in the method.

GODALMING.—Winchester Guild.—On March 7th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire, in 46 mins.: C. Bish 1, W. Clissold 2, W. Moorey 3, W. Lawes 4, C. Childs 5, A. Boxall (conductor) 6, W. Hooker 7, E. Wood 8.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.—On March 9th, for evening service, 1080 Bob Minor: T. Jeanes 1, W. Tout 2, T. W. Creed 3, A. Wheadon 4, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 5, G. Lock 6.

HEAVITREE, DEVON.—On March 9th, for evening service, at the Parish Church, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Hamilton 1, H. V. Richards 2, F. W. Richards 3, T. Laver (conductor) 4, C. G. Glass 5, J. R. Sandover 6, with J. Ferris and J. Guest ringing 7—8 as covering bells. First 720 by all the band.

WEST BROMWICH, STAFFS.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Staffs.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, at All Saints' Church, on the occasion of the visit of the Bishop of Lichfield for the Confirmation service, 504 Stedman Triples: F. Bendall 1, W. Peart 2, T. Taylor 3, G. Griffiths 4, S. Woodhall 5, E. Pagett 6, A. Mills (conductor) 7, D. Jones 8.

GREENS NORTON.—After evening service, at the Parish Church, on March 9th, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: C. Clarke 1, G. W. Beesley 2, C. S. Faulkner 3, George Basford 4, Fred Hopper 5, J. Wilfred Sharp (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all except the ringer of the 5th.

CAERPHILLY.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 9th, 350 Grandsire Triples: E. Phillips 1, F. Garrard 2, D. Stephens 3, W. Dare 4, W. Kathro 5, H. Broughton 6, G. Cooke (conductor) 7, S. Tucker 8.

MERROW, SURREY.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, for evening service, 720 Plain Bob: P. Gould 1, Reg. Nichols 2, W. H. Tunnell 3, A. Bridger 4, H. Mason 5, H. Stovell (conductor) 6.

WARWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 10th, in 47 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Miss M. Williams 1, Miss J. T. Williams 2, E. H. Adams (conductor) 3, W. Male 4, E. Brassington 5, T. Standly 6, T. Male 7, G. Lapworth 8.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: F. Wilde 1, C. Golding 2, G. Davis 3, N. Rees 4, G. Blakemore 5, A. Golding 6, G. Condieck (conductor) 7, G. Charles 8.

GREAT YARMOUTH, NORFOLK.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 11th, a quarter-peal of 1280 Bob Major: H. Hammonds 1, W. T. Blyth 2, G. Clayton 3, R. Christian 4, H. Wright 5, F. Pestell 6, D. Hayward (conductor) 7, W. Lee 8. 504 Grandsire Triples, with G. Ginn 8.

BURLEY, LEEDS.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 13th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: Miss Alice Hick (first 720 and first attempt) 1, W. Wood 2, R. Thomas 3, G. W. Slack 4, P. J. Johnson 5, H. Lindsay (conductor) 6. Rung for Miss A. Hick (a member of the Ladies' Guild) to qualify for membership of the Yorkshire Association. It is less than three months since Miss Hick took up the art.

LEYTONSTONE, ESSEX.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, for evensong, at St. John the Baptist, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. H. Theobald 1, *L. A. Pye 2, A. Pye 3, *W. A. Pye 4, G. Dawson 5, W. Pye (conductor) 6. *First 720 Treble Bob Minor.

BLEWBURY, BUCKS.—On Feb. 12th, 630 Grandsire Triples: W. A. Webb 1, W. Grace 2, F. James (conductor) 3, Miss M. Chillingworth 4, R. James 5, R. G. Rice 6, G. Cauldwell 7, T. Aldworth 8.

APPLEFORD, BERKS.—On Feb. 13th, a plain course of Kent Treble Bob Minor: G. Cauldwell 1, H. Holifield 2, Miss K. Holifield 3, Miss M. Chillingworth 4, A. E. Lock 5, R. G. Rice 6. Also several 120's Stedman Doubles, and touches of Bob Minor, with G. Holifield, junr., taking part.

WALLASEY.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, at St. Nicholas' Church, 720 Oxford Bob Minor: D. Joynson 1, E. A. Webster 2, A. Sparks 3, J. R. Griffin (conductor) 4, T. A. Rogers 5, J. Greasley 6. First 720 in the method by all the band. For evensong, 720 Plain Bob Minor: J. R. Griffin 1, S. H. Griffin 2, *Wm. Joynson 3, *J. A. Webster 4, T. A. Rogers 5, E. A. Webster (conductor) 6. *First 720 with a bob bell.

SPOKE GOLDING.—On Feb. 13th, on handbells, 720 Grandsire Doubles: T. H. Vallance 1—2, S. Hill 3, E. H. Stonley (conductor) 4—5. Longest length by S. Hill, who is only 14 years of age.

MIDDLESEX, HILLINGDON (St. John's).—On February 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters (1278 changes), in 55 mins.: W. Smith 1, G. H. Guttridge 2, H. Waite 3, J. J. Pratt 4, W. Henley 5, W. Lawrence 6, E. Hancox (conductor) 7, A. Harding 8, H. H. Chandler 9, W. Honor 10.

ISLEWORTH.—On Feb. 16th, at All Saints' Church, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: A. Beckensale 1, G. A. Ransom 2, F. Crocker 3, T. Beadle 4, W. H. Bigg 5, H. W. Lidbetter (conductor) 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Beadle 8.

WISBECH.—For evening service, on Feb. 16th, 720 Bob Minor, 7-8 covering: G. Duffield 1, R. Narborough 2, H. Piggins 3, S. Andrews 4, T. Haines 5, H. Banham (conductor) 6, T. Banham 7, H. Cheesewright 8. After service the bells were half-muffled, and 120 of Grandsire and 120 of Bob Doubles were rung on the back six, as a token of respect to the heroes of the South Pole: H. Piggins 1, S. Andrews 2, T. Haines 3, H. Banham 4, R. Narborough (conductor) 5, H. Cheesewright 6.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.—The Chester Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 16th, for evening service, in 1 hr. 13 mins., at the Parish Church, a date touch of Grandsire Triples (1313 changes): A. G. Clarke 1, Wm. Gordon, senr., 2, J. H. Mason 3, J. A. Gordon 4, Alfred Gordon 5, Peter Brickell 6, A. S. Gordon 7, E. A. Hulme 8. The touch was arranged from Holt's Ten-part, and conducted by Wm. Gordon, senr., and the bells were half-muffled out of respect for Capt. Scott and his brave associates, who lost their lives near the South Pole.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.—On Feb. 16th, at the Parish Church, after morning service, 1008 Grandsire Triples: W. Seaton (longest length) 1, J. Jones 2, F. Jones 3, W. H. Jones 4, W. Davies 5, W. G. Ellis (conductor) 6, J. Corrigan 7, C. Allen 8.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—On Feb. 16th, for morning service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Spice, senr., 1, W. J. Wood 2, W. Spice, junr., 3, A. E. Wood (first 720) 4, T. Jull 5, W. H. B. Wilkins (conductor) 6. Messrs. Wood hail from Queenborough, and W. H. B. Wilkins from Sheerness, the rest belong to the local band.

LEISTON.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for Confirmation service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: C. Samson 1, E. H. Bailey 2, G. Wilson 3, E. S. Bailey 4, F. W. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, G. Hardy (Kelsale) 8.

LUTON.—Bedfordshire Association.—At the Parish Church, on Feb. 15th, 480 Kent Treble Bob Major: F. Hunt 1, J. Rookwood 2, B. Wilson 3, A. King (conductor) 4, S. Dobbie 5, B. Jarman 6, W. Payne 7, H. Walker 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 16th, for morning service, 1260 Grandsire Triples: F. Hunt 1, J. Rookwood 2, T. Kendall (longest touch in the method) 3, H. Walker 4, B. Wilson 5, W. Payne 6, A. King (conductor) 7, H. Shaw 8. For evening service, 672 Bob Major: A. Rookwood (first touch in method) 1, J. Rookwood 2, T. Kendall 3, A. King 4, W. Payne 5, B. Wilson 6, H. Walker 7, F. Hunt (conductor) 8. These touches were rung with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Capt. Scott and his brave comrades, who lost their lives in the expedition to the South Pole, and to the late Mr. Burr, an old Lutonian, who died at Norwood during the week.

BATTLE, SUSSEX.—Sussex Association.—On Sunday afternoon, Feb. 16th, on the occasion of the 69th birthday of the Very Rev. E. R. Currie, D.D., Dean of Battle, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Thomas 1, W. Thomas 2, F. Mathis 3, P. Carter 4, A. Rideout 5, J. Sinden 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, C. Dennis 8.—On Feb. 19th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 47 mins.: J. Sinden 1, W. Alcock 2, T. A. Kennett 3, P. Carter 4, W. Franks 5, W. Thomas 6, G. Watson (conductor) 7, H. Denman 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 18th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 53 mins.: *F. Morgan 1, E. Mills 2, W. Cramp 3, *W. Robinson 4, T. Booth 5, W. Hoad 6, W. Franks (conductor) 7, *J. Goodsell 8. *First quarter-peal. W. Franks, who hail from Battle, hopes soon to pilot the band through a 5040.

HOLLOWAY.—At St. Mary Magdalene's, on Sunday, Feb. 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob, in 48 mins.: A. Hart 1, R. Green 2, L. Porter 3, A. Brooks 4, J. Cornford 5, H. Ranzetta 6, A. Turner 7, G. Charge (conductor) 8.

STONY STRATFORD, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 16th, at St. Giles' Church, on the occasion of Confirmation by the Bishop of Oxford, a quarter-peal of Minor made up of a course each of London Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Court, Double Oxford, and Plain Bob: H. J. Tucker 1, H. C. Edwards 2, E. Yates 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, C. A. Valentine 6. First touch in twelve methods by all, and on the bells. After service, 720 of Plain Bob: P. Dewick 1, H. J. Tucker 2, C. A. Valentine (conductor) 3, W. W. Bonham 4, T. C. Tompkins 5, E. Yates 6. For evening service, 720 of Double Court, conducted by C. A. Valentine.

FULMER, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Sunday, Feb. 24th, 720 Bob Minor: E. Harding 1, W. Walden 2, J. Clark 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, A. Bateman 5, J. Walden (conductor) 6.

SWANSEA.—West Wales Association.—At St. Mary's Church, on Feb. 23rd, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by J. Hoare. For evening service, 1260 Stedman Triples: F. Curtis 1, N. Kneath 2, J. Hoare 3, A. E. Morgan 4, J. Davies 5, C. Hoare 6, F. Morgan (conductor) 7, E. Davies 8.

LUDLOW, SHROPSHIRE.—Hereford Guild.—On Feb. 23rd, for morning service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 30 mins.: A. Nason 1, G. Acton 2, W. Peachey 3, G. D. Acton 4, W. R. Nash (conductor) 5, W. Needham 6. Arranged for Messrs. G. Acton and G. L. Acton, who set sail for Canada on Feb. 28th.

WORCESTER.—The Cathedral Guild.—On Feb. 23rd, for morning service, at the Cathedral, 528 Grandsire Cinques: *B. S. Hill 1, J. Morris 2, J. H. Hill 3, B. Hill 4, *W. Powell 5, W. C. Jones 6, W. Banks 7, T. Lane 8, *L. Longney (conductor) 9, W. Edgington 10, E. Watkins 11, *W. H. Johnson 12. Rung on the 20th anniversary of the formation of the Guild. *Original members. It is about 14 years since the conductor called a touch of Cinques.

WORSLEY, LANCS.—On Feb. 27th, at St. Mark's Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Wallwork (first quarter-peal of Stedman) 1, J. H. Ridyard 2, F. Derbyshire 3, J. H. Ridyard, junr., 4, W. Grunwell 5, P. Derbyshire 6, J. Ridyard 7, J. Ridyard, junr. (conductor) 8.

EASTHAMPTON.—Oxford Guild.—On Feb. 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Turvey 1, T. Gearing 2, J. Rance 3, W. Newton 4, A. Pierce (first 720 as conductor) 5, E. C. Lambert 6. Rung as a farewell to A. Pierce, who, to the regret of one and all, is leaving the district, the ringers wishing him every success.

LISCARD.—On Wednesday, March 5th, a quarter-peal of Bob Triples, in 46 mins., at St. Mary's Church: A. Howard 1, E. W. Dutton 2, D. Hughes 3, W. Hughes 4, T. Ashley 5, H. Williams 6, T. Murray (conductor) 7, A. Woosman 8. This is the first quarter-peal for all except the conductor, and the first quarter-peal on the bells by a local band.

UPPER CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On January 12th, for evening service, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. Sudell 2, C. Gray 3, H. J. Cantor 4, H. J. King 5, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 6, S. H. R. Cooper 7, L. G. Hicks 8.

BLSTOW.—On Feb. 3rd, 720 each of Cambridge, College Pleasure, London Scholars, and College Exercise: L. Harlow 1, Miss E. Steel 2, H. Tysoe 3, H. Sharp 4, J. W. Barker (conductor) 5, F. Webb 6.—On Feb. 17th, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Tysoe 1, Miss D. Steel 2, J. W. Barker (conductor) 3, Miss E. Steel 4, E. White 5, L. Harlow 6.

HAGBOURNE, BERKS.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: W. Cox 1, W. Napper, senr. (1st quarter-peal with a bob bell) 2, H. Bishop 3, W. Napper, junr., 4, J. Napper 5, E. Butler 6, A. Yates 7, W. Warwick 8. Conducted by T. East, senr.—On Feb. 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Bell of this parish, who died at Glasgow, and was buried there on the above date: W. Cox 1, T. East, junr., 2, H. Bishop 3, W. Napper, junr., 4, T. East, senr. (conductor) 5, E. Butler 6, A. Yates 7, W. Warwick 8.

BATHWICK.—At St. Mary's Church, on Sunday, Feb. 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins.: F. C. Rich 1, A. E. Alexander 2, C. Densley 3, A. E. Seers 4, T. Hogsflesh 5, H. Lewis 6, R. J. Cousins (conductor) 7, H. Davis 8.

BATH.—At St. Michael's Church, on Feb. 3rd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Seers 1, A. E. Alexander 2, H. Lewis 3, C. Goodenough 4, F. C. Rich 5, A. E. Seers (conductor) 6, R. J. Cousins 7, C. Cambridge 8.

TEWKESBURY, GLOS.—Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association.—At the Abbey Church, on Feb. 4th, 504 and 210 Grandsire Triples: Wm. Hampton 1, C. Dyson 2, F. S. Wilson 3, F. E. Smith 4, J. Wathen 5, T. Devereux 6, Jos. Wathen (conductor) 7, Wm. Haines 8.

ROWLEY REGIS.—On Feb. 7th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 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.

EOCLES.—Lancashire Association.—On Sunday evening, Feb. 9th, at the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Barratt 1, Ed. Oldfield 2, J. Jackson 3, J. Myles (conductor) 4, M. Oldfield 5, Ed. Stubbs 6, J. Baguley 7, A. Trippier 8. First 500 of Stedman by a local band.

BARNWOOD, GLOUCESTER.—On the occasion of the funeral of Mrs. Waite, the oldest resident of Barnwood, who died at the ripe age of 96 years 11 months, 120 Grandsire Doubles was rung by: A. Waite (grandson), F. T. Waite, A. E. Waite, A. G. Waite, J. A. Waite (great grandsons), and H. Mitchell (conductor). Afterwards 1260 Plain Bob Minor was rung, assistance being given by G. A. Smith, H. Gingell and J. Parry, on account of the bad condition of the bells. Before concluding, the deceased's age was tolled, and the whole pull and stand rung.

CLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On Sunday evening, February 2nd, at St. Matthew's Church, in 39 mins.: a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. Sudell 2, H. J. Cantor 3, C. Gray 4, H. J. King 5, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 6, S. H. R. Cooper 7, G. H. Orford (first quarter-peal) 8. Quickest quarter-peal on the bells.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Sunday, February 2nd, at St. John's Church, 720 Bob Major: T. Vaughan 1, S. Wright 2, V. Butler 3, F. Davis 4, H. Beechy 5, W. Cross 6, W. Jarvis 7, F. Cooke (conductor) 8.

STANSTED, ESSEX.—The Essex Association.—On Jan. 29th, at the Parish Church, 720 Oxford Treble Bob: W. Watts (conductor) 1, T. J. Watts 2, A. Jordan 3, H. Little 4, T. Jordan 5, G. Jordan 6.—On Sunday, February 2nd, 288 Oxford Treble Bob and 168 Grandsire Triples.

RUSHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 42 mins.: Miss Edith Pickett 1, H. Walker 2, C. W. Wakelin 3, J. Walker 4, A. H. Harber (conductor) 5, H. Burton 6. First quarter-peal rung by a local lady ringer. Miss Pickett is a sister of one of the local ringers.

EAST MOLESEY.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. W. J. Hallto, who died on January 26th, after a very short illness, leaving a wife and seven children unprovided for: F. Brown 1, J. H. B. Hesse 2, F. Smith 3, J. Howes (conductor) 4, W. Halls 5, J. Baldwin 6, G. Spencer 7, H. Walters 8.

PRESENTATION AT WALSALL.

RINGER'S DEPARTURE FOR AUSTRALIA.

The Walsall ringers have presented to one of their number, Mr. George Peate, who is shortly leaving for Australia, a pipe and tobacco pouch. The presentation was made in the belfry of St. Matthew's Church, on Sunday week by the Vicar (Prebendary A. Paice), who remarked that whenever Mr. Peate found comfort in the pipe, his thoughts would doubtless wander back to the old Parish Church, and he would see many pictures of the old belfry and the ringers in the clouds of smoke. He wished him every success in his new sphere.—Mr. C. Hicks and Mr. T. Elton also spoke in appreciation of Mr. Peate's services as a ringer. He was one of the most enthusiastic workers in the local company, and although he only commenced to pull a bell about three years ago, his work in the tower would always be remembered.—Mr. Peate, in acknowledging the gift, thanked the Vicar and ringers for their kindness. He wished the band every success in the future, and hoped they would make the tower a still more prominent one in the work of the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—A touch of Stedman Triples was afterwards rung.

Mr. Peate has rung 16 peals, consisting of Bob Minor 1, Stedman Triples 6, Stedman Caters 4, Grandsire Caters 2, Erin Triples (first by the Stafford Society) 1, Kent Treble Bob 1, Double Norwich 1. A farewell peal of Stedman Triples at Walsall by a local band was lost, after 1 hr. 15 mins.

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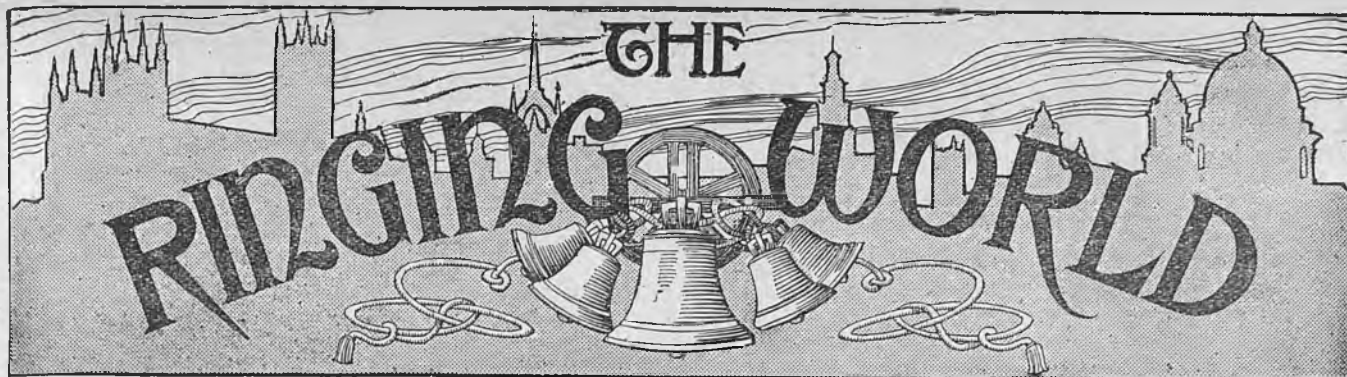
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Gentlemen,

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.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Hertfordshire County Association on Monday was one of the most successful held in the annals of the society, which now stands in the front rank of our ringing organisations. It is one of the associations that is moving with the times, and its progress is reflected in the advance in its peal ringing. The annual report records that both in the variety and quality of the methods rung the year that has just closed is a record, and it was equally so with regard to quantity, for only in one previous year (1903) had as many peals been rung. Quantity, however, is not everything, and the 65 of 1903 does not by any means equal the quality of the 65 recorded in the present report. The improvement in this respect is, however, only indicative of the general trend of peal ringing throughout the country, for there never was a time when the standard of ringing, judged by the methods rung, was as high as it is to-day. Although a good deal of the success of the Herts Association is due to the performances of the two bands at Bushey and Oxhey, there is a gratifying improvement in the county generally so far as the peal ringing is concerned, for over 130 members took part in the performances, showing that the peals are by no means confined to the few.

The question of the district meetings is one of the important matters dealt with in the report, and not only with the ringers of Hertfordshire, but with those of other parts of the country would we emphasise their great value. Difficulties of travel sometimes provide the obstacle in the way of ringers attending the minor meetings of their association, but it is really worth an effort to attend these gatherings. They do a great deal to cement the good feeling which exists among ringers, they provide a means of practice which one often does not get in one's own tower, and they demonstrate the corporate nature of the work which ringers are doing.

The election of the Dean of St. Albans as the president of the association is a fitting tribute to the interest which this honoured ecclesiastic has always displayed in the work of the society. Indeed, it is one of his cherished memories, that the association was the outcome of a meeting held in his own house, and ever since that time, more than a quarter of a century ago, he has taken a paternal interest in its affairs. With the Dean at its head, and an executive composed of men so enthusiastic as Mr. George Cartmel, the honorary secretary, and Mr. E. P. Debenham, the honorary treasurer, who, by the way, had made their names in the Art before many of the members knew how to pull a bell, the Hertfordshire Association is in no danger of decay.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 15, 1913, in Four Hours and Seven Minutes,
At St. Saviour's Cathedral, Southwark
(St. Mary Overie),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5005 CHANGES;
Tenor 50 cwt. 0 qr. 20 lbs., in B flat.

CHALLIS F. WINNEY 7	CHARLES S. BURDEN 7
HENRY SPRINGALL 2	ROBERT W. GREEN 8
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	FRANCIS E. DAWE 9
THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 4	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Sen. 10
LOUIS ATTWATER 5	ALFRED B. PECK 11
ARTHUR D. BARKER 6	SYDNEY J. JESSOP Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

Rung on the eve of the conductor's 51st birthday. This peal also commemorates the birthday of Mr. S. J. Jessop, who hails from Birmingham, and of Messrs. C. F. Winney and W. Truss. The band wish to thank the Ven. Archdeacon Taylor, for granting permission, and Mr. T. Mash for having everything in readiness.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Redcliffe,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt. 2 qr. 21 lbs.

RAYMOND J. WILKINS 7	WILLIAM KNIGHT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 8
HARRY BROWNJOHN 3	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
WILLIAM A. CAVE 4	WILLIAM STOWELL 10
ALBERT STOWELL 5	JOHN THOMAS 11
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 6	WALTER FARLEY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

A. E. Reeves' 150 peal.

PAINSWICK, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF PAINSWICK YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Five Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CINQUES, 7325 CHANGES;

Taken from SHIPWAY.

Tenor 26 cwt.

THOMAS WRIGHT 7	JOHN J. JEFFERIES 7
THOMAS BALDWIN 2	WILLIAM STAITE 8
WILLIAM IRELAND 3	ALFRED WAITE 9
WILLIAM HALE 4	FRANK COLE 10
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 5	WILLIAM HASTINGS 11
ALBERT WRIGHT 6	HUBERT HANKS Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT WRIGHT.

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TEN BELL PEAL.

SHREWSBURY.

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

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5017 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E flat.

SAMUEL GROVE 6	*ALBERT LITTLE 6
THOMAS J. BRATTEN 2	THOMAS MILLER 7
JAMES E. GROVES 3	JESSE SCREEN 8
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ERNEST C. ALLAWAY 5	JAMES H. GALLIMORE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. This composition is No. 1 of their number in Mr. Carter's circuit. It is 49 years since the last peal was rung on these bells, that being Grandsire Triples, and this is the first peal on the ten bells for 102 years, the previous one being Grandsire Caters on September 2nd, 1811. This is the first peal of Stedman Caters rung in Shropshire. The Guild tender their grateful thanks to the Vicar for granting permission, and to Mr. J. Wynn for having everything ready.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ALBERT P. WAKLEY Treble	HERBERT HURDMAN... .. 5
HARRY KENDRICK 2	FRANK SHEPHERD 6
WALTER HAIR 3	W. W. WORTHINGTON 7
JOHN HOUGH 4	*ALBERT W. WAGG Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal. Rung, with the bells half-muffled, at the request of the Rector, for evening service.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 2	FREDERICK J. CROSS 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN 3	GEORGE H. CROSS 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

This peal was rung with the bells half-muffled.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.*On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

*CHARLES BEECH Treble	BENJAMIN GOUGH 5
ARTHUR BAKER 2	SAMUEL BAKER 6
WALTER GRINSELL 3	†CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
EDGAR T. SMITH 4	RICHARD DUNN Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major as conductor. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield (Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, D.D.).

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	WILLIAM JOYCE 5
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 2	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
CHRISTOPHER STEPHENSON 4	JOHN B. JACKSON Tenor

Composed by TOM LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

EGHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM SHEPHERD 5
FREDERICK G. WOODISS 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD 6
JOHN HOWES 3	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE 7
CHARLES J. HAMBLIN 4	JAMES N. FROSSELL Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

CHIPPING BARNETT, HERTS.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	GEORGE R. PYE 5
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	JOHN ARMSTRONG 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.*On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,*

AT CHRIST CHURCH, SOUTHGATE,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE R. PYE 2	ERNEST PYE 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES 3	JOHN E. MILLER 7
JOHN ARMSTRONG 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's and W. Pye's 700th peal together.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt.

*EDWARD ETHERIDGE Treble	EDWARD RADDON 5
*WILLIAM LOADER 2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 6
CHARLES WILLSHIRE 3	JAMES HUNT 7
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 4	FRANK BLONDELL Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

* First peal of Major.

DURSLEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
(WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE AND DISTRICT BRANCH.)*On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,*

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs., in E flat.

*ALEC ROBINS Treble	*ALBERT BURCOMBE 5
EDWARD WHITTARD 2	HARRY JONES 6
JAMES PARKER 3	HENRY W. FUSSELL 7
FREDERICK OAKHILL 4	*ALBERT P. TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by H. W. FUSSELL.

* First peal. First peal in the method on the bells; also first peal by the above branch.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH SOCIETY.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDMUND,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT Treble	*JOHN O'NEILL 5
*ARTHUR H. TOOK 2	*JAMES HOWARD 6
*JOHN LARTER 3	HARRY BARTON 7
WALTER LAST 4	*E. AUSTIN HEAD Tenor

Conducted by H. BARTON.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

FLIXTON.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*JOSEPH MELLOR Treble	*HARRY WASHBROOK 5
WILLIAM HENRY IDLE 2	ROBERT DAVIES 6
WILLIAM EDWARD RYDER ... 3	†RALPH WILLIAMS 7
RICHARD NEWTON 4	JAMES DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by W. H. IDLE.

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

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 21 cwt.

JAMES HENRY RIDYARD ... Treble	WILLIAM GRUNWELL ... 5
FREDERIC DERBYSHIRE ... 2	PERCY H. DERBYSHIRE ... 6
GEORGE WAY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH HENRY RIDYARD ... 4	WILLIAM JONES Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

Rung in honour of the wedding of William Jones. All the above are of the local company.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOK'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

GEORGE LEWIS Treble	SAMUEL WESLEY 5
JOHN W. J. COTTAM 2	GEORGE HALKSWORTH ... 6
JOSEPH ATKIN 3	*JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 4	CLEMENT GLENN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Lewis and Atkin.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*RAYMOND C. SEAGER ... Treble	REGINALD B. SNOW ... 5
FRED DIMOND 2	JOHN R. HAYMAN 6
JULIUS A. SNOW 3	WILLIAM A. HAYMAN ... 7
WILLIAM G. ENGLAND ... 4	*JAMES CHUDLEIGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

* First peal.

MARKET HARBOROUGH, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DIONYSIUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 19 cwt.

*HAROLD A. SMITH ... Treble	DICK ILIFFE 5
*ERNEST S. COTTON 2	THOMAS B. SMITH 6
†ALFRED BALLARD 3	FRED STANFORTH 7
ERNEST MORRIS 4	*JOHN T. W. KILSEY Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal in the method on the bells. The conductor has now called a peal in this method from each bell, treble to 7th.

NORTH ELMHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDK. W. MIDDLETON ... Treble	GEORGE HOWCHIN 5
ALBERT G. WARNES 2	BERTIE J. HOWCHIN ... 6
GEORGE H. CROSS 3	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	FREDK. J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and

Conducted by FREDK. J. HOWCHIN.

SIX BELL PEALS.

CHARLWOOD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

ARTHUR KNAPP Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	ALBERT ELLIS Tenor

Conducted by A. ELLIS.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Rector of Charlwood (the Rev. E. M. Gibson), who was interred on the 1st inst.

NEWTON-IN-THE-ISLE, CAMBS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's differently called.

*HARRY PIGGINS Treble	RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 4
HORACE BANHAM 2	†TOM SMART 5
STANLEY ANDREWS 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

* First peal. † Proposed member before starting. This peal was rung with bells fully muffled.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10 cwt.

FREDERICK C. LAMBERT ... Treble	ARTHUR H. TOOK 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	*WALTER KERRISON ... 5
JOHN O'NEILL 3	CHARLES MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

* First peal of Kent. Rung to celebrate the Easter Festival and also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. Lambert, mother of the conductor, who completed her 78th year on that day.

CAPEL, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Violet, Cambridge Surprise, London Scholar's Pleasure, Oxford, College Exercise, Woodbine and College Pleasure.

Tenor 7½ cwt.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr. 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	HORACE EDWARDS 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDK. R. TULLETT, Senr.

This is the quickest peal on the bells and was rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. F. R. Tullett, Junr.

ANSTEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 30 Six-Scores of Grandsire and 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*WALTER MACHON Treble	WALTER MANSFIELD ... 4
HARRY HOWARD 2	*CHARLES BYSOUTH ... 5
ROBERT HOWARD 3	*WILLIAM BYSOUTH ... Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

First peal on the bells. * First peal, and hail from Barkway. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th belong to Barley. The ringers take the opportunity of thanking the Rector and Churchwardens for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At 97, EDEENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

WILBY J. HAZELL ... 1—2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5—6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3—4	JOHN THOMAS ... 7—8
JAMES PARKER ... 9—10	

Composed by FRED G. MAY, and

Conducted by JOHN THOMAS.

Umpire: HENRY DAINS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Parker. The conductor's 200th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

MAURICE SMITHER ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	*WILLIAM SMITH ... 7—8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: D. SMITH.

* First peal of Major and rung at the first attempt. This is the conductor's 350th peal.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

At the Residence of A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 1—2	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	WILLIAM SMITH ... 7—8

Composed by WILLIAM FLORY, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witnesses: MRS. PULLING and SAMUEL SMITH.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 6063 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT ... 1—2	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 7—8
GEORGE R. PYE ... 3—4	WILLIAM PYE ... 9—10
ERNEST PYE ... 5—6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Umpires: R. SANDERS and E. F. PIKE.

This is the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung upon handbells.

BISHOP UNVEILS PEAL BOARDS.

The Bishop of Derby visited Beeston on Monday week, and after conducting a confirmation service, ascended to the belfry and unveiled two peal boards. The proceedings were of a very informal character. Mr. F. S. Price at the outset asked the Bishop, on behalf of the ringers, to unveil the peal boards. The first contained the records of the first local peals of Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major. These methods represented the high-water mark as regards Notts in the ringing world. The other board, which contains a record of a half-muffled peal of Stedman, rung on 3rd September, 1912, and which was Mr. Coppock's own handiwork, constituted a memorial to the late Mr. Robert Drinkwater, who for several years was a chorister at Beeston. A tribute was also paid to Mr. W. Clifford, senr., who, notwithstanding his 60 years, participated in the peals. Both were conducted by A. Coppock.

The Bishop said it gave him very great pleasure to unveil the boards, and chatted interestingly concerning bells and belfries he had visited. Subsequently he signed the visitors' book, from which it appeared that on exactly the same date last year—March 17th—the Bishop of Southwell was in the belfry.

EDINBURGH CATHEDRAL SOCIETY.

At the annual general meeting of the St. Mary's Cathedral Society, Edinburgh, held in the belfry, the Very Rev. the Dean of Edinburgh presiding, it was reported that the attendance throughout the year was well up to the standard. Owing to the loss of some of the old members, none of the attempts for peals were successful. The latest loss was that of Mr. Whitson, who left in September to take up an appointment in New York.

The Dean thanked the ringers for their services, especially during the stormy weather experienced of late, and stated how much the bells were appreciated by invalids. One lady invalid looked forward every Sunday to hearing the bells, and has done so for the past two years while on her sick bed.

The following office bearers were appointed for the ensuing year: President, the Very Rev. Dean Skinner Wilson; vice-president, the Rev. Anselm Ashley; conductor, Mr. W. B. Sampson; secretary and treasurer, Mr. J. R. Robertson, 221, Morningside Road, Edinburgh; members of Council, Mr. James McCracken and Mr. John Whitson. Two new members were admitted to the Guild, viz., Mr. John Stannard and Mr. Harry Russam.

MR. PRICE'S HANDBELL PEALS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—On looking through Mr. Price's list of handbell peals in your last issue, I see he states that all the peals of Stedman Caters and Cinques had the turning course at the end, "thus enhancing the difficulty of the performance." Perhaps Mr. Price will be good enough to enlighten us on the subject. I may say I have called over 150 different compositions of Stedman Caters and Cinques on almost every known plan, several of which had three turning courses, and I certainly fail to see where the difficulty of the performance is enhanced by leaving the turning course till last. I consider such a statement is decidedly unfair, and I do not think he need have tried to under-rate the value of other ringers' performances.

W. PYE.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday week, a meeting of the Liverpool Diocesan Guild was held at St. Nicholas' Church, Liverpool, when upwards of 50 members attended from various parts of the Diocese. In the afternoon, a company of the members, through the instrumentality of Mr. J. Martin, were allowed to inspect the steamship Mauretania prior to her sailing to America. Afterwards, a cold collation was partaken of, and the business meeting held, over which the venerable archdeacon presided. He gave the Guild a cordial invitation for the annual meeting to be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, on June 7th. Canon Howson also kindly invited the Guild to meet at Woolton whilst its fine trees were in foliage.—The Rev. W. T. Bulpit, the Guild master, moved the grateful acceptance of these invitations, and proposed the Rector of Liverpool as a life member of the Guild.—Mr. W. Bentham seconded, and it was carried with applause. Several other new members were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Rector for the use of the bells, and to Mr. W. Davies for having everything in readiness, and for the excellent "go" of the bells, terminated a most successful meeting.

PLYMOUTH.—On Feb. 26th, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, at Emmanuel Church, arranged for Mr. C. Johnston, of Croydon: E. W. Marsh (conductor) 1, W. H. Marsh 2, F. Hockaday 3, C. Johnston 4, W. Richards 5, G. H. Myers 6, W. Ford 7, G. Kerswell 8.

BOTTESFORD, LEICESTERSHIRE.—On Feb. 27th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: T. Rawdin 1, D. Gildea 2, W. Turner 3, A. W. Ward (first quarter-peal as conductor) 4, M. Bend 5, R. Bend 6, S. Baker 7, H. Thorlby 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to A. W. Ward.

TUNSTALL, KENT.—At St. John the Baptist's, on Feb. 28th, 720 College Single: S. Spice 1, H. Jewiss 2, T. Jull 3, J. Bennett, R.M.L.I. (first in the method) 4, W. Spice, junr., 5, W. Spice, senr. (conductor) 6. Rung after coming to grief with a peal.

HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

There was a gathering of nearly a hundred, almost a record attendance, at the annual festival of the Hertford County Association of Change Ringers, which took place as usual at St. Albans on Easter Monday. During the morning and afternoon, ringing in various standard methods took place in the belfries of the churches of the city, and at four o'clock, evensong was sung with the choir of the cathedral, the clergy officiating being the Dean of St. Albans, Canons Lord William Gascoyne Cecil, G. H. P. Glossop and T. L. Papillon, and the Rev. E. H. Evans.

The preacher was Canon Lord William Cecil, who gave an entertaining and instructive discourse of bell ringing from the time when towers, containing a single bell, were erected for purposes of warning and defence in troublous times. From the moment the tower was joined to the church, according to the more modern principles of architecture, it clearly had no further defensive value. To-day, the architecture of our churches, including the bells, was to remind people of higher things. The bells of our churches were intended to preach a sermon to the whole of the parish for which they served, and their message was carried further than it could be carried by any human tongue. The ringers, therefore, were doing a very important and a very serious part of the Church's work, and this was a fact they should take care to remember. It was an old story, and, he hoped, an untrue one to-day, that bell ringing and the public-house were very closely connected. Bell ringers should be examples of Christian life; they should remember that they touched holy things, and that they themselves, therefore, should be holy. A good band of ringers was a centre of good fellowship and of church feeling, and should be a centre of holy life.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

At the annual meeting, which took place after tea served in the Abbey Institute, under the presidency of the Dean of St. Albans, who, on behalf of the President (the Rev. A. G. Langdon), who was unavoidably absent, extended a hearty welcome to all present, observing that the gathering was almost a record.

The Honorary Treasurer (Mr. E. P. Debenham) presented the balance sheet, which showed that the year opened with a balance in hand of £9 0s. 6d. The subscriptions from ringing members amounted to £14 16s., and those from the honorary members to £4 10s., making a total income of £28 10s., while the balance at the close of the year was £3 13s. 3d.—The Hon. Treasurer, announced, amidst applause, that the reserve fund now stood at £20 6s. 5d.

The balance sheet was adopted, on the motion of Canon Papillon, who spoke of the advance of bell ringing in Hertfordshire, and said he was glad they now had at St. Albans Cathedral a band who could ring Superlative.

In the annual report, Mr. Cartmel remarked: It is a pleasing duty to present to you the annual report, which, as regards the quality and variety of peals rung, are second to none in the annals of the Association. The year commenced with the record peal of Bristol Surprise at Knebworth, consisting of 12,160 changes, and although this record has since been surpassed by another band, in which Hertfordshire members figured prominently, yet the Knebworth peal stands as the third longest length of Surprise ever rung. We congratulate the band and its conductor, Mr. G. N. Price, upon their accomplishment. Death has removed from our list of hon. members the Rev. W. D. A. Dudley, Vicar of St. Stephen's, St. Albans, and Mr. C. Castle, an active ringing member of the Baldock band. Mr. James Pettit, a member for many years, and one who rendered much service to change ringing in Hertfordshire, has also received his home call. The committee met at St. Albans on February 15th, when the following recommendations were made for the members' consideration:—

1. That peals rung on Easter Monday, and officially notified to the hon. secretary previous to the annual business meeting, be included in the current year's report. It was pointed out by the chairman that this resolution was simply an instruction, and not a rule.

2. With the object of giving publicity to false compositions, and also for the assistance of conductors, it was recommended that the figures of compositions rung should be inserted in the report under the peal recorded. The composition should be forwarded to the hon. secretary as soon as possible after the peal has been rung; but when the composition has already appeared in the report, it will only be necessary when it is published in the ringing papers to state in a footnote that the composition is the same as peal No. so-and-so. In future, all peals in the report will be numbered consecutively, as in peal book.

3. Attention was also drawn to the facilities for instructing young bands, and it was pointed out that at the last annual meeting the scheme was outlined in the secretarial report, and accepted. Your committee would be prepared to consider any claims for assistance that were submitted to them, and to pay the travelling expenses of a competent instructor for a series of lessons, on the understanding that if not already members of the Association they would be willing to join.

A discussion also ensued upon the question of encouraging Sunday service ringing, by the allocation of points; but opinions were not unanimous. As the subject will again come before the committee for

further consideration, I was instructed to mention the matter, in the hope of securing an expression of opinion from the meeting.

THE YEAR'S DOINGS.

The Association welcomed the formation of a new band at Tring. May success attend their efforts in mastering the intricacies of change ringing. The Cheshunt band, under the tuition of our enthusiastic friend Mr. Rowe, has gone ahead, and there is every prospect of a local peal being soon scored. The Cathedral Society, under the able guidance of Mr. Whitbread, has made marked progress, and are now going strong in Superlative and the Standard Methods. Bushey and Oxhey claim premier honours in their accomplishments. Long may these bands continue to flourish, and may others strive to emulate their successes. The Barley band deserve praise for their peal in seven methods, and Mr. J. Malyan is to be complimented upon his success in conducting three Minor peals.

During the year, 65 peals have been rung, 41 have been rung upon tower bells, and 14 on handbells; 131 members have taken part in Association peals during the year, and the peals have been rung in 27 church steeples, with 24 different conductors. The time occupied in ringing was 194 hrs. 51 mins., the services of 449 ringers being requisitioned. Many have scored their first peal, whilst others have obtained their first in higher methods. The list comprises: 7 Bristol Surprise, 5 Superlative Surprise, 1 New Cumberland Surprise (first in the county by the Association, and all the band), 1 London Surprise, 2 Double Norwich, 6 Kent Treble Bob Major, 1 Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1 Bob Major, 8 Stedman Triples, 5 Grandshire Triples, 11 peals of Minor on 6 bells, 3 peals on five bells; total, 51. Upon handbells: 6 Stedman Cinques, 3 Stedman Caters, 3 Stedman Triples, 1 Bob Major; 1 Grandshire Caters, total 14.

I trust that this standard of excellence will be fully maintained during the year 1913-14. We congratulate Mr. Price and his band upon their splendid handbell performances; they have succeeded in ringing the first peal of twelve in the county and by the Association, their first peal of Stedman Cinques being rung at the first attempt.

The Northern District Secretary reports the holding of five meetings during the year, at Great Wymondley, Knebworth, Gravely, Hitchin, and Baldock. The attendance has shown a little improvement, but the six-bell meetings are still only poorly attended. A greater variety of methods is now attempted at meetings, but there remains too much variety in the striking. It is with regret that I have to announce the retirement of the Rev. Tyrwhitt Drake from his post as secretary for this district, but having moved into the adjoining county of Beds, he rightly thinks that someone in closer connection should hold the reins. For two years he has rendered excellent service, and we heartily thank him for his labours. I am glad to report that another volunteer for the post has come forward, and you will be asked to-day to confirm his appointment. I appeal to the ringers of the Northern District to rally round their new leader, and to do their level best to cause his new duties to be pleasant and successful.

The Eastern Secretary reports progress in his division, and thinks that the work and usefulness of the Association increases.

The Secretary for the Western Division has little to report as regards meetings, only one having been arranged. Mr. Eden says: "I should like to see a little more enthusiasm in our district meetings, as I am sure more would attend if the members were aware of the pleasure derived from these gatherings." The Hon. Secretary added that he was in full accord with the expression of Mr. Eden, and would emphasise the importance of district meetings to the younger members especially, as it is at these gatherings where the first touch in a new method is often obtained.—Thanks were accorded to Mr. Eden for continuing to enter up the peals in the peal book; to Mr. R. A. Kirby, the librarian; the district hon. secs. for their zealous labours; the incumbents of churches for the use of the bells, and the hon. members for their financial assistance. In conclusion, the report called attention to the importance of the ringers' office, and emphasised the spirit in which all ringers should work.—The report was adopted.

DEAN OF ST. ALBANS ELECTED PRESIDENT.

Mr. E. P. Debenham moved the election of the Dean of St. Albans as president of the Association for the ensuing year, observing that the Association, which had been in existence since October 29th, 1884, was started at the Deanery under the presidency of the Dean, who had taken a keen and active interest in the organisation ever since, and for a great many years had preached at their annual festival and had presided over their annual meeting year after year.

Mr. Kentish (Hatfield) seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The Dean of St. Albans, when acknowledging his election, said the Association had well justified the hopes expressed for its future when it was formed at his house. Nothing could have been more satisfactory than what they had heard from the hon. secretary's report. "I am not a bell ringer, in the technical sense of the word," proceeded the Dean, "but it is true I have rung a great many belles in my time; but they are neither so large as your bells, nor do I ever strike them (laughter). In fact, I endeavour as far as I can, to see that they shall act as harmoniously as may be in the life which I have just started them upon. That method of ringing is entirely different from what you take up. It requires sometimes a certain amount of skill, and sometimes a certain amount of patience, but still I do not attempt to vie with you,

and I feel it is an additional honour you have paid me in asking me to occupy the chair as your president (applause).

Mr. E. P. Debenham was re-elected hon. treasurer; Mr. G. W. Cartmel as hon. secretary; and Mr. B. Prewett as hon. auditor; and the proceedings terminated with votes of thanks to Canon Lord William Cecil for his sermon, and to the Rectors and Vicars of St. Albans for the use of their belfries.

The following were elected ringing members: The Rev. E. W. G. Kemp, Dr. Fisher, and Messrs. A. Hill, A. H. Walker (Kings Langley), Messrs. T. Castle and H. J. Thompson (Baldock), T. Quick and H. E. Whitbread (St. Albans Cathedral), Messrs. G. Pratt and G. Johnson (St. Stephen's, St. Albans), Mr. W. Jeffs (St. Michael's, St. Albans), Mr. Benjamin Patmore (Great Munden), Mr. Thos. Newman (Hoddesdon), Mr. W. K. North (Brantham), Mr. A. Day (Harpenden), Mr. R. Roffey and Mr. Burlington (Barnet), the Rev. C. B. Saw and Messrs. H. G. Blackburne and H. Prior (Cheshunt), and Mrs. Sarah Johnson (Edmonton).

THE LATE PRESIDENT OF THE SALISBURY GUILD.

AN APPRECIATION.

When the Salisbury Guild was founded in 1882, the late Earl Nelson was invited to accept the presidency. It was a happy day for the Guild that he consented, for very beneficial has been his occupancy of the chief office for over thirty years. His regular attendance at committee meetings and the yearly festivals clearly indicated the real interest he took in the Guild. His addresses—they were more like friendly talks—to his ringers on the occasion of the festivals were so full of encouragement, sympathy and sanctified common sense, that he readily won the esteem of his hearers; and as years rolled by, recognising the great personal worth of our president, we learned to love him. The enthusiasm with which his health was drunk and the spontaneity of the outburst, "for he's a jolly good fellow," testified to the deep affection that lay beneath all this. When in 1900 the scheme for dividing the territory of the Guild into four branches was being developed, having satisfied himself that it would not impair the unity of the Guild, he gave it his thorough support. Hitherto there had been but one or two meetings of the Guild a year, after the formation of the branches there would be no less than sixteen, with the anticipated result of increased membership, better change ringing. It gave the late president great pleasure to mark all this progress gradually taking place. His loss to the Guild is great, but he will live in the affection of those who knew him. May it be that his excellent and beneficent rule will be an inspiration to his successor in the presidency of the Guild.

GLOUCESTER & BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

The members of the Wotton-under-Edge and District Branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Association held their monthly meeting at Tytherington on March 15th. Tytherington possesses only five bells, but having been recently rehung, the bells are in capital going order. About twenty attended the meeting, representing Dursley, Thornbury, Wotton-under-Edge, and Wickwar, while the local ringers were well represented. Several six-scores were rung during the afternoon, including Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and St. Simon's. — The tea and meeting were held at the Swan Hotel, the Vicar (the Rev. H. H. Arkell) presiding. — It was decided to hold the next meeting at Chipping Sodbury on April 12th. — The Secretary (Mr. F. Oakhill) made an appeal to the members present to attend the annual meeting, which was to be held at Chippenham on April 19th. — Three new members were elected, one from Thornbury and two from Tytherington. — The Vicar was, on the proposition of Mr. F. K. Howell, unanimously elected as an honorary member.

Mr. Howell proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for presiding at the meeting, and for granting them the use of the bells. He said they were always pleased to see the clergy amongst them at these meetings. It showed they were taking more interest in the ringing. He claimed that they, as ringers, started the services of the church, and held no mean place as church officers. He was glad to welcome the Vicar as an hon. member of the Association.

The Vicar, in acknowledging the vote of thanks, said he was very pleased to welcome them to Tytherington. He always recognised the ringers as a body of Churchmen who held a great privilege. They gave the call to worship in such a way that everyone in the parish could hear them, and the service which followed was a continuation of what the ringers themselves had started. The office of ringer was a holy office, and he felt sure there would be a great reward awaiting those who carried out their duties with a true and high motive. He thanked them for electing him as an honorary member.

The ringers afterwards visited the tower, where several 120's in various methods were rung.

LONDON.—St. Mary Abbott's Guild.—On Feb. 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: F. G. Symonds 1, J. R. Mackman 2, C. J. Dobbie 3, W. A. Garrard 4, W. G. Mathews 5, A. V. Selby 6, A. F. Harris 7, E. G. Stibbons 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, H. G. Miles 10. — On March 16th, 1224 Double Norwich Court Bob Caters: E. G. Stibbons 1, J. R. Mackman 2, C. H. Dobbie 3, F. G. Symonds 4, W. A. Garrard 5, A. E. Bradley 6, C. Charge 7, A. V. Selby 8, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 9, A. F. Harris 10.

BELLS FOR THE BLIND.

OPENING OF A NEW PEAL AT WATERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS.

On the bank of the Charles River, in Watertown, a suburb of Boston, Massachusetts, a majestic Gothic tower dominates a colony of low buildings, which form the new home of the Perkins Institution for the Blind. In this tower, designed with especial reference to the requirements of bells and bell ringers, has been recently hung a ring of eight bells, the gift of Mrs. A. C. Wheelwright, in memory of her husband. This peal, cast at the Whitechapel Foundry, London, by the well-known firm of Messrs. Mears and Stainbank have a tenor of 22 cwt., in E. The honour of opening these bells on March 8th was assigned to the band of Groton School, reinforced by four members of the College Youths. Mr. Dan F. Gibbons (of London) officiated as conductor. Of our local band, reduced at present to a skeleton, some had had the opportunity of acquiring only the elements of the Art. It was thought, therefore, safer to limit the method ringing to Grand-sire Doubles, with dodging in 6-7; but inasmuch as a regular rhythm was maintained, the performance was certainly satisfactory, judged by the manifestations of pleasure upon the part of the officials and pupils, as well as visitors coming from far and wide; for, if the composition was not apprehended, there was at least an appreciation of the merry sound of well-attuned bells propelling their aerial music throughout a circuit of many miles.

Like the peal recently installed in the Hingham Memorial tower, these bells differ in important respects from our American chimes, the most striking characteristic to the average listener being the result of the heavier weight of metal employed by English founders in the trebles, the effect being that their volume of sound, sweetness and carrying power is correspondingly increased, while they are not overpowered by the tenors. Visitors (not blind) who ventured to mount the belfry while the bells were swinging, were impressed with the stability of the cage and the superior character of the hangings and other appurtenances necessary to ensure accurate control of the bell. It is to be noted that each well-ordered set of bells introduced to a community serves as an educational object lesson, for the discerning public are then no longer satisfied to accept inferior productions. Indeed, the demand for those blatant abominations called tubular bells has already practically ceased.

It is a physiological law that when one of the senses becomes impaired, or lost, those remaining are apt to be intensified; and, to the ringers, it was a novel sight to witness the enthusiastic excitement manifested by the blind pupils, who were conducted to the capacious ringing chamber. They conceived the notion that the strength of giants was requisite to impart such rapid motion to instruments of weight, and nothing could exceed the delight of one of these unfortunates upon discovering how easily, and at first attempt, he could draw off the tenor when poised mouth upward at back stroke.

Some pupils who have retained partial vision are confident of their ability under competent tuition to acquire proficiency in scientific ringing, so as to be enabled ultimately to assume exclusive management of the bells. Meanwhile it is planned to have attached to the tower a band of qualified ringers who may act in the capacity of instructors; and to those who have acquired a trade and can furnish recommendations, facilities will be extended for securing employment.

We are called upon again this present month to assist at the re-opening of the historic peal of Christ Church, the first ring of bells exported from England. When shipping these bells from Bristol in 1745, Abel Rudhall wrote in a letter still preserved: "I have sent you a good ring of bells, and hope you will get ringers to have them well rung." At this late date, or at the expiration of one hundred and sixty-eight years, there is a fair prospect that, with the help of recruits from England, Rudhall's wish may at length be gratified.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A. A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

Mr. Richard Newton, who has had such a long and honourable career with the Manchester Police Force, is among the first to take advantage of the invitation, extended by Dr. Nichols through our columns, to English ringers to go to the district of Boston. He leaves the police force on April 15th, and sails by the SS. Franconia from Liverpool on April 29th. If any other ringers should be going out about that time they should communicate with Mr. Newton, at 11, Eva Street, Rusholme, Manchester, so that if possible, they may travel together. Ringers throughout the country will wish Mr. Newton every success in his new sphere.

GUILDFORD'S PEAL OF TEN.

On Easter Day, the bells of St. Nicolas', Guildford, Surrey, were again heard, after having been completely overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough. The tenors have been rehung with new fittings, wheels, etc., and the other eight bells fitted with new bearings and gudgeons. On Easter Monday, a peal of Bob Major was rung on the back eight, and after the peal the ringers expressed themselves as highly pleased with the "go" of the bells, great credit being due to the bell-hangers for the excellent job they have made of them. — Thanks are due to Mr. James Hunt for coming down from London to assist, and to Mr. C. Willshire, who so kindly obliged by taking a rope at the last moment, owing to Mr. T. Radford being indisposed.

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Stedman Cinques by Royal Cumberland Youths, Sept. 17th.
Kent Treble Bob Maximus by the Kent Association, December 7th, 1912.

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LEICESTER CHURCHES.

WHERE THE M.C.A. MET ON MONDAY.



Our illustration shows four of the churches of Leicester, where members of the M.C.A. met on Monday. That in the top left-hand corner is St. Mark's, which was built in 1872. It has eight bells, tenor 23½ cwt., and the first peals of Stedman Triples, Double Norwich and Superlative in Leicester were rung on them. The Vicar, the Rev. F. L. Donaldson, M.A., is the well-known Socialist Vicar, and a brilliant orator. The chancel contains seven panel paintings reaching from floor to roof, showing the march of Labour — three on each side struggling upwards towards the central figure—Christ.

The adjoining photo is St. Margaret's Church, with 10 bells, tenor 30 cwt. This massive tower was for two centuries the stronghold of Leicester ringing, and many famous peals have been accomplished there. In 1776 was rung 10,080 Caters, in 7 hrs. 12 mins., "after ye same band had rung 5000 on ye morning of ye same day, when ye man with ye 3rd missed his sallie, and ye peal was lost." In those days bells were rung without stays.

The right-hand picture is of St. Martin's Church, with 10 bells, cast in 1784 by Arnold. The tenor is of exceptionally fine tone, and is 21 cwt. The church is 201 feet high, and the result is that the bells can be heard all over the town. The Vicar has just been chosen Bishop of Leicester.

The lower picture is the Church of St. John the Divine, eight bells, tenor 21 cwt., given to commemorate Queen Victoria's reign, and by repute the finest toned ring of eight in Leicester. They were cast by Taylor, in 1902. The bells are hung in an iron and steel frame, and the belfry is roomy, with every modern convenience.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT LEICESTER.

Leicester was the headquarters for 1913 of the M.C.A., and the Easter meeting was held there on Monday. The town possesses two peals of ten, and three of eight, which are in ringing order, and they were all made good use of from about 11 a.m. An unexpectedly fine day brought a large number of members together, 109 being present at the High Cross Cafe.—The President, Sir Arthur Heywood, was in the chair, and was supported by the Rev. F. R. C. Payne, Vicar of St. Margaret's Church; the Rev. R. P. Farrow, Messrs. W. C. Wakley, treasurer; W. E. White, secretary; W. W. Worthington, E. D. Taylor, and others. Mr. J. W. Taylor, vice-president, was abroad, and, therefore, could not be present.—The Hon. Treasurer presented the balance sheet, and in proposing its adoption, Mr. C. Draper deplored the small number of reports sold, and also the amount of subscriptions outstanding.—Mr. E. D. Taylor seconded, and the accounts were passed.

The Chairman, in reviewing the peals of the year 1912, congratulated Miss Sanders, of Burton-on-Trent, on being the first lady to ring a handbell peal for the Association. The peals for the year reached the record number, for the Association, of 172. While rejoicing that peal ringing had reached to such a height in the Midlands, Sir Arthur was yet reminded of a subject broached by Mr. Dawe at the Johnson Memorial Dinner at Birmingham. In Mr. Dawe's opinion, the time was coming when there would be a rise on the part of the brain workers against peal ringing. He (the President) had often pointed out that whereas in the older days peal ringing was immensely popular in the country with outsiders as well as performers, to-day there was a much larger body of brain workers than in former times. In the country the sound of peals was appreciated, but with head workers it was much the reverse. They had to bear in mind the strong animadversions that had been cast upon ringing as disturbing the public peace. Judges had made strong objections to ringing because of the disturbance to their courts. That opposition to ringing, although it might not be very much in evidence at the present time, still was making headway. In these days, when it did not seem difficult to get any sort of Bill through Parliament, it was quite possible to put an end to peal ringing. The subject was worth the members' serious consideration.

QUALITY RATHER THAN QUANTITY.

The President went on: We have hitherto prided ourselves upon the large number of peals we have rung. The question seems to be rather, whether we ought not to go in for quality rather than quantity. There are two courses of procedure we may take. Either we may go on and ring as many peals as we please, or we may take the more cautious course of trying to ring quality instead of quantity. In the first event, peal ringing may be done away with altogether. I leave the matter to your attention, and it is well worth it. I really do think that it is extremely important that we should be careful not to be selfish in the matter. We ring peals to please ourselves. It is to a great extent a delusion that we ring for the benefit of the public. We do not, I often think, ring enough for the public. In some towers the Sunday ringing is not so good or so frequent as it ought to be. And there is a limit to peal ringing. A really good peal with a really good band is much better than several indifferent peals. We ought to guard against ringing peals for the sake of ringing, and with no particular object. Don't put peal ringing on one side, but make the peals you do ring thoroughly worthy, and take care you are not doing an unkind thing to residents in the neighbourhood. Sir Arthur Heywood also pointed out that clergymen were often put into a difficult position by applications for permission to ring peals in populous neighbourhoods. Another thing he wanted to mention was that the Rector of Birmingham had told the gentlemen present at the Johnson Dinner of his band (the St. Martin's Guild) joining, en masse, the C.E.M.S., and how he had received them all into the Society at a special service. Now, ringers were a very respectable set of fellows, and that respectability was due more to themselves than to any influence brought to bear by the Church. All the same, they were Church officers, and yet he was bound to say they were shocking bad Church-goers, as a body. If there was one thing that would really help forward the interests of ringers, it was that they should really make themselves members of the Church of England, and do their very best for a church which needed all their support (applause).

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

Mr. Shercliff thanked the retiring officers for their services in the past year, and proposed they should be re-elected.—This was seconded by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and carried with applause.—The President, Hon. Treasurer, and Hon. Secretary acknowledged the vote.

A vote of thanks to the auditors (Messrs. C. Draper and E. D. Taylor) was ably proposed by Mr. W. Fox, and seconded by Mr. J. H. Swinfield.—The auditors briefly replied.

The thanks of the Association to the clergy were voiced by the Rev. R. P. Farrow, who agreed with the words of the President with regard to attendance at church, admitting at the same time that the clergy in some places neglected the ringers.—Mr. W. W. Worthington seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously, and the Rev. F. R. C. Payne replied.

Mr. W. E. White thanked the Leicester ringers for the excellent arrangements made for the meeting and tea.—This was seconded by Mr. Bartram, and carried.—One hon. member and 26 ringing members were admitted.

The quarterly meetings for the ensuing year were fixed for Oakham, Southwell and Long Eaton.—Mr. J. S. Needham proposed a vote of thanks to the President for taking the chair, to which Sir Arthur replied.—This ended the business.

Some very good ringing was done during the day, including the first two courses of Bristol Surprise in Leicester, which were rung on St. John's bells. The other methods rung included Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Bob, Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, Cambridge and London Major.

A smoking concert was held in the evening, the only fault of which was that it was too well attended. The presence of the Misses Willson, Miss Sanders, and other ladies, added much to the success of the meeting. Miss Willson acting as accompanist to the songs, and Miss Sanders taking part in the handbell ringing. A touch of Double Norwich, called by Mr. A. R. Aldham, was tapped on the piano by Mr. A. P. Wakley.

DEATH OF MR. CHARLES HOUNSLOW.

The Exercise will hear with deep regret of the death of Mr. Charles Hounslow, of Oxford, who has passed away at the advanced age of 81 years. For over 50 years he took an active part in change ringing in Oxford and the surrounding district. It was largely owing to his influence that change ringing continued to flourish in Oxford through the period preceding the formation of the Oxford Guild. But for a few enthusiasts in the art, of whom Charles Hounslow was the leading spirit, it must have died out.

The funeral took place on Wednesday week at the SS. Mary and John Churchyard, in the presence of a large gathering of sympathetic followers. The Rev. C. Jenkyn, Master of the Diocesan Guild of Church Bell Ringers, officiated at the graveside, and following the funeral service, Messrs. Freeborn, A. Fox, T. Payne, of Oxford, and F. Hopwood, and J. E. Heard, of Reading, rang in an impressive manner a course of Stedman Triples on the handbells over the grave. There were numerous wreaths and floral tributes.

Amongst those present were Councillor Symonds, Messrs. F. Newell (Reading), G. Holifield, junr. and senr. (Appleton), F. Castle, T. A. Strange (steward), W. Jeffrey, A. Fox, C. Hester, G. A. King, V. Bennett (secretary), J. Howes, F. Webb, J. Wakelin, E. A. Rivers, and F. Smith.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

The Vicar and churchwardens acknowledge with many thanks the following further contributions towards the cost of recasting the tenor: A friend, £2 2s.; A. V. G. W., £1; A. C. (Red Deer, Alberta, Canada), £1; J. B. (Vancouver, B.C.), 5s.; J. L., 5s.; B. H. T. D., 5s.; L. M. D. C., 2s. 6d.; A. C., 2s. 6d.; B. R., 2s.; W. H. F., 1s.; J. T., 1s.; Ely Diocesan Association (collected at Bury St. Edmunds at the annual meeting), 13s. Also from the following bands: Whittle-le-Woods (Lincs.), 5s. 6d.; St. James', Bury St. Edmunds, 4s.; Radcliffe (Lancs), 3s. 6d.; total received to date, £30 6s.; amount required, £35. Donations to complete the fund will be thankfully received by the Vicar, Mr. W. Doggett, or Mr. H. Croot, Long Stanton, Cambs.

ODD CHANGES.

On Easter Sunday, Messrs. F. S. Downing (Birmingham) and H. G. Aston (Peterborough) were each presented with a gold scarf pin, suitably engraved, by the members of the Coalbrookdale band, to which they formally belonged. The Rev. C. B. Crowe made the presentation.

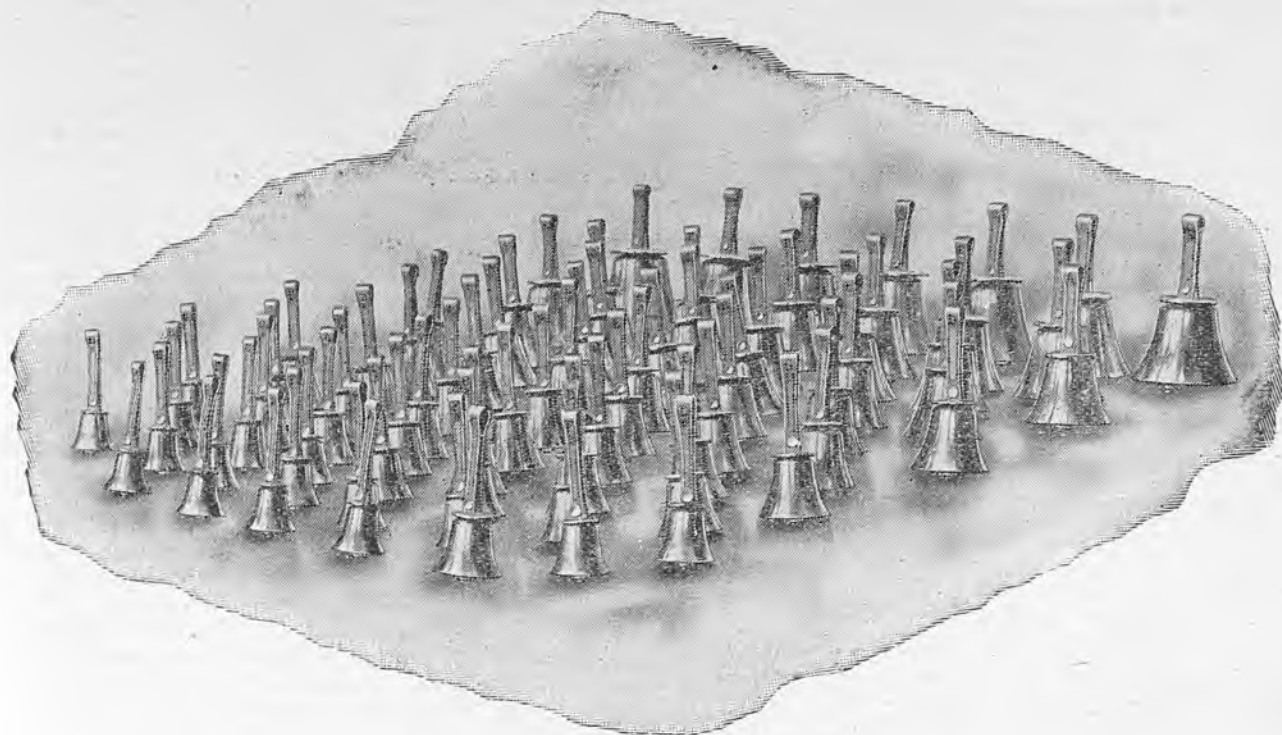
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Peals of 6000 and odd changes are not taken so much notice of in these days as once was the case, but it is noteworthy that we record this week the longest length of Stedman Cinques yet rung on handbells. This was a 6063 rung by the Middlesex Association last Saturday.

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Another peal of more than passing interest is the 7325 Grandsire Cinques rung at Painswick on Monday. It is the longest length on the bells since 1858. Painswick has been the scene of many noteworthy performances, and it was there that the record length of Treble Twelve was rung, and which stood for many years until beaten in 1911 at Ashton-under-Lyne.

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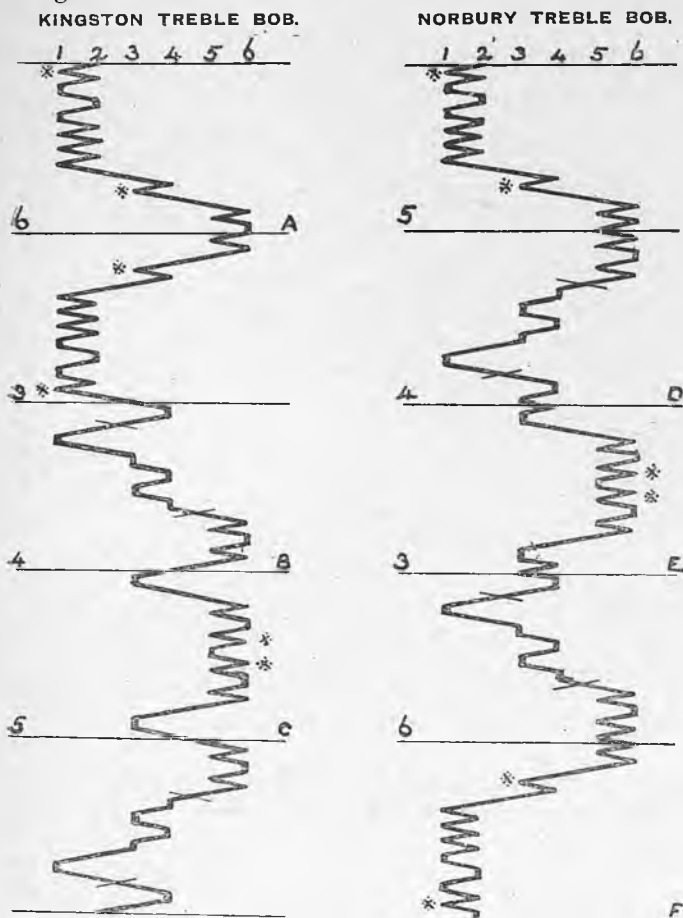
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THE BOB WORK.

Kingston : A, Dodge instead of lying behind and take up the work of the 5th. B, Have an extra dodge, and take up the work of the 6th. C, Make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th.

Norbury : D, Run in and take up work of 2nd. E, Make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th. F, Run out and take up the work of the 3rd.

The figures of a lead of the above methods only differ in the back-stroke lead of the treble.

TO THE WEST.

On Sunday week, a 720 of Grandsire Doubles was rung for evening service at Charing Church by: H. Willard 1, C. F. Good 2, C. L. Prior 3, W. C. Good 4, H. E. Good (conductor) 5, J. Colbreay 6. An attempt for a peal of 5040 had to be abandoned owing to the indisposition of one of the band. This was arranged as a farewell peal to Mr. C. F. Good, who has since left for Canada. On Tuesday, the 18th inst., he was the recipient of two valuable purse belts, subscribed for by the Charing ringers.—The Vicar (the Rev. D. R. Fotheringham), in making the presentation, said that he hoped for the day when the peal of six at Charing would be increased to eight.—The ringers afterwards adjourned to the King's Head Hotel, where the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, the following contributing to the programme: Messrs. J. Colbreay, C. L. Prior, W. and H. E. Good and T. Ifield, junr., with Mrs. Walker at the piano.

The Charing band are about to start on Bob Minor, and if any gentlemen in the district would volunteer to assist they would be heartily welcomed on Tuesday evenings at 7.30, or any other evenings by arrangement.

NOTICES.

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THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—A special ringing meeting will be held at Finedon on Saturday, March 29th. The new peal of bells will be ready at 3 p.m. Service at 4.30 (lasting 20 minutes). Tea in the Star Hall at 5 p.m.—W. Perkins, District Secretary, 6, Addington Road, Irthlingborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Rishton on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at St. John the Baptist's, Hillingdon, by kind permission of the Rev. C. M. Harvey, on Saturday, March 29th, 1913. A service will be held at 5 p.m., when an address will be given by the Rev. C. M. Harvey. Tea at 6 o'clock, 7d. each, and meeting to follow. The business will include the election of a new president, and any alteration of the rules consequent thereon, to make it effective. The following towers will be open for ringing: St. John the Baptist's (10) from 2 p.m. and St. Andrew's (8) from 3 p.m. All are welcome.—C. T. Coles, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow, H. C. Chandler, Church Road, Heston, Honorary Secretaries.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 1st, 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 1st and 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The committee will meet at Oxford on Saturday, April 5th. "Motions" for the agenda must be sent to me not later than Saturday, March 15th.—Albert E. Reeves, Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton, on Saturday, April 5th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. All intending to be present at tea please notify me not later than Tuesday, April 1st. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., Evesham (10), Bengeworth (6) available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to give a welcome to the new Vicar.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Guiseley on April 5th, 1913. Bells available from 4 p.m. for practice meeting. All ringers welcome. Business meeting at the Red Lion Hotel at 7.30.—F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Bowdon on Saturday, April 5th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston, Honorary Secretary, New Mills.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, 1913, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow, on Saturday, April 5th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Hall, tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m., Burnham bells from 7 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Sec., Burnham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

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MR. J. THOMAS' 200 PEALS.

With a peal of Grandsire Caters on handbells, recorded this week, Mr. J. Thomas completed his double century. His list is made up as follows:—

	Tower Bells.		Handbells.	
	Rung.	Cond.	Rung.	Cond.
Bob Minor	6	4	1	1
7 Treble Bob Methods	1	1		
Grandsire Triples	31	25	12	10
Grandsire Caters	4	1	4	3
Bob Major	10	4	1	1
Kent Treble Bob Major	4	1	1	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	1			
Forward Major	1			
Double Norwich Major	6			
Stedman Triples	38	10	5	1
Stedman Caters	22	2	2	
Stedman Cinques	7			
London Surprise Major	14	2		
Superlative	6	2		
Cambridge	9	2		
New Cambridge	4	1		
Bristol	4*	1		
Gloucester	1			
Norfolk	1			
Cambridge Royal	6	1		
Totals	176	57	24	16

* Including 12,160.

RINGING AT ABERDEEN.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—I observe in your issue of the 21st inst. reference to ringing at the Cathedral in Inverness. I beg to state that our band have visited Inverness several times, the last occasion being about two years ago, and had a touch or two on the bells. There is a local band of ringers, but not having an instructor well up in change ringing, they have not had much chance. But if your correspondent, Mr. Bernard, would write to Mr. McEnvoy, secretary, at Inverness Cathedral, I have no doubt he would give full particulars regarding the state of affairs.—Yours faithfully, J. R. ROBERTSON.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A very successful meeting of the Rochester district was held at Tunstall on Saturday week, members being present from Rochester, Chatham, Gillingham, Upchurch, Queenboro', Eastchurch, Sittingbourne, Rodmersham and Tunstall in the Rochester District, and Charing in the Ashford District.—A short service was held, the Rector (the Rev. H. E. T. Cruso), who gave an excellent address, expressing, on behalf of his warden and himself, a welcome to the Association to his church. After service, by the kindness of the local ringers and Rector, tea was provided in the Schoolroom, 34 members sitting down.—The business meeting followed with the Rector in the chair.—Six new members were elected, and Rainham was selected for the next meeting, to be held in June, providing that the bells are back from the foundry. Hartlip was selected should the Rainham bells not be finished.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector, Mr. Churchwarden Greensted, and the organist; and, last but not least, the local members and their wives who so ably attended to the wants of the inner man.—After a few touches on the handbells, the tower was again visited, and ringing concluded with a 360 of College Single. Other methods rung were: Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Oxford and Cambridge Surprise.

BEDFORD.—At St. Paul's Church, on Feb. 16th, 504 Stedman Triples: L. Harlow 1, E. Tingey 2, J. Church 3, H. Tysoe 4, C. Chasty 5, F. Smith 6, H. Sharp (conductor) 7, J. Ekins 8. Rung with bells half-muffled, as a tribute to the memory of the late Capt. Scott and his companions.

LEVES, SUSSEX.—On Feb. 22nd, at Southover Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: G. Richardson 1, E. J. Pannett 2, E. E. Bish 3, J. Feist 4, G. H. Sturt 5, F. S. Sturt 6, A. J. Turner (conductor) 7, W. Moore 8. W. Moore's first quarter-peal, and rung as a birthday compliment to him and his father.

FARNINGHAM, KENT.

At St. Peter and St. Paul's Church, Farningham, 64 720's of Minor and Doubles were rung in 1912, made up of Bob Minor 47, Grandsire Minor 12, Grandsire Doubles 12. Those taking part were: A. Bates 63 (conducted 56), J. Couchman 62 (conducted 5), G. Mason 62, W. Wingate 58, F. Mason 56, L. Rutter 51, and the following visitors: A. Bailey 4 (conducted 2), T. Brooker 6, L. Smith and T. Collier 3 each, E. Bates, F. Gates, A. Gates and A. Martin 2 each, and R. Constance, W. West and T. Groombridge (conducted 1) 1 each. Out of these 720's, 54 were rung for Sunday services.

MR. J. THORPE'S 100 PEALS.

On tower bells: Bob Minor, 1 (conducted 1); Minor in 4 methods, 2; Bob Major, 5; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (including 6208 and 11,232); Royal, 1; Maximus, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; College Single Major, 1; Double Norwich, 4; Grandsire Triples, 7; Caters, 4; Stedman Triples, 12; Caters, 6 (including 6591); Cinques, 5; total, 61. On handbells: Bob Major, 16 (conducted, 1); Royal, 3; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 1; Little Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 8; Caters, 10; total, 39.

B. MITCHELL'S 50 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 10, conducted, 1; Caters (one on handbells), 9; Stedman Triples, 11; Caters, 6; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Royal, 1; Duffield Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 8, conducted, 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; total, 50, conducted, 2. Rung in 14 towers, in three counties; 49 of the peals having been rung for the Midland Counties Association.

A MACCLESFIELD PEAL COMMEMORATED.

A peal board has been unveiled at Macclesfield recording the first peal rung on the bells of Christ Church. Mr. Stanway, who requested the Vicar to perform the ceremony, spoke in eulogistic terms of the work of Mr. Stoneley as instructor. Up to the time that he was engaged in June, 1911, little or no change ringing had been done on the bells by Christ Church ringers. By the end of the year, however, they were able to ring 120 Grandsire Doubles, and on February 25th, 1912, they rang their first 720 of Minor. On June 8th they rang their first 5040, and to commemorate that event his brother and himself desired to give the board, which was of solid oak and written in gold. He also asked the Vicar and church officials to accept a photograph of the members of the Chester Diocesan Guild, which was taken to commemorate its 25th anniversary.—The Vicar accepted with thanks both the peal board and the photograph, and then unveiled the former.—In according thanks to the donors of the peal board, a tribute was paid to the progress of the ringers at Christ Church, and the proceedings terminated with 120 Grandsire Doubles rung, by: E. Greenwood 1, F. Stoneley 2, F. Hirst 3, S. Stanway 4, W. H. Whealton 5, C. E. Galleymore 6.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

TUNSTALL.—Stoke Archidiaconal Association.—On Sunday, March 16th, at Christ Church, with the bells muffled, for the late Lord Bishop of Lichfield, a quarter-peal of Superlative (1344 changes): F. Smith 1, G. A. Smith (conductor) 2, J. Darlington 3, J. Godber 4, W. J. Washbrook, junr., 5, W. R. Washbrook 6, A. Clay 7, Wm. Thompson 8.

WOLVERHAMPTON.—Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.—On Palm Sunday, before and after evensong, at the Collegiate Church of St. Peter, 450 and 287 Grandsire Caters, were rung with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Right Rev. the Hon. Augustus Legge, Bishop of Lichfield, who died the previous day: H. Hawkswood 1, H. Mitchell 2, F. Darrall 3, T. O'Connor 4, A. Little 5, H. Farlow 6, W. G. Hall 7, B. Clark 8, H. Knight (conductor) 9, E. Mitchell 10.

NORTHAMPTON.—On Sunday, March 16th, at All Saints' Church, in 50 mins., a quarter-peal of Superlative (1260 changes): J. White 1, A. J. Heasman 2, E. Harris 3, J. T. Heasman 4, A. W. Coles (conductor) 5, H. Rainbow 6, W. J. Allen 7, H. Blondell 8.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.—On Sunday, March 16th, at the Church of St. Peter, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: H. Jackson (Mossley), first attempt at Grandsire, 1, G. Garnett 2, J. W. Holme 3, H. Holme 4, R. Wimpenny 5, H. Palmer 6, W. W. Wolstencroft 7, E. Barton 8.

HERTFORD.—At St. Andrew's Church, on March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: R. Dore 1, H. J. Gray 2, E. J. Newell 3, W. Irons 4, V. Neale (first quarter-peal as conductor) 5, A. E. Creasey 6, G. Gray 7, A. Akers 8.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.—Norwich Association.—On March 1st, for morning service, 672 Double Norwich: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, C. Baker 2, J. Allen 3, R. Whiting 4, E. Whiting 5, C. Roope 6, W. Roope 7, F. Roope 8. For evening service, 672 Superlative Surprise: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, E. Whiting 2, A. Roope 3, R. Whiting 4, C. Baker 5, F. Surridge 6, C. Roope 7, F. Roope 8.—On March 8th, 448 Cambridge Surprise: F. Borrett (conductor) 1, A. Roope 2, J. Allen 3, C. Baker 4, E. Whiting 5, C. Roope 6, W. Roope 7, F. Roope 8. For evening service, 576 Oxford Treble Bob Major: C. Brice (conductor) 1, E. Whiting 2, H. Garnham 3, R. Riches 4, G. Gower 5, H. Adcock 6, E. Whiting 7, T. Adcock 8.

LONDON.—At St. Matthew's, Bethnal Green.—On Sunday, March 16th, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: A. Hughes 1, W. Truss 2, W. Theobald 3, G. E. Joyce 4, T. Cranfield 5, J. Moule 6, R. Sanders 7, H. Torble (conductor) 8.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.—On March 11th, 720 Carlisle Surprise: T. Barrett 1, G. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, H. Kilby 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, F. J. Hardy 6. First on the bells and by all the band.—On Sunday, March 16th, 720 Plain Bob: A. French 1, G. Kilby 2, F. Barrett (first 720 with bob bell) 3, T. Langdon 4, G. Chalkley 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.

HAMMERSMITH.—St. Paul's Guild.—On March 13th, 1280 Bob Major, in 50 mins.: W. Stevens 1, H. Crooke 2, H. Stevens 3, H. Cook 4, R. Mackrill 5, C. Hunt 6, F. Skevington 7, G. Iles (conductor) 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On March 10th, at the Parish Church, 308 Grandsire Triples: G. Gray 1, T. J. Watts 2, G. Jordan 3, J. Luckey 4, W. T. Prior 5, H. Little 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8. Also 420 Stedman Triples, with T. J. Watts, conductor; and on Sunday, March 16th, for morning service, 312 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, A. Jordan 2, T. J. Watts 3, G. Jordan 4, T. Jordan 5, H. Little 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

LEATHERHEAD.—On March 11th, 1280 Bob Major: E. Boniface 1, W. E. Otway 2, W. Messam 3, A. H. Winch (conductor) 4, W. Marks 5, E. Hull 6, A. C. Otway 7, A. Dean 8. First quarter-peal of Bob Major by an entirely local band.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND.—Kent Association.—On March 8th, to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the landing of Queen Alexandra, which took place at the Royal Terrace Pier, within easy distance of the Church, 720 Plain Bob: H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, P. Ashenden (Mcopham) 3, J. Burles 4, H. Holden (Mcopham) 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. Also 720 Kent Treble Bob: H. Argent 1, G. Ambrose 2, G. Jones 3, H. Holden 4, J. Burles 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.—On Palm Sunday, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob: G. Collins 1, H. Argent 2, F. Hayes 3, J. Burles 4, G. Ambrose 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6. For evening service, a quarter-peal (1260 changes), in six methods, viz.:—Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob: G. Collins 1, G. Jones 2, G. Ambrose 3, J. Burles 4, F. Hayes 5, F. Mitchell (conductor) 6.

NOTTINGHAM.—On March 13th, at St. Peter's, after an attempt for a peal of Stedman, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich: *G. H. Johnson 1, *J. Woolley 2, A. Copcock (conductor) 3, *A. Barratt 4, J. C. Dicken 5, *S. Wesley 6, F. S. Price 7, *W. Ayre 8. *First quarter-peal.

CREWE.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at Christ Church, Crewe, 1272 Stedman Caters, in 54 mins.: W. T. Holding 1, R. T. Holding, junr., 2, J. H. Riding 3, H. F. Holding 4, W. F. Hartshorne 5, A. Crawley 6, G. H. Crawley 7, J. Dentith 8, R. T. Holding, senr. (conductor) 9, R. D. Langford 10. Longest touch of Stedman Caters on the bells. All the ringers are local men.

GRAVESEND.—On Easter Sunday, for evening service, at St. George's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: W. Gates 1, R. Tall 2, C. Constant 3, R. Smith 4, J. Constant 5, A. Constant (first quarter as conductor) 6, R. Constant 7, E. Hadlow 8.

FULBOURN, CAMBS.—On Good Friday, 720 Double Oxford, rung with bells muffled: E. Webb 1, W. Scotcher 2, H. Hall 3, L. G. Mallion 4, J. Page 5, B. D. Buttriss (conductor) 6. Also a course of Cambridge Surprise.

PUTNEY.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday evening, a quarter-peal of Bob Major, in 46 mins.: H. Whanslaw (first quarter-peal in the method) 1, J. Herbert 2, W. Honeyball 3, C. Collis, junr., 4, G. W. Honeyball 5, T. Bolton 6, J. Kent 7, Arthur Jones (conductor) 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. Whanslaw.

SHIPLEY, SUSSEX.—On March 17th, 720 Bob Minor: W. Denman, junr., 1, Miss Bertha Mitchell 2, T. Adams 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First 720 on an inside bell by Miss Mitchell, and rung at the first attempt.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 720 London Surprise: W. Denman 1, T. Adams 2, R. H. Bowell 3, G. Lucas 4, J. F. Bowell 5, A. Cripps (conductor) 6. First 720 of London Surprise by all the band. In the afternoon an attempt was made for a peal of Surprise Minor, but it was lost after an hour's capital ringing. Afterwards, a 720 Cambridge and 720 Carlisle Surprise was rung for the evening service, the band standing in the same order as in the London.

BLETCHLEY, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: F. Stanton 1, J. Mead 2, L. Meager 3, W. Sear 4, T. Best 5, E. Marks 6, H. Sear (conductor) 7, F. Goodman 8. First quarter-peal of Stedman by all except H. and W. Sear, and first quarter by the local band.

HALLOW, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On March 9th, for morning service, 855 Stedman Triples: C. Bowkett 1, G. Hinton, junr., 2, W. Rouse 3, J. Batchelor 4, T. Bullock 5, W. Page (conductor) 6, G. Checketts 7, J. Purdoo 8.—On March 16th, for evening service, 840 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): W. Page (conductor) 1, C. Bowkett 2, J. Purdoo 3, W. Rouse 4, J. Batchelor 5, T. Bullock 6, A. Winterton 7, W. Sharp 8.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 16th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: C. Gittins 1, G. Hislop (conductor) 2, A. J. Hughes (Bangor) 3, F. Thomas 4, R. Leather 5, T. Kay 6, A. E. Grave 7, J. Roberts 8. For evening service, 490 Grandsire Triples: J. Roberts 1, G. Hislop 2, C. Gittins 3, F. Thomas 4, A. E. Grace 5, A. J. Hughes (conductor) 6, T. Kay 7, H. Hudson 8.

CHILDWALL.—At the Parish Church, 720 Bob Minor: H. Turton (first 720) 1, G. Hislop 2, A. J. Hughes 3, T. Rigg 4, J. Roberts 5, A. E. Grace (conductor) 6.

SOUTHWOLD, SUFFOLK.—On March 16th, for evening service, 672 Grandsire Triples (from Holt's Original): F. Osborne 1, J. Larter 2, J. Farrington 3, J. Gillings 4, E. Goodwin 5, W. E. Ayers 6, H. Barton (conductor) 7, G. Blowers 8.

BRISTOL.—On March 15th, at St. Stephen's, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: S. Abrahams 1, W. Farley 2, T. B. Holmyard 3, R. H. Leaker 4, G. Vickery 5, F. J. Cooker 6, F. G. Leaker (conductor) 7, W. Abrahams 8.

COALBROOKDALE, SHROPSHIRE.—On Good Friday, the bells of Holy Trinity Church were rung half-muffled for evening service. A quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 48 mins.; also 420: H. Aston 1, W. Jones 2, H. Bailey 3, C. Watts 4, F. S. Downing 5, W. Lago 6, W. Saunders (conductor) 7, J. Garbett 8. Mr. W. Morgan, late conductor, who heard the ringing, congratulated the band on the perfect striking.

WOOTTON BASSETT.—Salisbury Diocesan Guild.—On March 1st, at the Parish Church, 510 Grandsire Doubles, with the bells half-muffled, as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Earl Nelson, President of the Guild: W. T. Baxter 1, L. Wilson (conductor) 2, Harold Llewellyn 3, M. Tuck 4, F. Harris 5, C. Curtis 6.—On Sunday, March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins., with 4, 6, 8 covering: W. T. Baxter 1, L. Wilson (conductor) 2, H. Llewellyn 3, C. Barber 4, M. Tuck 5, S. Telling 6, F. Harris 7, C. Curtis 8. This is the longest length by all except the conductor, and is also the longest rung by an entirely local band.

GREAT TOTHAM, ESSEX.—On March 1st, at St. Peter's Church, 720 Norwich Surprise: P. C. Saver 1, F. Chalk 2, J. Owers 3, F. White 4, H. J. Mansfield 5, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 6. First 720 in the method by all.

SEALE, SURREY.—On March 1st, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: *W. Fisher 1, H. Chaffey 2, *A. Croucher 3, Alf. Croucher 4, *G. Fisher 5, C. Edwards (conductor) 6. *First 720 of Kent.

HURSLEY, HANTS.—On March 2nd, for morning service, 720 Plain Bob, in 26 mins.: A. Warren (first 720) 1, *E. Wild 2, J. Richards 3, *J. A. Pannell 4, R. G. Hunt 5, W. Jones (conductor) 6. *First 720 inside.

FINCHLEY.—On Saturday, March 1st, an attempt for a peal in Treble Bob methods came to grief, after ringing 720 Willesden Delight and Oxford Treble Bob: F. Barrett 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, W. G. Matthews 4, T. Langdon 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6. Afterwards 720 Kent Treble Bob, with F. Barker, of Finchley, 4, his first in the method.

FENHILLTON.—On March 2nd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, 1260 changes (taken from Holt's Original), in 42

mins.: E. Bryant 1, S. Reynier 2, L. C. Ferrige 3, F. Ford 4, W. Wood 5, J. Warwick 6, J. Webb (conductor) 7, G. Rayner 8.

SALEHURST, SUSSEX.—On Tuesday, March 11th, this energetic band, members of the Sussex Association, added another quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples to their credit in 52 mins., conducted by W. Franks, of Battle, who is acting as coach to the band: J. Goodsell (first quarter with a working bell) 1, E. Mills 2, H. Edwards (first quarter-peal) 3, W. Cramp 4, T. Booth 5, W. Head 6, W. Franks 7, S. Goodsell 8.

LONDON.—On Sunday morning, March 16th, at St. Dunstan's-in-the-East, on the occasion of a visit in state of Alderman Humphrey and the Common Council of the Tower Ward of the City of London, 1280 Kent Treble Bob Major, in 52 mins.: T. King 1, A. H. Palmer 2, C. T. Coles (conductor) 3, E. E. Grimes 4, R. N. Runham 5, J. A. Trollope 6, J. E. Davis 7, A. W. Grimes (composer) 8.

TAMWORTH.—On March 16th, at the Parish Church, 700 Grandsire Triples, with the bells muffled for the death of the Lord Bishop of Lichfield: G. Chaplin 1, A. E. Young (conductor) 2, J. W. Timms 3, A. Chaplin 4, W. Chapman 5, A. Everitt 6, R. P. Brindley 7, F. Keen 8.

WILLESDEN.—On Sunday, Dec. 22nd, a 720 of Plain Bob: Miss Dora Ellis (first 720) 1, G. M. Kilby 2, G. Chalkley 3, T. Langdon 4, R. Kilby 5, H. Kilby (conductor) 6.—On March 2nd, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob: F. Barrett 1, G. Chalkley 2, E. White (of Elstow, Bedford) 3, G. M. Kilby 4, T. Langdon (conductor) 5, H. Kilby 6. Also 720 Plain Bob (46 calls), with A. French (first 720) 1.

MIDSOMER NORTON.—At the Parish Church, on Dec. 31st, 1912, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, by the following local members: I. B. Holmyard 1, C. Ford 2, J. Hambleton 3, F. Chivers 4, F. Speed 5, R. Jones 6, W. Keavill (conductor) 7, G. Seymour 8. First quarter-peal by the ringers of 2nd and tenor, and first on a bob bell for the ringer of the 6th.

BARROW-ON-HUMBER, Lincs.—Lincoln Diocesan Guild (Northern Branch).—On Jan. 10th, 720 Bob Minor (18 bobs and 9 singles): R. Pratt 1, J. Barrick 2, H. Batson 3, G. Thompson, junr., 4, E. Dannatt 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.—On Feb. 8th, 720 Bob Minor (42 singles): R. Pratt 1, J. Barrick 2, E. Dannatt 3, H. Batson 4, W. Goddard (Thornton) 5, W. Crowder (conductor) 6.

BREDENBURY, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On Jan. 31st, 360 Canterbury, 360 Plain Bob, 120 Grandsire Minor, by: W. Quartley, H. Lambert, W. Clements, W. Watkins, S. Clements, A. Tomkins, R. Bethel.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 40 mins.: C. Bethel 1, H. Lambert 2, W. Watkins 3, A. Tomkins (conductor) 4, R. Bethel 5, W. Quartley 6.

ISLEWORTH.—Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 2nd, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 43 mins.: F. G. Goddard 1, W. E. Garrard (conductor) 2, T. Beadle 3, C. Dell 4, C. J. Dobbie 5, W. A. Garrard 6, G. Spencer 7, A. Beckensale 8. For men's service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: E. Webb 1, J. Kent 2, J. Crocker 3, F. E. Cole 4, J. Owers (first quarter) 5, T. Beadle 6, F. Skevington (conductor) 7, G. Spencer 8.

WALTHAMSTOW.—The Middlesex Association.—On Sunday, Feb. 9th, after evensong, 1263 Stedman Caters, in 49 mins.: J. H. Wilkins 1, F. Rumens 2, H. Rumens 3, C. T. Coles (conductor) 4, *N. Tomlinson 5, J. C. Adams 6, *F. G. Tegg 7, J. Armstrong 8, F. C. Maynard 9, R. Maynard, senr., 10. *First quarter-peal on ten bells.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, 504 Stedman Triples: J. Harris 1, A. S. Beer 2, A. Collins 3, J. Wheeler 4, J. Symonds 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Matthews 8.

STRATTON ST. MARGARET, WILTS.—On Feb. 9th, at St. Margaret's Church, before evensong, 720 Cambridge Surprise Minor: A. J. Gilbert 1, T. Moulden 2, F. Looker 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley), conductor, 6. Also 720 after evensong: T. Moulden 1, R. W. Hyner 2, W. J. Nevard 3, W. G. Lancaster 4, G. Lancaster (conductor) 5, C. J. Gardiner 6.

SWINDON, WILTS.—At Christ Church, on Feb. 9th, 560 Double Norwich: J. H. Odey 1, E. Bishop 2, R. W. Hyner 3, G. W. Townsend 4, S. Palmer 5, W. J. Nevard (Great Bentley) 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8. Also 384 Superlative Surprise: E. Bishop 1, R. W. Hyner 2, G. W. Townsend 3, W. J. Nevard 4, J. H. Shepherd 5, H. W. L. Wells 6, G. Lancaster 7, C. J. Gardiner (conductor) 8.—On March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples: A. Lawrence 1, O. W. Layng 2, J. H. Odey 3, R. W. Hyner 4, G. W. Townsend 5, E. Bishop (conductor) 6, S. Palmer 7, A. W. Harrington 8.

TROWBRIDGE.—On Feb. 15th, at St. James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: J. Francis 1, H. Taylor 2, A. E. Angel 3, A. West 4, S. J. Hector (conductor) 5, A. K. Harrison 6, G. H. Harding 7, S. Francis 8. The ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th hail from Melksham, and the tenor man from Hilpertown.

CHIDDINGFOLD, SURREY.—The Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Feb. 21st, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: C. Remnant 1, T. Attwell 2, T. Luff 3, W. G. Brockhurst 4, J. Allford 5, G. Luff 6, A. J. Bartlett (conductor) 7, Walter Simmonds (first quarter and first attempt) 8.—On Sunday, Feb. 23rd, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins. (taken from Holt's Original): T. Luff 1, A. J. Bartlett 2, W. G. Brockhurst (conductor) 3, G. Luff 4, T. Attwell 5, J. Allford 6, H. J. Ellis 7, Walter Simmonds 8.

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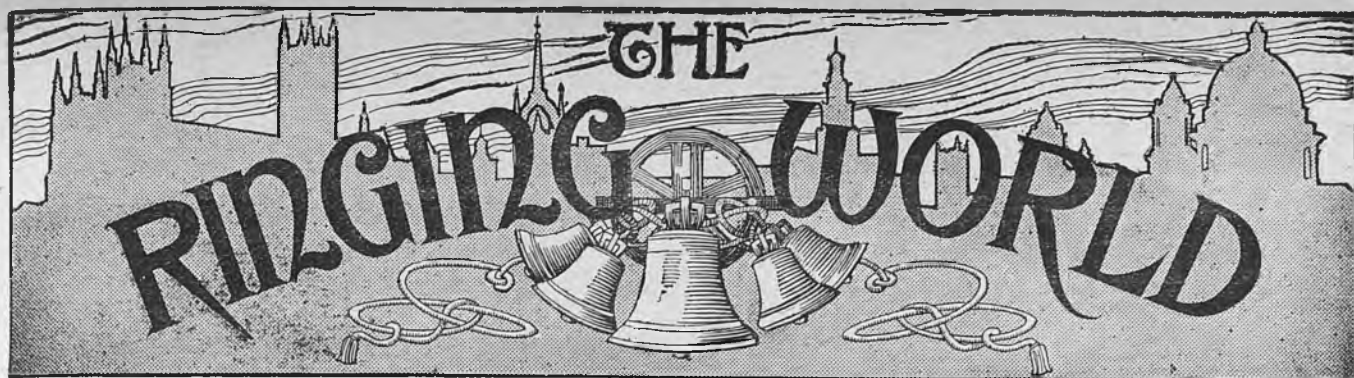
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When a subject becomes one for general discussion it may fairly be anticipated that some good may result. This we hope will be the outcome of the publicity which is now being given to the matter of excessive peal ringing in populous areas. The matter has been debated before, but it is one which it is well not to lose sight of, and it is given the more prominence at this moment by the lead which Sir Arthur Heywood, the President of the Central Council, is taking. He admits that in thickly populated districts the overdoing of peal ringing is a real danger to the Exercise. Sir Arthur has emphasised the point in speeches both at Birmingham and Leicester recently, and, coming from one in his position, the warning must carry weight. Mr. Arthur King, presiding at the meeting of the Middlesex Association on Saturday, also touched on the same matter. He ably championed the cause of the peal ringer, and, in reply to the advice that is always so readily given that ringers should show consideration for others, he pointed out that ringers are ever considerate, for they would always willingly forego their practice when appealed to in case of illness near a church.

With that view everyone will be in agreement. No ringer would for a moment desire to pursue his pleasure, at the expense of a fellow creature on a bed of sickness, but we think Sir Arthur Heywood's comments are designed to touch a wider state of affairs than this. There are towers—we need not go out of London to find them—where a great deal of ringing goes on. At one, for instance, three peals were recently rung within the space of about a month, and that in the heart of the great city. For our part we do not in the least lay blame upon anyone. The ringers belonged to different associations. Each in turn had applied for the bells, and, having been granted the use of them, naturally made the most of the opportunity.

But all this does not alter the fact that in such districts there grows up among an unappreciative public an opposition to the bells which it is difficult to allay, and while the real objectors may now be small in numbers, they might not find it difficult to win over to their opinion many others who are at present indifferent, and thus, perhaps, raise such a very considerable opposition that church authorities would feel bound to take notice of it. Sir Arthur Heywood's desire is to counsel moderation, before things have the opportunity of reaching this undesirable pass, and those who have the best interest of the Exercise at heart will agree with him, as they also will with Mr. King when he emphasises the need for judgment and tact, and the importance of give and take in these matters. Where there is genuine reason for complaint let it be met by ringers in a spirit of goodwill, and all will be well.

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NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5171 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 6
BENJAMIN C. DIXON 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOSEPH E. KEEN 8
JOHN FLINT 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER 9
THOMAS T. GOFTON 5	ROBERT RICHARDS ... Tenor

Composed by J. CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

John Holman hails from Sheffield and John Flint from Bolsover. They were elected members of the above Association before starting.

REIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5037 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 3 qr. 21 lbs., in E flat.

HENRY F. EWINS Treble	ARTHUR D. BARKER 6
CHALLIS F. WINNEY 2	FRANCIS E. DAWE 7
*CHRISTOPHER H. HUGHES ... 3	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD ... 8
ROBERT W. GREEN 4	THOMAS H. TAFFENDER 9
DAVID WRIGHT 5	GEORGE F. HOAD Tenor

Composed by CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

* First peal on ten bells.

GLOUCESTER.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MICHAEL'S JUNIORS.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

THOMAS BALDWIN Treble	JOHN W. JONES 6
JESSE GILLET 2	CHARLES H. AUSTIN 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 3	ARTHUR S. BOAR 8
THOMAS NEWMAN 4	ERNEST E. DAVIS 9
FRANK MORGAN 5	GEORGE CONDICK Tenor

Composed by MORRIS J. MORRIS, and

Conducted by THOMAS BALDWIN.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANCES;

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 6
ALBERT STOWELL 2	HENRY B. BURT 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 3	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 8
FREDERICK W. WADE 4	HENRY T. HOWELL 9
CHARLES PERRY 5	ISAAC LONG Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

F. G. May's fiftieth peal as conductor on St. Nicholas' bells.

WAKEFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CATHEDRAL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*GEORGE A. JOWETT Treble	†PERCY J. JOHNSON 6
MARK TATE... .. 2	JAMES MOORHOUSE 7
ALBERT SCOTT 3	JOHN W. MOORHOUSE 8
GEORGE HINSLEY 4	THOMAS R. HENSHER 9
JOSEPH BROADLEY 5	WALTER PEAKER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN W. MOORHOUSE.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells and first attempt.

† First peal of Grandsire Caters on tower bells away from treble.

APPLETON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, March 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5075 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR H. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK WEBB 6
GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 2	F. STEDMAN WHITE 7
FRANK WEBB 3	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 8
*J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 4	RICHARD WHITE 9
WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 5	FRED WHITE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. HOLIFIELD, Senr.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung with the bells half-muffled as a last token of respect to the late Charles Hounslow, of Oxford.

WOLVERHAMPTON.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*ISAAC PURSER Treble	WILLIAM FISHER 6
ALBERT LITTLE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 7
JOHN BASS... .. 3	JAMES H. SHEPHERD 8
GEORGE HUGHES 4	HERBERT KNIGHT 9
GEORGE PIGOTT 5	HORACE BELCHER Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal of Stedman Caters with a working bell. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. The above was rung after meeting short for Bob Maximus. This composition is No. 12 on Carter's Broadsheet.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, HEAVILEY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

THOMAS JACKSON Treble	REV. ARTHUR T. BEESTON 6
WILLIAM JACKSON 2	THOMAS BOTTRILL 7
HIRAM MEAKIN 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON 8
HAROLD JACKSON... .. 4	RICHARD NEWTON 9
WILLIAM LOWERY 5	HARRY CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and Conducted by HARRY CHAPMAN.

This peal is the first of a series of farewell peals, arranged for Richard Newton, who is shortly leaving the district for America.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, March 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 30 cwt.

REGINALD BROUGH Treble	CHARLES F. WHITE... .. 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	JAMES HUNT 6
FRANK BENNETT... .. 3	WILLIAM SHIMMANS... .. 7
JOHN D. MATTHEWS 4	EDGAR WIGHTMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Rung for the festival of Easter after meeting short for Treble Ten.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... Treble	R. ALDER GOFTON 5
JOHN HOLMAN 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 6
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 3	JOHN FLINT 7
WILLIAM H. BARBER 4	THOMAS T. GOFTON ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by THOMAS T. GOFTON.

* First attempt for a peal. First peal on the new bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

PHILIP ALLFREY... .. Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
ALBERT D. STONE 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
CHARLES T. COLES 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
OLIVER SIPPETS... .. 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by F. DENCH, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

NEW SHOREHAM, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION.

Tenor 15 cwt.

*CECIL THOMAS Treble	ALFRED W. GROVES 5
†ROBERT NOAKES 2	BERT CHALLEN... .. 6
EDMUND H. LINDUP 3	HENRY STALHAM 7
†ERNEST MARSH... .. 4	HARRY SAMSON... .. Tenor

Conducted by H. STALHAM.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung as a farewell peal to Rev. Blanchard.

SHIPLEY, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND THE
LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JOYCE Treble	JOB A. ROSS 5
ERNEST A. MURGATROYD... 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
JOSEPH BROADLEY 3	WILLIAM JOYCE... .. 7
JAMES COTTERELL 4	THOS. B. KENDALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM JOYCE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor, and on the 30th anniversary of the wedding of Mr. Chas. Pratt, of Calverley. It was also the anniversary of the re-opening of the bells after their re-hanging.

GOOLE, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16½ cwt.

*GEORGE WILBURN Treble	*DAVID ENGLAND 5
ARTHUR W. JACKSON 2	HERBERT LUDKIN 6
*EDWARD PURDY... .. 3	MARK TATE 7
CHARLES W. KING 4	JOSEPH DRAKE Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

* First peal. A. W. Jackson was proposed a member of the Association before starting. This is the first peal to originate from the monthly district practices begun ten months ago.

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

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

T. H. PARKIN Treble	C. H. BIRD 5
N. SHORT 2	H. STRICKLAND... .. 6
T. P. HOCKNELL... .. 3	H. OLIVER... .. 7
J. E. SMITH... .. 4	G. VAMPLEW Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by G. VAMPLEW.

BEBINGTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

JOHN WILKINSON... .. Treble	GEORGE R. NEWTON ... 5
THOMAS JENNION 2	EDWARD CAUNCE 6
THOMAS MURRAY 3	JAMES MARTIN 7
HENRY FYLES 4	EDWIN BREESE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

First peal in the method on the bells. Messrs. Jennion and Fyles were elected members of the Guild previous to starting.

BLAGDON, SOMERSET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS' FIVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*CECIL DENNING... .. Treble	*ERNEST STANDEN ... 5
*WILLIAM FISHER 2	THOMAS E. FRANCIS ... 6
GEORGE FISHER... .. 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN ... 7
FRED ILEY 4	†GEORGE JONES Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal of Triples. Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Fisher. All the above are members of the Congresbury band except Messrs. Chamberlain and Iley, who hail from Burnham and Huntspill respectively.

HELMINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	WILLIAM BURGESS ... 5
ERNEST E. LANHAM 2	WILLIAM WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE WIGHTMAN 3	WILLIAM T. LAST 7
GEORGE WHITING 4	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by G. WIGHTMAN.

DRAYTON, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART Tenor 9 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

*MISS KATHLEEN HOLIFIELD Treble	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Junr. 5
HARRY HOLIFIELD 2	GEORGE HOLIFIELD, Senr. 6
WILLIAM H. J. HOLIFIELD 3	JAMES W. WILKINS ... 7
ALBERT E. LOCK 4	GORDON CAUDWELL... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal,

CARSHALTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS'.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	ALFRED J. TRAPPIST ... 6
ALFRED BOXALL 3	WILLIAM S. SMITH 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	FREDERICK TILLEY Tenor

Conducted by WM. S. SMITH.

BRIERLEY HILL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROBERT MATTHEWS... Treble	JOHN LLOYD 5
*JAMES HEMMING 2	ABRAHAM GREENFIELD ... 6
JOHN BASS 3	CHARLES E. PERKINS ... 7
WILLIAM POTTER 4	JACOB WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

* First peal in the method.

ROLVENDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 16 cwt., in F sharp.

HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... Treble	ROBERT J. DAWE 5
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 2	WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... 6
CHARLES W. PLAYER 3	CHARLES TRIBE 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	ALFRED BLACKMAN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

TENTERDEN, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MILDRED,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' VARIATION. Tenor 30 cwt., in D.

ROBERT EDWARDS ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT 2	HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 6
FREDERICK G. BURDEN ... 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	ARCHIBALD ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

GOUDHURST, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 27 cwt.

WILLIAM H. LAMBERT ... Treble	CHARLES W. PLAYER ... 5
FRANK BENNETT... .. 2	*EDWIN LAMBERT 6
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 3	*FREDERICK J. LAMBERT ... 7
ROBERT J. DAWE 4	CHARLES TRIBE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal of Stedman.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt.

*ALBERT WALLWORK ... Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ALFRED POTTER 6
HARRY CHAPMAN 3	JOHN POTTER 7
JOSEPH H. RIDYARD, Junr. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Conducted by JOHN POTTER.

* First peal in the method.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Tuesday, March 25, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

LEONARD P. BAILEY ... Treble	JAMES M. BAILEY ... 5
FREDERICK W. BAILEY ... 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY ... 6
*GEORGE WILSON ... 3	CHARLES SAMSON ... 7
CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method and first attempt.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN, WATERLOO ROAD, S.E.,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES... Treble	CHARLES T. COLES ... 5
*T. REGINALD DENNIS ... 2	J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
HAROLD BURTON ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... Tenor

Composed by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr., and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

* First peal in the method.

STANFORD-ON-SOAR, NOTTS.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

*WILLIAM THORLEY ... Treble	WILLIAM SMITH ... 5
FRANK E. PERVIN ... 2	ERNEST W. CARTWRIGHT ... 6
HARRY WHITTLE ... 3	WILLIAM TRIGG ... 7
WILLIAM GOSLING, Senr. ... 4	JOHN OLDHAM ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by HARRY WHITTLE.

* First peal away from the tenor. Mr. W. Gosling, senr., hails from Mansfield, and is 86 years of age. Rung as a wedding compliment to Mr. Arthur Robbins, R.N., and Miss Sarah Anne Pervin; and Mr. Thomas Marshall and Miss Clara Yates.

MERTHYR TYDVIL, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. TYDVIL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

WILLIAM MORGAN ... Treble	ALBERT HUNT ... 5
CHARLES PALEY ... 2	FREDERICK B. STEDMAN ... 6
EDWARD THOMAS... 3	ALBAN E. SLATTER... 7
FRANK CHAVE ... 4	P.C. JOHN E. COLES ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBAN E. SLATTER.

Rung as a farewell peal to the ringer of the 3rd, who is leaving for Canada, and is one of the oldest members of the band; also as a birthday peal for the conductor.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

DR. A. B. CARPENTER'S ONE-PART. Tenor 20 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

JOSEPH LAW ... Treble	THOMAS HY. HAWKINS ... 5
WILLIAM WEATHERSTONE ... 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 6
*FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 3	GEORGE H. DAYNES ... 7
*ALFRED G. BENNINGTON... 4	*FREDK. H. GOOCH ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE H. DAYNES.

* First peal in the method. First in the method on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Thomas Hy. Hawkins.

BILSTON, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD
AND THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Cox's SIX-PART

Tenor 11 cwt.

FRED COLCLOUGH ... Treble	JOHN A. BROWN ... 5
ARTHUR BAKER ... 2	JAMES ADAMS ... 6
WALTER GRINSELL ... 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... 7
CHRIS. WALLATER ... 4	THOMAS JUSTICE ... Tenor

Conducted by J. A. BROWN.

This is the first peal in the method on the bells. Rung as a compliment to Mr. R. J. Rogers upon his retirement from the office of people's warden, after eleven years' faithful service. Also as a compliment to Mr. F. Coleclough, on the eve of his 31st birthday. Messrs. Baker, Grinsell and Gough belong to Coseley, Wallater and Adams to Willenhall, the remainder to Bilston. J. A. Brown was elected a member of the Stafford Society previous to starting for the peal.

DISS, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

CLEMENT MORE... Treble	GEORGE ARCHER ... 5
*ARTHUR R. SOWDEN... 2	WILLIAM IRELAND ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER ... 3	ELLIS HAYWARD ... 7
WILLIAM ROSE ... 4	JOHN SOUTER ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS (formerly of Diss), and
Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

* First peal in the method. Messrs. Clover and Rose hail from Thornham Magna.

HERSHAM, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, March 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOHN EMERY ... Treble	ALFRED WOODROW ... 5
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 2	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 6
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 3	FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM A. WOODROW ... 4	ERNEST W. MARSH... Tenor

Composed by FRANK BENNETT, and
Conducted by WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

This peal was arranged for the ringer of the tenor, who hails from Plymouth, and was elected a member before starting.

MITCHAM, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

WM. H. JOINER ... Treble	JOHN S. DANIELS ... 5
JAMES D. DREWETT ... 2	THOMAS STEERS ... 6
FRANK HOLDER ... 3	ALBERT CALVER ... 7
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 4	WM. S. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by R. FLEMING, and
Conducted by W. S. SMITH.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEBMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

*FREDERICK LAVERICK ... Treble	*THOMAS LANCASTER ... 5
*CYRIL POLLARD ... 2	WILLIAM BROADLEY... 6
JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 3	THOMAS METCALFE ... 7
WILLIAM HOLMES ... 4	THOMAS LEYBOURNE... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal of Stedman.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 0 qr. 17 lbs.

SIDNEY GRIDLEY Treble	ARTHUR MAXIM... .. 5
THOMAS CHINERY 2	FREDERICK INCH 6
WALTER P. GRIDLEY... .. 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR 7
G. BERNARD WARD 4	SAMUEL EVANS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and

Conducted by T. EVANS.

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

QUEENSBURY, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE, AND HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	JOSEPH BROADLEY 5
JAMES COTTERELL 2	THOMAS B. KENDALL 6
JOE HARDCASTLE... .. 3	FRED SALMON 7
JONAS S. AMBLER 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by JAMES COTTERELL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. J. W. Wright, wife of the tenor ringer. The ringers were entertained to a tea and social at their residence after the peal and a hearty vote of thanks, with congratulations, was accorded to the host and hostess for their hospitality.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

*CHARLES CHURCH Treble	*GEORGE FLEMING 5
*ALBERT FLEMING 2	*GEORGE BENNETT 6
REV. WM. C. PEARSON 3	*GEORGE FARNISH 7
*SIDNEY W. PILGRIM 4	THOMAS W. LAST Tenor

Composed by DR. F. E. W. MEADOWS, and

Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

* First peal in this method.

GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD A. G. ALLEN Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
*REGINALD BROUGH 2	FRANK I. HAIRS 6
JOHN H. CHEESEMAN 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES Tenor

Composed by N. J. PISTOW, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in the method.

HEENE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM HILLMAN Treble	HORACE TULETT 5
HARRY EVANS 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
ARTHUR ARNELL 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP... .. 7
ALFRED W. GROVES 4	JOHN JERVIS Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

B. Challen hails from Shoreham.

CHESHUNT, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(THE CHESHUNT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

DAVID TUCKER Treble	HENRY CORNWELL 5
*GEORGE ANDREWS 2	HENRY G. ROWE 6
GEORGE MAXIM... .. 3	*HORACE SIMMONS 7
FRANK JELF 4	ROBERT SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HENRY GEORGE ROWE.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal by a local band, and rung at the first attempt. This is the conductor's 120th peal.

HUGHENDEN, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(EAST BERKS AND SOUTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt., in G.

ARTHUR G. JANES Treble	FRANK BOREHAM 5
*J. H. R. FREEBORN 2	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	JOHN EVANS 7
JOHN GRANSBURY 4	RICHARD BUCKLAND... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

* First peal in the method.

WORLINGWORTH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. GROOM Treble	RICHARD PILGRIM 5
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
WILLIAM C. RUMSEY 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
PETER LAFLIN 4	WILLIAM BURGESS Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by WILLIAM C. RUMSEY.

CAVERSHAM.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(READING BRANCH.)

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

HENRY SIMMONDS Treble	JOSEPH HANDS 5
*WILLIAM J. PAICE 2	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 6
HUBERT HATTO 3	HENRY SMITH 7
CHARLES STONE 4	ERNEST W. MENDAY Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and

Conducted by ERNEST W. MENDAY.

* First peal of Cambridge.

SIX BELL PEALS.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

WILLIAM SMITH Treble	GEORGE FINCH 4
LESTER GRAY 2	ROBERT MILES 5
HENRY PUTTOCK... .. 3	WILLIAM REEVE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY PUTTOCK.

HEATHFIELD, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. BARROW ... Treble	*GEORGE DANN 4
*JOHN BRETT 2	OLIVER COLLINS 5
CHARLES BRETT 3	ARTHUR R. MILES ... Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR R. MILES.

* First peal of Minor and first attempt. Rung on the eve of the marriage of Miss Ethel Collins (eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Collins), and Mr. George Murry (second son of Mr. and Mrs. John Murray), of Reading.

GREAT ADDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

WILLIAM J. GILBERT... .. Treble	ARTHUR PETTIT... .. 4
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	WALTER GILBERT 5
PEARL INSKIP 3	GEORGE LINES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

Rung as a farewell to the Rev. J. T. Watson.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob, Grandsire Minor, Canterbury Pleasure and Plain Bob.
Tenor 14½ cwt.

*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.

* First peal in seven methods. First peal in seven methods on the bells by an entirely local company. Rung as a birthday compliment to the Rector of Milton (the Rev. G. W. Mennie, M.A.).

DESBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven different 720's, viz.:—One of Oxford Treble Bob and two each of Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's Bob and Plain Bob.

J. EDWARD CHAPMAN... .. Treble	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY ... 4
FREDERICK KILBORN 2	SAMUEL BURDITT 5
WALTER T. WILSON 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The ringers of the 2nd and 5th are members of the local company and this is their first peal in more than one method, and their first attempt for a 720 in two of the methods. The thanks of the band are due to Mr. S. Burditt who came forward on meeting short for seven methods.

CRANFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

JOSEPH SADDINGTON Treble	PEARL INSKIP 4
ARTHUR PETTIT 2	HARRY MEADOWS 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 3	GEORGE LINES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE LINES.

ELSTREE, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

ARTHUR TITMUSS... .. Treble	CHARLES JEFFS... .. 4
JAMES PAYNE, JUNR. 2	RICHARD CHALKLEY... .. 5
JOHN MALYAN 3	FREDERICK JEFFS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MALYAN.

First peal in the method by all except the ringer of the tenor.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Double Court and Plain Bob, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

H. COOK Treble	T. ROLFE 4
G. MEE 2	E. RIVERS 5
H. MEE 3	H. G. WELHAM Tenor

Conducted by T. ROLFE.

FOUR PEALS IN A DAY.

UPCHURCH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Double Oxford, Oxford Treble Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, Kent Treble Bob, College Single and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt. 3 qr. 23 lbs.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 4
CECIL BISHOP 2	WILLIAM NYE 5
JAMES NYE 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 6.50 a.m.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford Treble Bob, College Single, Double Oxford Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Kent Treble Bob, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob.
Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM NYE 4
CECIL BISHOP 2	JAMES NYE... .. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 10.20 a.m.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	JAMES NYE... .. 4
WILLIAM T. HYLAND... .. 2	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 5
WILLIAM NYE 3	CECIL BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 2.45 p.m.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WILLIAM J. WOOD Treble	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 4
WILLIAM NYE 2	JAMES NYE 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	CECIL BISHOP Tenor

Conducted by W. H. B. WILKINS.

This peal was started at 6.50 p.m. W. J. Wood hails from Queensborough, W. H. B. Wilkins from Sheerness, W. and J. Nye from Rodmersham, W. T. Hyland and C. Bishop from Upchurch. The ringers wish to tender their thanks to the several clergy for granting the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. R. MOORE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

WALTER RADLEY 1-2	ARTHUR E. MOORE 5-6
FREDERICK G. DEWELL 3-4	CHARLES WOODCOCK 7-8

Composed by G. Cross, and

Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Umpire: HARRY MOORE.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, March 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
IN THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

A. ELY 1-2	H. TURNER 5-6
W. W. KEMP 3-4	*J. HUNT 7-8

Composed by A. T. KING, and

Conducted by H. TURNER.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal. Rung as a farewell compliment to W. Kemp who is leaving for Lexden, Colchester.

ROTHERHAM.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
IN THE RINGING CHAMBER OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	WILFRED LLOYD 7-8

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpires: L. BRIGHTMAN and C. RYDER.

First peal and first attempt by Miss Hague, who is the first lady to ring a peal for the Association, and who was heartily congratulated on the way she manipulated her bells throughout.

The time of the peal at Leatherhead on March 15th was 3 hours 10 minutes, not 3 hours 18 minutes as stated.

SWANMORE.—Winchester Guild. — At St. Barnabas Church, on Easter Day, for early service, 720 Oxford Single Bob Minor: G. Laishley 1, F. Hoar 2, W. Cooper 3, E. Jacobs 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For afternoon service, 720 Bob Minor: W. Harris (first 720) 1, E. Jacobs 2, A. Millard 3, G. Laishley 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. Also 720 Canterbury Pleasure Minor: W. Linter, junr., 1, F. Hoar 2, G. Laishley 3, A. Millard 4, H. Ainsley 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6. For evening service, 720 College Single Minor: H. Ainsley 1, E. Jacobs 2, W. Cooper 3, G. Laishley 4, A. Millard 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

A REMINDER TO MEMBERS AND ASSOCIATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—May I remind all whom it may concern that time is on the wing, and that when these words appear in print there will be left but one brief week before notices of motion, reports of committees, and other matter in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the Council should be in my hands, the last day for the receipt of these being Saturday, April 12th, as duly notified in the preliminary notice published in these columns in the first two or three weeks of the year?

Of 40 affiliated Associations, at the moment of writing only 21 have paid affiliation fees. I earnestly request hon. secretaries of the remaining ones to forward the desired postal orders as soon as they can possibly do so.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

Fretherne, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

A SPILL ON THE ROAD.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS SECRETARY IN A MOTOR SMASH.

While returning from London, on Tuesday of last week, Mr. Fred Wilford, the popular hon. secretary of the Central Northants Association, and Mrs. Wilford, met with a serious accident. Mr. Wilford was driving his motor cycle, and Mrs. Wilford occupied the side car. When near Dunstable, a motor-car coming out a side road, collided with them. The cycle and side car were smashed, and Mrs. Wilford was thrown out heavily. She sustained slight concussion and shock, and received a cut over one eye. Mr. Wilford suffered badly skinned knees and bruises, as well as shock. Both were detained at Dunstable until last Friday, when they were removed to their home, at 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton. Mr. Wilford hopes soon to be about again, but Mrs. Wilford is still very ill. Ringers throughout the country will sympathise with them in their accident, and wish them both a speedy recovery.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Easter Monday the Surrey Association held a quarterly meeting at Epsom. The 40 members, who took advantage of using the two eight-bell rings of St. Martin and Christ Church, which the Vicars and churchwardens kindly placed at their disposal, were well rewarded, the "go" of the latter, a light ring, being much appreciated, though both towers have been the scene of many peals scored to the credit of the Association.

Possibly a dread of Epsom "Salts" (or a wholesome fear of "the Turf?") rendered the meeting an unusually small one; but those who were absent, missed much, for the visitors had, what to this Association is a rarity, the privilege of being addressed by a "ringing Parson," the Rev. W. D. Bainbridge-Bell; and his quiet earnest words of encouragement in the ringers' office as "preachers," with his reasoned adjuration to practice what they preached, had the "ring" about it of sincerity and sanctified common sense, and came with weight from one who in his earlier years had done yeoman service in the cause at Mitcheldever.

The reverend gentleman subsequently conducted the business meeting, which followed the tea, and his courteous yet firm and impartial chairmanship were warmly appreciated, as was evidenced by the plaudits which accompanied the vote of thanks.

The cash account showing a decided increase to the balance in hand, owing largely to economy in the matter of teas, was read and adopted, together with the committee's report on the year 1912, in which the following points were noted: The creation of the office of Master and the popular installation therein of Dr. A. B. Carpenter. The formation of the Southern District with its accretion of 53 members. The election of 27 other new members, making the total membership 396, as against 333 in 1911. The ringing of 36 peals as against 20 in 1911, with congratulations to Messrs. J. A. Lambert and J. Hoyle on their 100 peals each for the Association. The institution of monthly combined practices. The labour expended by Mr. Beams in the unique and beautifully kept record of the Association peals. The urging of a fuller attendance at the corporate services before the quarterly meetings—and a plea for a good understanding between each incumbent and his ringers—as well as for good feeling and fellowship amongst the ringers.

Votes of thanks were unanimously carried to the Vicars, churchwardens, and steeple keepers, of the two churches, and to the organist of St. Martin's, for their respective good offices bestowed on behalf of the Association in this branch of the work of "Christ's church militant here in earth."

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting wedding took place on Easter Monday at the quaint little village Church of Blackrod (Lancs), between Mr. John B. Greenhaigh, a member of the Westhoughton Parish Church band of ringers, and Miss Alice Hodgkinson, of Blackrod, daughter of an old Blackrod ringer, and "mine host" of Ye Old Green Barn Inn. Here to celebrate the auspicious event an excellent repast was provided, followed by a musical evening. Ringing could not be indulged in to any extent, as the "go" of the bells is very far from pleasing, but a few touches of Grandsire and "firing" did honour to the occasion by the local and Westhoughton bands, including Messrs. H. Gerrard, G. Wise, A. Jones, W. Marsh, P. Crook (Bolton), J. Edwards, etc.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

YEAR'S SUCCESSFUL PROGRESS.

The annual general meeting of the Ely Diocesan Association was held at Bury St. Edmunds, on Easter Monday when a good number of members and friends attended from Cambridge, Horringer, Lavenham, Rougham, Great Barton, Ely, Mildenhall, Long Stanton, Thetford, Newmarket, Henley, Ipswich, Fulbourn, Stowmarket, London, Royston, Ickleton, and the local ringers. Ringing started soon after 9 o'clock at Fornham St. Martin, where 720 of Kent was brought round. The peal of eight at St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, were set going to Grandsire and Bob Major for an hour, after which ringing was transferred to the Norman Tower, till time for service, which was held in St. James' Church. The service was conducted by Rev. F. Morton (curate of St. James'), and the Rev. H. B. Woolley gave a short and interesting address. His text was taken from Psalm cl. v. 5, "Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals, Praise Him upon the loud cymbals." The preacher remarked that the text formed a very appropriate invitation to the Association, especially at the season of Easter. They had met to exercise an art. The bells which they rang were the products of a very high form of art, for the bell was a very complicated musical instrument. And as with the casting of the bell so with the ringing. Ringing was a progressive art. They had only to compare the ringing papers of to-day with those of years ago to see that the number of peals had enormously increased, higher methods were more generally tackled in their execution. All this was as it should be. It was not only natural, but it was right that ringers should wish to perfect themselves in their art as much as possible, and that to this end they should practice their art as much as possible. Moreover their art was an art of the church. It was inseparably connected with the church, and could not exist apart from it. Ringers as well as choristers were Churchmen and churchworkers, and they shared with them the privileges and the responsibilities of the position.

PUBLIC'S LACK OF SYMPATHY.

Did it not appear to them sometimes, however, that the public at large were sometimes rather lacking in sympathy with what he might call the higher phases of the art; that they were no more pleased when changes were rung than they would be at rounds or call changes, or anyhow, that they were no more appreciative of a touch or peal of London or Bristol than of Plain Bob or Grandsire. But would not this help them? They had a critic whom it was more worth their while to please than any others. One who had made bells and bell ringing a possibility—Who must have had these things in His mind when he created all things—And One, too, who was always present—present in every tower, at every practice, at the Sunday ringing, whenever a peal was started or brought round, Who noted all the care and patience and skill that was employed—an expert and a critic indeed. Surely it was an incentive to them to persevere with their art when they considered what satisfaction their efforts might give to Him, what honour their work, if done in the right spirit, might bring to God. "Laus Deo," this surely ought to be written large over all the work that was done in the belfry. And let them never forget what was the first object of the church bell, to summon to the worship of God. And those bells that they rang called them, as well as others, to that worship. The Master of the Oxford Guild, in his report for the year 1912, had enumerated "some of our imperfections," which, though primarily intended for the members of that Guild, would apply equally to ringers in general. He said "there is in some quarters still too much justification for the reproach that we neglect the duty of worship." If that be so, let them see to it that as far as they themselves were concerned the reproach was entirely taken away. There was nothing so likely to alienate the sympathy of their fellow churchmen than for this to be said. On the other hand there was nothing which would commend their cause and their art to those who did not understand or practice it than the fact that they had a real love of their church, and were consistent in their duties as churchmen.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The annual dinner and business meeting took place afterwards at the Suffolk Hotel, where a company, numbering 67, sat down to an excellent repast. The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey presided, and those present included the Rev. H. B. Woolley, the Rev. W. C. Pearson, and Messrs. T. R. Dennis (general secretary), P. Webb (district secretary), J. Taylor, E. Webb, A. Symonds, H. A. Turner, F. C. Turner, S. H. Symonds, W. B. Kempton, W. Doran, F. Fitzjohn, and others. Letters regretting inability to be present were read from the President (the Lord Bishop of Ely), Ven. Archdeacon Hodges, Rev. R. F. Wilson (Vicar of St. James'), and the Rev. T. Brocas Waters (Vicar of St. Mary's).

It was unanimously decided to hold the next annual meeting at Cambridge on Easter Monday.

THE REPORT.

The annual report and balance sheet were then read and adopted. The report mentioned that during the past year the Isle of Ely Archdeaconry branch had made steady progress, and it was interesting and pleasing to note that Sutton and Wilburton had rejoined, and that they had a promise of Haddesham coming in this year. There were still many towers unaffiliated, such as March, Wisbech, Soham, etc., which it was hoped might be induced to join this year. The

Archdeaconry of Ely branch remained in much the same condition, and did not visibly expand. It was regretted that Over and Whittlesford had dropped out, but it was hoped that this was only temporarily. They welcomed the old secretary, the Rev. H. B. Woolley, back to Association life, and trusted his stay would be long and successful. It was impossible to speak too highly of his excellent work at Long Stanton, where as the result of his efforts the church now possessed a splendid peal of eight bells. They condoled with him in the misfortune of the cracking of the tenor, and hoped he would soon be provided with a new bell. In the Sudbury Archdeaconry branch progress had been very marked. The consummate skill which had been shown by the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, and the Lavenham company, in ringing both handbell and tower bell peals, had greatly improved the position of the Association. They regretted that the late district secretary had removed from the diocese, and they tendered their heartiest thanks to him for his past services. The Rev. R. L. Gardner had succeeded him, and there was every reason to expect the district to thrive in his capable hands. The Hunts Archdeaconry branch had suffered a severe loss by the death of the Rev. J. M. Clarkson, district secretary and representative of the Association on the Central Council. They desired to record their keen appreciation of his long and faithful service to the Association. The Archdeaconry, although small, contained some energetic members, and they commended Mr. C. D. Coleman and his band on their plucky efforts to keep ringing alive in Hunts. The scarcity of tower bell practice was a great handicap to their progress, and if the fine peal of eight at St. Neots were rehung they would render a still better account of themselves. The report also mentioned that the financial position of the Association was very satisfactory, the balance in hand being £16 8s. 6d., compared with £12 4s. 9d. last year. The hon. members contributed generously to the support of the Association, but there was a great lack of ringing members, the number of whom might well be doubled in the diocese. Fifty-eight peals were rung during 1912, of these 26 were on handbells, and 32 on tower bells. This splendid record was indeed a welcome change after the small number that were contributed in 1911, and was only three short of the record of 61 rung in 1905. In conclusion, the generous support and unselfish effort of every ringer in the diocese to do something to help the Association to maintain and increase its efficiency and usefulness was asked.

TREASURER'S RETIREMENT.

The following officers were then elected: General secretary, T. R. Dennis; treasurer, F. C. Turner; district secretaries, Sudbury district, the Rev. R. L. Gardner; Archdeaconry of Ely, P. Webb; Isle of Ely, F. Rowlinson; Hunts, the Rev. H. B. Woolley; delegate to the Central Council for two years, T. R. Dennis; auditor, W. B. Kempton.—Before the election of the treasurer took place, the Chairman read a letter from the Rev. K. H. Smith, announcing his intention to resign the treasurer-ship owing to ill-health.—Regret was generally expressed at his retirement after so many years of activity in Association work.—The Chairman moved that a hearty vote of thanks be accorded him for his past services, which was carried with enthusiasm.

An alteration of Rule 9 was proposed by Mr. P. Webb, that three district meetings be held annually in each Archdeaconry instead of one as at present.—An amendment was proposed by Mr. H. A. Turner that the number be two, and on the amendment being put to the vote, it was carried by a large majority.

New members from Cavendish, Southwold, Halesworth, Slough, Lavenham, Monks Eleigh, Rougham, Little and Great Walsingham, Hadleigh, Bury St. Edmunds, and Fulbourn, numbering 17, were elected.—A vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. James' and St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, Rougham, Fornham St. Martin, and Great Barton, was carried unanimously.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. W. B. Kempton made a collection for the Long Stanton tenor, and the sum of 13s. 1d. was handed over to the Rev. H. B. Woolley, who thanked the company for their generosity.

Ringings were carried on during the afternoon at the Norman tower, and St. Mary's. Touches of Grandsire Caters and Kent Royal were rung at the former, and Grandsire, Bob Major, Kent, Double Norwich, and Stedman at St. Mary's.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The annual meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Leeds on Easter Monday. A peal of Stedman Caters was attempted in the morning, but, unfortunately, was lost half-way, but a peal of Oxford Treble Bob was rung at Shipley.—The business meeting was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, the President being in the chair, supported by members from Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Headingley, Shipley, Mirfield, Pudsey, and Queensbury and the local company. After the election of officers, when Mr. F. Hopwood was appointed to succeed Mr. F. R. Cundale in the office of secretary, the balance sheet was read and passed.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers was proposed by Mr. F. Woodhead, and seconded by Mr. W. Joyce.—The President replied, and put forward a new scheme for meetings for the coming year.—A vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, was moved by Mr. J. Broadley, seconded by Mr. H. Lindsay, and carried, Mr. F. Woodhead responding.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MISS LILIAN WILLSON, OF LEICESTER.

Among the most talented, as well as one of the best known, of the lady ringers, who are now coming so prominently to the front in the Art, is Miss Lilian A. Willson, the eldest daughter of Mr. William Willson, of Leicester. Miss Willson was born on March 27th, 1893, and, therefore, reached her 20th year a week ago yesterday. Coming of a ringing family, and having no brothers, before she entered her 'teens she frequently helped her father with the chiming apparatus at the church of St. John the Divine. At fourteen she was ringing the treble to Triples, and attempted her first peal—Major—on Boxing Day, 1908.



MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON.

Perhaps her father's promise of a cycle if she was successful was an incentive; anyway, the peal was rung at the first attempt, and she was ready for the cycle sooner than "W. W." anticipated!

During the next year Miss Willson rang four peals, and was an "inside man." Then followed Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples (called by Mr. Ernest Pye) and Double Norwich. Miss Willson has not many opportunities for peal ringing, her time being much occupied in the teaching of music. She holds the diploma of A.V.C.M. and the silver medal for highest possible points in pianoforte examination. In addition to ringing, she renders service by teaching in the Sunday School.

Up to date she has rung 22 peals, one of which was with the ladies' band. They comprise Grandsire Triples, seven

Minor methods, Stedman, Bob Major, Double Norwich, and one (treble) to Superlative. One of the peals of Kent Treble Bob Major was conducted by her, but she does not aspire to bob calling. Miss Willson is one of the first members of the Ladies' Guild, and it has been her experience from the commencement of her career in the belfry to meet with the utmost courtesy from her brother ringers.

ODD CHANGES.

At last four peals have been rung in a day by the same band, and the honour falls to the six-bell men of the Kent Association. They accomplished this performance on Easter Monday, when four separate 5040's were rung, each in seven Minor methods. This is how they were rung:—

	Start.	Finish.	Time.
Upchurch	6.50 a.m.	9.28 a.m.	2 hrs. 38 mins.
Newington	10.20 a.m.	12.56 p.m.	2 hrs. 36 mins.
Bobbing	2.45 p.m.	5.25 p.m.	2 hrs. 40 mins.
Tunstall	6.50 p.m.	9.25 p.m.	2 hrs. 35 mins.

Total time ... 10 hrs. 29 mins.

Between the time of the first start and the finish of the last peal 14 hrs. 35 mins. elapsed, out of which 10 hrs. 29 mins. were actually occupied in change ringing. This is the first time four peals have been rung by the same band in one day, but within the last year or so two other attempts have been made on eight bells. On each of these occasions two peals were rung.

This performance recalls an episode in Sussex about 14 years ago, when four ringers took part in five 5000's, which were completed in less than 31 hours.

In aid of the "Bells Fund" for Shoreditch bells a lecture on church bells will be given next Saturday week at the Parish Room, Shoreditch, by Mr. H. J. Sudell, Master of St. Matthew's, Clapton, band. During an interval a selection on handbells will be given by the Spitalfields Foundry band. The lecture will commence at 8.30 p.m., and the charges for admission are 1s., 6d. and 3d.

There is a remarkable performance in our peal columns to-day, for we record a peal of Grandsire Triples in which Mr. Gosling, senr., of Mansfield, took part, at the great age of 86, and we have it on good authority that he is "full of peal ringing yet." Apparently there is absolutely no age limit to peal ringing. At any rate Mr. Gosling is as keen on it as any youngster.

On Tuesday week he was in an attempt for a peal of Stedman at Loughborough, which failed past half way through no fault of his. On the Wednesday he scored the peal of Grandsire, when he rang his bell without a fault, and on the next day he attempted a peal of Stedman Triples which was lost after ringing a little over an hour. What an example of enthusiasm!

Two more ladies have scored their first peal. Miss Kathleen Holifield, of Appleton, rang the treble to a peal of Grandsire Triples on Easter Monday. At Rotherham Miss Hague has rung her first peal by taking 1-2 in Grandsire Triples on handbells. The ranks of the lady peal ringers are steadily growing.

LONG STANTON'S MISFORTUNE.

FUND COMPLETED FOR RECASTING THE TENOR.

The following further amounts are acknowledged with thanks: W. P. 5s., A. N. J. W. 2s. 6d., four Bristol ringers, (H. J. W., J. G., W. A. C. and W. K. 1s. each), 4s.; E. B. J., £4 14s. Total received £35 16s. Amount required £35.

The Vicar and churchwardens have much pleasure in announcing the completion of the fund for recasting the tenor, and take this opportunity of again thanking all those ringers and friends who have so kindly and generously helped them in their misfortune. The bell has been sent off to the foundry, and is expected back towards the end of the month. It will be noticed that the amount received slightly exceeds the sum appealed for; the sum in excess will be devoted to defraying the cost of the inscription and other incidental expenses.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly general meeting of this Association was held at Salle on Easter Monday. The newly restored and augmented ring of eight at the Parish Church, and the ring of six at Whitwell, were at the disposal of members throughout the day, and were largely used.

The Rector of Salle (the Rev. H. C. O. Lanchester) presided at the dinner and meeting, supported by the Rev. W. A. Partridge, Mr. T. P. Humphrey (churchwarden of Salle), Mr. A. Coleman, Messrs. G. Moy and W. J. Howson (district secretaries), C. E. Borrett (secretary), and representatives from many towers in the neighbourhood—a total company of fifty-five.

The Chairman gave a very cordial welcome to the visitors to his magnificent church and bells, and also invited the whole company to the Rectory to tea.—The Secretary voiced the thanks of the members for the kind hospitality and assistance shown to the Association by the Rector and people of Salle, and the business proceedings ended with the election of new members.—The meeting was of a most enjoyable character, and should prove of benefit to the new company lately formed in the parish.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A RECORD YEAR FOR PELAS.

The annual meeting for the Archdeaconry of Stafford was held at Walsall, on Easter Monday. The number of members in attendance was comparatively small; otherwise the meeting was successful. The bells at St. Matthew's, Walsall, and St. Michael's, Rushall, were made good use of during the day.

Tea was provided in the Masonic Hall, followed by the general meeting, Mr. S. Reeves being voted to the chair.—The report and balance sheet were presented. The record number of 55 peals had been rung, and the accounts showed a balance in hand of £22.—The officers were re-elected, and the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley, was added as one of the committee. Three honorary and 19 performing members were enrolled.—After some discussion, it was decided that the annual meeting be held in June in future, to prevent clashing with meetings of neighbouring associations.—The quarterly meetings are to be held at Stafford, Penn, Handsworth, and Wednesbury. Cycle runs are being arranged for "missionary" work to towers otherwise difficult to get to: Norton Canes being the place fixed for April.—The customary votes of thanks brought the meeting to a close.

PETERBOROUGH ASSOCIATION.

The quarterly meeting of the Peterborough and District Association was held at Huntingdon on Easter Monday, when a goodly number of members attended to take advantage of the splendid welcome offered by the incumbent, the Rev. Gardner. The following towers were represented: Peterboro' (St. John's), Ramsey, Whittlesea, Chatteris, St. Neots, Eynesbury, Raunds, and the local company. A short service was held in St. Mary's Church at 5.0 p.m., conducted by the Rev. Gardner, and an excellent address was given by the Venerable Archdeacon Vesey, and greatly appreciated.

After service, the business meeting took place in the Archdeaconry Library, the chair being taken by the Rector. Whittlesea was the place chosen for the meeting on Whit-Monday.—A vote of thanks was then accorded the Rector for the use of St. Mary's and All Saints' bells.

The bells were kept going during the afternoon and evening, the methods rung being Plain Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Minor, Kent Treble Bob Major, Plain Bob Major, and Grandsire Triples.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT TO CHELMSFORD CHURCH.

A very successful meeting of the North Eastern district was held at Colchester on Easter Monday, members attending from about 17 towers. Tea, followed by the meeting, was held in the Parish Room adjoining St. Peter's, upwards of 50 being present.—The Bishop of Colchester presided, and was supported by the Rev. C. Triffitt-Ward (Vicar), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master).—Ten ringing members were elected.—Harwich and Coggeshall were suggested as being suitable places for the next meeting, and the majority favoured the latter.

The Master next explained the position of the Association with regard to the proposal to give a new treble bell for the peal of 12 at Chelmsford. The original suggestion was that it should be provided by voluntary subscriptions, but others favoured giving the bell from the funds of the Association. After some discussion, the following resolution was carried unanimously: "That this meeting strongly disapproves of providing a new treble bell for Chelmsford out of the funds of the Association, but recommends the Association to give the bell and raise the amount required by voluntary subscriptions."

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Bishop of Colchester for presiding, and to the Vicars of St. Peter's and All Saints' for use of the bells.—Touches in the following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Stedman, Bob Major, Kent, Oxford Treble Bob, Double Norwich, Superlative, and Cambridge Surprise.

NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the North Wales Association was held at Bangor, on Easter Monday, and was well attended. A short service was held in St. David's Church, the sermon being preached by the Dean of Bangor.

The business meeting was held in St. David's Schoolroom, and the following towers were represented: Bangor, Portmadoc, Rhyl, Wrexham, Gresford, Hawarden, Buckley, Ruthin, Dolgelly, and Chester.

A resolution proposed by the Dean of Bangor, and ably seconded by Mr. W. H. Evans, Portmadoc, against the proposals of the Government to disestablish the Welsh Church, was unanimously carried. Copies of the resolution are to be forwarded to the twelve Welsh M.P.s.

The annual report of the hon. secretary showed that seven peals had been rung during the year.—The report and balance sheet were adopted.—Two new members were elected, and all the officers were re-elected unanimously.

Touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich Court Bob were rung during the day, the successful proceedings closing with tea kindly provided by the genial President, the Rev. T. Lewis Jones, Vicar of St. David's, Bangor.—A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Evans (Portmadoc), seconded by Mr. E. Rowlands (Wrexham), was carried with loud cheers.

The next half-yearly meeting will be held at Portmadoc, in September, and the annual meeting at Gresford next Easter.

HULL.—On March 26th, at All Saints' Church, 1470 of Grandsire Triples, in 1 hr.: G. Hedges 1, H. Jenkins 2, D. Meadley (longest length as conductor) 3, T. Harrison (longest length with a bob bell) 4, G. W. Stickney 5, B. Cook 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. B. Whitfield 8. Also 630, with J. W. Stickney (conductor) 2.

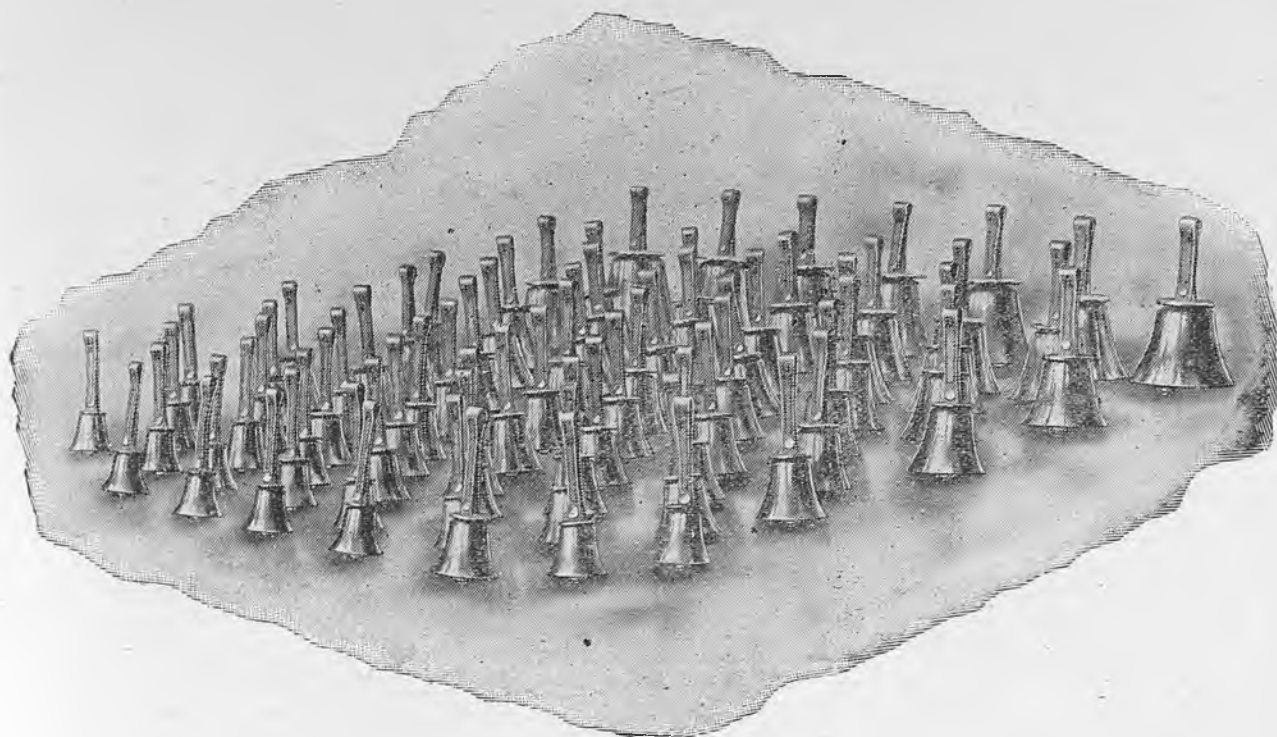
BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.—On March 9th, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob: J. Bevan 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, J. Gwynne 4, E. Summers 5, W. Poston (conductor) 6.—On Good Friday (muffled), 720 Oxford Bob. For early service, on Easter Day, 720 Oxford Bob. For 11 a.m. service, 720 Canterbury: R. Summers 1, A. Gwynne 2, J. Blake 3, E. Summers 4, J. Gwynne (conductor) 5, W. Poston 6.—On March 27th, 720 Kent Treble Bob.

UPPER GLAPTON, MIDDLESEX.—On March 19th, at St. Matthew's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: R. E. Pellatt 1, H. J. Sudell 2, H. J. Cantor 3, C. Gray 4, S. H. R. Cooper 5, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 6, H. J. Rumens 7, L. G. Hicks 8. Rung with the bells half-muffled, as a last mark of respect to the late Dr. Thomas Gurney, whose funeral took place that day, and who was an old ringer, and for many years a sidesman at this church.

READING, BERKS.—Oxford Guild.—On Good Friday, at St. Giles' Church, 840 Stedman Triples: L. Osborne 1, N. Cox 2, R. Bishop 3, Miss E. Goodship 4, A. Bailey 5, H. Osborne 6, A. W. Osborne (conductor) 7, A. Durman 8. Also 168 and 144 in same method: E. Pulker, G. Goodship, C. Higgs, A. Durman, A. Bailey and F. Griffin, taking part. Rung for service in the evening with the bells half-muffled.

HULL.—On Good Friday, at Holy Trinity Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, with the bell's half-muffled, for morning service, in 52 mins.: F. Dale 1, G. Dowling 3, C. Jackson (conductor) 4, W. Brown 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, J. Chamberlain 9, F. Merrison 10.—On Easter Day, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: F. Dale 1, H. Jenkins 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, G. M. Kilby (Willesden) 4, D. Meadley 5, E. Cutsforth 6, G. T. Miller 7, J. Chamberlain 8. For evening service, 521 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson 2, G. Dowling 3, M. Hedges 4, F. Merrison 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, W. Brown 9, J. Chamberlain 10.

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THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A RECORD YEAR.

NEW PRESIDENT ELECTED.

The vitality of the Middlesex Association was fully demonstrated on Saturday, when the annual meeting was held. Although the gathering took place at Hillingdon, which, while it has excellent ringing facilities, being possessed of a peal of ten and another of eight, is very much off the beaten track, and by no means easy of access for the majority of the members, there was an attendance of nearly 100. Ringers were present from Barnet, Harrow Weald, Southgate, Stanmore, Upper Clapton, Bushey, Walthamstow, Romford, Hornsey, Acton, Ealing, Heston, Hillingdon, Hounslow, Isleworth, Norwood, Uxbridge, Willesden, etc. There was ringing during the afternoon and evening at both the churches, and service was held at St. John's, the preacher being the Vicar, the Rev. C. M. Harvey.

The Vicar first spoke of God's individual knowledge of men, recognising each one. We might not and probably did not think much of our own individuality, he said, yet it gave much value to our lives. We liked to be among those whom we knew and who knew us. There was no loneliness like that which was felt among a crowd of strangers when we knew no one and no one knew us. And the opposite was quite as true. It added much to any success with which we met that it would bring pleasure to those who knew us, and who wished us well, those who cared whether we succeeded or failed. And when we had been misjudged or misrepresented, it was a comfort to feel that there were those who knew and understood us thoroughly, and who would assuredly be certain that we had been thoroughly honest and upright in our motives for action. And it should be a help to us to feel that God knew us thoroughly; that we were of individual interest to Him, and that His thorough knowledge of us could not be mistaken. But, then, from this individual knowledge of us, we must remember our individual responsibility for what we did. We were responsible for ourselves and for others, for the society in which we mixed, for the example we continually set. We might not be able to do much, but God, Who knew us individually, knew well what we could do, and expected us to do it. He knew what our individual share was, and expected to see it from us. An old Chinese proverb told us that the best way to keep a town clean was for everyone to sweep before his own door. They knew how it was with a regiment at a review—the men marched part the saluting officer with the strictest precision—dressing and bearing being in perfect order. It was the result of each man individually feeling that he was responsible that any lack of steadiness of attention would spoil the efforts of his companions. They might see it also in that with which bell ringers had so much to do. Surely the success of a peal depended upon the individual care and attention of each member of the band of ringers. Let one fail to listen to the conductor's voice, and let eye or mind stray from the work in which he was engaged, and the efforts of the others would be neutralised and the peal would probably fail. There was individual responsibility resting on each one to secure the success of the efforts of the whole band. He would say, cultivate this feeling of individual responsibility in all that they did. They were all their brother's keepers, responsible for the example they set, the encouragement they gave, the kindly spirit they shared. Let them bear in mind that they were workers in God's house, and that the bells which they rang carried their message of sympathy to many a heart. There was a motto given to him by a ringer which he had had put up in the belfry of his church, and which he would commend to them:—

Who rings this bell.
Let him look well
To head and hand and heart.
The head for wit,
The hand for work,
The heart for worship's part.

For the right use of head and hand and heart they were individually responsible. Their messages through the bells brought up many memories to them on whose ears they fell. They gladly used head and hand in making the bells carry their message. Let them not forget to use heart, too, in the work, remembering that the message, which their head and hand caused the bells to send, was God's message, that in sending it they were individually responsible workers together with Him. Let their hearts go with it and bid men "Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness and call upon His name."

The business meeting, preceded by tea, took place in the Schoolroom. Mr. F. A. Milne, the hon. treasurer, presided over the first part of the proceedings, and was supported by the Rev. C. M. Harvey, the Rev. F. O. Sutton, Vicar of St. Andrew's (who has succeeded in the living the Rev. H. G. Bird, who was President of the Association for many years), the Rev. J. Wooster, Mr. A. T. King, I.S.O., Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler, joint hon. secs., Mr. W. Pye (Master), etc.

The report for the past year was presented, and was of a very gratifying description. It stated that it was not too much to say that in point of variety and excellence the work of 1912 had been unequalled since the Association was formed. The number of successful peals was remarkable, being 153 (made up of 121 on tower bells and 32 on handbells), as compared with 83 in the previous year. They were made up of Kent Treble Bob Major, 6; Royal, 1; Oxford Treble

Bob Major, 2; Grandsire Triples, 20; Caters, 3; Oxford Bob Triples, 1; Bob Minor (1 method), 1; Bob Minor (3 methods), 2; Bob Major, 5; Double Norwich, 7; Superlative Surprise Major, 8; Cambridge, 6; New Cambridge, 4; Norfolk, 2; Gloucester, 1; London, 6; Bristol, 21; Cambridge Surprise Royal, 5; Stedman Triples, 28; Caters, 16; Cinques, 8; total, 153. The 32 on handbells consisted of: Kent Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 1; Grandsire Triples, 9; Caters, 3; Bob Major, 2; Stedman Triples, 4; Caters, 9; Cinques, 2.

SOME MEMORABLE PEALS.

The report proceeded:—

This remarkable increase is due in part to an increase in the interest taken in ringing peals on handbells; but it is noticeable at the same time, and we are glad to call attention to it, that there has been during the past year an increase in the peals rung on tower bells in nearly all the methods practised by the members, from Bob Minor and Grandsire Triples to Stedman Cinques and Surprise Methods. By far the greatest ringing achievement of the year was the record peal of Bristol Surprise Major, consisting of 15,264 changes, which was rung at Hornchurch on Whit-Monday, May 27th, in 9 hours and 49 minutes. This is the longest Surprise peal ever rung, and the longest length in any method by the Association. It is also the only "record" held by the Association, and we heartily congratulate the band on their splendid performance, especially Mr. William Pye, who so ably conducted the peal, thus adding another to his long list of triumphs as a conductor.

During the eight days ending on November 16th a series of peals were rung by the Edmonton band, to commemorate the 21st birthday of Miss Edith Parker. Out of seven attempts, six peals in six different Surprise Methods were brought to a successful issue, including the first peals of Gloucester and Norfolk Surprise in the county of Middlesex, the former also being the first in the method by the Association. This peal was ably conducted by Miss Parker, to whom our heartiest congratulations are due. It may be truly said of Miss Parker in all that she has taken part in during the year—*nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*—she has handled nothing that she has not adorned, whether on tower bells, or on handbells. During the year Miss Parker conducted for the Association three peals of London, three of New Cambridge, one of Gloucester, and three of Superlative Surprise, in addition to a peal of Grandsire Triples on handbells, all of them truly admirable achievements.

Amongst many other noteworthy performances, mention must be made of a peal of Grandsire Triples rung by members of the Metropolitan Police Force at St. Magdalene, Holloway, on April 25th. The band consisted of one sergeant and seven constables, the conductor being Mr. Cornelius Charge. The peal is, we believe, the first ever rung by a band of policemen.

A "George" peal was rung by members of the Association on June 29th at St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, conducted by that well known ringer, Mr. George R. Pye, whilst the first peal of Norfolk Surprise by the Association was rung at St. John's, Waterloo Road, on September 25th, conducted by Mr. James E. Davis. On November 5th the Finchley band rang a peal of Minor, in the three following methods, viz.:—Oxford Bob, College Single, and Plain Bob, under the conductorship of Mr. F. A. Barker, who thus had the satisfaction of calling his first peal. We mention this performance, confident that the Finchley band will feel encouraged by it to attempt Minor peals in seven methods, as they once did. If anything could be done to the Hendon bells, it would be a red-letter day in the history of the Association, for they, too, have a band of six bell ringers second to none in the county, and yet are outside the privileges of peal ringing owing to the bad "go" of the bells. It seems a pity that where all else at Hendon has been restored, nothing should have been done to the bells. Many peals were rung in various methods on handbells during the year, members of the Edmonton band ringing peals of Grandsire Triples and Caters, Bob Major, and Kent Treble Bob Major, whilst others of our prominent handbell performers rang peals of Stedman Triples, Caters, and Cinques, and Kent Treble Bob Major and Royal. Undoubtedly handbell ringing is becoming more popular amongst the exercise, and we are glad to be able to place it on record that our own Association is not behind hand in prosecuting this delightful branch of the ringers' art.

THE INFUX OF MEMBERS.

During the year we elected seven honorary members and 127 ringing members, and after allowing for deaths, resignations, etc., we close the year with a very satisfactory total membership of 696.

New bands have been formed in the North and East District at St. Giles-in-the-Fields and St. James', Clerkenwell, and instruction is being given. Considerable progress has been made at Clerkenwell with half-pull ringing, whilst there are not wanting signs of improvement at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. The St. Mary Magdalene, Holloway, band has also come in. On the other hand, the Pinner band has resigned membership.

In the South and West District two towers have become affiliated to the Association, viz.:—Acton and West Ealing. At the former instruction is being given by Mr. J. R. Mackman, with every sign of success. Satisfactory progress is being made at West Ealing.

The report also records a number of bell restorations, and adds that 226 members took part in the 153 peals, and that the 121 tower bell peals were rung in 58 different towers. There were 30 conductors. The report, together with the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £20 3s. 10d. on the Central fund, was adopted.

The Chairman said the Association had to proceed to the election of a President, in place of Mr. Bird, who they were all so sorry to lose. He had to submit the name of one who for many years had been well known to them, and to whom the Association owed so much; one, in fact, who was the maker of the Association—their old friend, Mr. King (applause). Mr. King came along when the old Association had fallen to a membership of about 60, and he brought the new Association up to over 600 members. They would all agree that they could not have a better President than Mr. King (applause).—Mr. Lucas seconded, and the motion was carried amid applause.

DISTRICT VICE-PRESIDENTS CREATED.

When Mr. King took the chair he was greeted with enthusiasm and by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow." He said when he was asked to become their President he had some difficulty in reconciling himself to the idea, not because it was distasteful to him, but because he had a keen notion that the first duty of a president was to preside, and how could he, living at Southsea, come up to preside at every meeting of the Association? He could not, of course, undertake to be present at all the meetings of the Association, but he thought he could undertake to be present at all the important meetings, and in order that the Association might not suffer, he hoped he might be allowed to nominate two vice-presidents, one in each of their districts, who should correspond with him on all subjects concerning the welfare of the Association—Mr. Milne, for the North and East District, and Mr. Hesse for the South and West District. Mr. King went on to pay a tribute to the great and unostentatious work which Mr. Bird had done for the Association as its president. He knew all that was going on in the Association; he could sympathise with them when there was need of sympathy, and he could render advice when there was need of advice and aid. He (Mr. King) wanted to make any poor services he had to offer effectual, and he thought by means of the vice-presidents they could be made perfectly effectual. He hoped during the next year that they would all try to become a deal better men, as well as better ringers, for after all that was the great aim. Let them not only show how united they could be in ringing, but also how united they could be in the service of the Church. The Church needed her sons to stand by her when there were so many attacks made, and their service would be gratefully accepted.

CONSIDERATION FOR THE PUBLIC.

Continuing, Mr. King said in past years many subjects of interest had been discussed in the Association's reports, which were forced into prominence in the present day. He had just been reading in "The Ringing World" how Sir Arthur Heywood was cautioning people against excessive peal ringing. That had been done a long time before, and if they would turn to the pages of their old reports they would find all the pros and cons. It was argued very thoroughly that ringers must not be a nuisance to their neighbours, and they were not a nuisance, for they were always considerate of their neighbours. If there were any illness, who were so ready to stand aside as ringers? It was an axiom of their belief; they might be disappointed in so doing, but they always did it, and did it gladly. They must not, of course, be constantly asking for the same tower, but by the exercise of a little judgment, and, above all, by the exercise of a little give-and-take they could do a good deal. Unfortunately those who opposed them were all take and no give. They were absolutely unyielding. Those who objected to bells did so on principle, but he did not know where the principle came in; all he knew was that one man who objected made row enough for a thousand (laughter). But those people had to be dealt with, and it was of no use to rub them the wrong way. They must exercise care and tact, and they must be reasonable in all they wanted to do. They knew there were times when they ought to be silent as ringers, and they knew there were other times when they were not expected to be silent, and when they were the interpreters of the joys and sorrows of a parish. The man in the street did not make any difference between the man who jangled the bells out of tune, and the men who rang the bells with all their scientific ability. But they could put up with that as long as they made progress, and there was progress in their Association. It had been said that the growth of their society was in some measure due to him. He did not think it was. It was the members themselves who made the Association. He could not have done anything for the Association unless the men had helped him in the best possible way, and he hoped they would continue to help him. Mr. King concluded by quoting from a letter from the Rev. H. G. Bird, in which he sent his best wishes "to all the fine fellows." They welcomed that evening Mr. Bird's successor at St. Andrew's, and if he was not a ringer himself, he came from Newdigate, where there was

a peal of six, and it was exceedingly nice to have amongst them one who could be in sympathy with them as ringers.

Mr. C. T. Coles seconded the motion for the appointment of vice-presidents, and it was carried unanimously.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The following officers were re-elected: Master, Mr. William Pye; hon. treasurer, Mr. F. A. Milne; joint hon. secs., Messrs. C. T. Coles and H. C. Chandler; auditors, Messrs. J. E. Miller and W. Pickworth.

It was resolved to give the printing of the next annual report to "The Ringing World," who have done it upon the last two occasions, and who, the President said, "had done it uncommonly well."

It was decided not to have further peal books written for the Association, but to utilise for the purpose of the record the annual report.

THE ASSOCIATION AND THE WARNER CUP.

Mr. Coles reported that the committee had considered a scheme, based on that adopted by Durham and Newcastle, for the encouragement of Sunday ringing, but had been unable to come to a decision on the matter, being of opinion that it would be difficult to work with success in Middlesex. They were anxious to produce a scheme satisfactory to all, and hoped by the next annual meeting to be able to place before the members one based on attendance (regular and punctual) if the members would consent to this being postponed.—This was agreed to.

The question of the cup offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons for peal ringing had been, it was reported, carefully considered by the committee at a time when the position of the Association in the Analysis was not known, and they were of the opinion that the members should be asked to decide whether or not the cup should be accepted, should the Association be in the position to do so.—The President stated that he had no doubt that Messrs. Warner had been actuated by the highest motives in offering this cup for competition, and all ringers thought the same, but the idea of ringing peals to win a cup was abhorrent to him, and, he believed, to most ringers. They rang peals solely for the love of the bells, and for their art. It was not yet known which of the Associations would be top in the Analysis, but as the Middlesex Association was usually thereabouts, the committee would like to know the wishes of the members. He, therefore, proposed the following resolution:—"Resolved that should it be found at any time that this Association is placed first in the order of merit by the compilers of the Analysis, the cup so generously offered by Messrs. Warner and Sons be not accepted for custody. The members of this Association do not for one moment seek to disparage Messrs. Warner's generosity; but they had hoped that bell ringers, being church workers, might have been able to rely upon time-honoured friendly rivalry to encourage their efforts, in preference to the less acceptable incentive of a cup competition."—The resolution was seconded by Mr. B. Prewett, and on being put to the meeting, was carried unanimously.—It was left to the committee to decide where the next annual meeting should be held.

The President proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicars of St. John the Baptist's and St. Andrew's for the use of their bells, and also to the former for his splendid address, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Mr. King reminded the members that the new Vicar of St. Andrew's was amongst them that day, and he hoped that he would often come amongst them. He included in the vote of thanks the curate (the Rev. J. H. Wooster), the organist and choir, the local ringers, and all who had helped to make the members comfortable.—The vote, on being put to the meeting, was carried with great enthusiasm.—This concluded the business.

The ringing during the day included touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples and Caters, Treble Ten, Double Norwich, Cambridge, Superlative, and London.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Portsmouth district was held at Fareham, on Easter Monday. Touches of Kent Treble Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Grandsire were rung in the afternoon by members from Wickham, Portsea, Upham, Curdridge, Portsmouth, Gosport, Winchester, Titchfield, Swanmore, Fareham, Brading, and visiting ringers from St. Alphege, Greenwich and Oatlands Park. Although only 25 members had given the secretary intimation of their intention to be present, upwards of 55 turned up, and all attended Divine service in the Parish Church, conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. — Jarbat). The ringers then adjourned to the tea rooms, where the host was taxed to the utmost to provide room. Tea over, the party had to adjourn to the Parish Hall (kindly lent by the Vicar) for the meeting.—Mr. A. T. King was unanimously voted to the chair, and was supported by Mr. J. Whiting (district secretary), Mr. E. J. Harding (representative), and Mr. Thornton (Greenwich). The business was much of a routine character. One hon. member and a few probationers were elected.—Mr. A. T. King gave a very interesting account of the work entailed in allotting the points for peals.—A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. King for presiding, to the Vicar for use of bells and parish hall, and to all the officers.—Much sorrow was expressed at the absence of the Master (the Rev. C. F. Matthews), on account of illness.—The bells were afterwards kept going to Treble Bob Major and Stedman Triples.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

THE BELLS OF FINEDON.

The famous old pile, yeleft Finedon Church, was the scene of a Central Northamptonshire Association meeting on Saturday last. In days gone by, the late Master of the Oxford Guild—the Rev. F. E. Robinson—had a warm corner in his heart for Finedon, and that regard would have been accentuated had he lived to have heard and rung the new bells now hanging in the tower. More than once has the Master called his pet peal—the four-part—as peal tablets on the belfry walls testify. A year and a half ago the old eight bells were condemned as unsafe, and as it had taken two strong men on the tenor to “put her through” the last peal, the condemnation was justified. After various tenders had been discussed, that of Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Croydon, was accepted, to recast five, to retune and rehang the whole peal in a modern iron frame with up-to-date fittings.

The project was considered some four years ago, when Canon Paul, now deceased, held sway at Finedon, but the intervention of “The Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings,” with its well-meant, but erroneous, fossilised and antiquarian ideas, postponed the accomplishment of “a consummation devoutly to be wished.” With the advent of the present Vicar (the Rev. I. Greaves, M.A.), the matter was revived, and has now been brought to a successful conclusion. About 50 members turned up, despite the wretched weather, and enjoyed themselves to the full in various methods, as suited their capabilities. They came Bedford, Kettering, Wellingboro’, Irthlingboro’, Higham Ferrars, Northampton, Desboro’, and Leicester, and the belfry was taxed to its utmost capacity.

At four o’clock, the Vicar gave an address to the members from the pulpit of the quaint edifice, and listeners realised that they had in the Vicar of Finedon an ideal “ringers’ parson.” Discoursing on the voice of the bells, the reverend gentleman compared the muezzin of the Mohammedans to the ringer. Among other things, he said: “While journeying in the East, what impressed me most was the consistency of the native. Every day at 8, 12, 4 and at sunset, the muezzin would ascend the Minarets of the Mosque and call the faithful to prayer, when everyone, no matter how engaged, would kneel at once and pray to Allah. How lax we are, and yet how readily we might at least copy them in this.”

THE VICAR AS A RINGER.

After the service, the following assorted members rang a course of Bristol Surprise Major: W. Rogers 1, J. Houghton 2, W. German 3, D. Nichols 4, H. Horn 5, A. Tyler 6, W. Perkins 1, W. Willson 8; followed by a course of Cambridge Surprise, by: A. Martin (Higham) 1, W. Rogers (Northampton) 2, Miss E. Steele (Bedford) 3, W. Perkins (Irthlingboro’) 4, R. Turner (Kettering) 5, E. Chapman (Kettering) 6, W. Willson (Leicester) 7, W. Sawfoot (Northampton) 8. The company then adjourned to the Schoolroom, where a tea awaited them. The Vicar occupied the chair, supported by the Rev. Owen (curate), Dr. Burland, Miss Steele, Mr. J. Clarke, of Easton Neston, Mr. Meadows, Mr. W. Willson, and Mr. W. Perkins (local secretary).—At the subsequent speech-making, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed to the Vicar by Mr. D. Nichols, of Kettering, who congratulated the Vicar and wardens on the splendid peal now in their charge.—Mr. W. Willson, in seconding the vote, explained the difference between the old and new styles of tuning and hanging. Asked why “chiming” the bells for Sunday service was not more used as of old, Mr. Willson described how swing chiming wore the gudgeons oval, from bearing only on the underside.—The vote was carried by acclamation, and the Vicar, in reply, in a humorous speech, expressed his pleasure in meeting the Association, and said he would not only go in for ringing himself, but endeavour as far as was practicable to convert his fellow parsons to the ringers’ ideals.

Returning to the tower, the following rang the first course of London Surprise on the new bells: A. Smeathers 1, W. Rogers 2, E. Chapman 3, H. Horn 4, J. Ward 5, W. Willson 6, J. Houghton 7, W. Perkins 8. Until about 9 p.m. the bells were kept going in various methods, when they were lowered, and the company retired to the ancient hostelry, “The Bell Inn,” where Grandsire Caters, Stedman Triples, Bob and Treble Bob Major, on handbells, were indulged in until time broke up the gathering. The bells now harmonically tuned are a grand ring in D, the tenor of 22 cwt. giving one the impression of being much heavier, and heard over the countryside pours out a rich melody like a band of music.

The following are the diameters and weights of the bells:—

No.	Note.	Diameter.	Weight		
			cwts.	qrs.	lbs.
Treble	D	30 3/8 in.	6	2	16
2	C sharp	31 5/8 in.	7	0	20
3	B	31 7/8 in.	6	1	15
4	A	33 1/4 in.	6	0	21
5	G	37 in.	8	1	20
6	F sharp	40 1/8 in.	10	3	5
7	E	45 in.	15	3	21
Tenor	D	51 3/16 in.	21	2	23
Total weight			83	1	4

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION

BELFRY REPAIRS FUND TO BE STARTED.

The Northern Branch was this year visited on the occasion of the annual meeting of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, which was held at Stourbridge on Easter Monday. The weather was good, and the welcome most hearty, and all the circumstances combined to make the meeting a decided success. Members commenced to arrive early and the bells at St. Thomas’, Stourbridge, and Old Swinford were soon in demand. Service was held in St. Thomas’ Church, at 1.45 p.m., conducted by the Vicar (the Rev. Stanhope Newland), who gave an excellent address.

The business meeting was afterwards held in the Foresters’ Hall, the Vicar presiding. Apologies were received from the President (the Dean of Worcester), the Rev. Canon Cloughton, the Rev. J. F. Hastings (clerical secretary), Mr. E. J. Dowler (Northern Branch secretary), and others. A recommendation from the Central Committee was laid before the meeting, to the effect that “a Belfry Repairs Fund be started, with a grant of £10 from the general fund, and that interest on the Savings Bank account and a sum equal to life member’s subscription be added, and that grants be made at the discretion of the Central Committee for bell repairs.”—After discussion, the motion was put to the vote, and was carried with some slight opposition.

It was decided that the branch officers be recommended to arrange two or three ringing meetings independent of the quarterly meetings, the place, date and methods to be advertised in the ringing Press.

The annual peal was arranged to be rung at Stourbridge, conducted by Mr. R. Matthews.

WORCESTER THE NEXT MEETING PLACE.

When the place for the next annual meeting came to be discussed, it was unanimously decided to return to Worcester next year, and by the remarks that were made, it will, apparently, be some years before it is held anywhere else.

The new members elected included the Revs. Canon Southwell, J. T. Conan Davies (Lye), and T. Robinson (Grimley); also the ringers at Cradley, Grimley and Redditch.

As it had been decided that obituary notices should be published in the annual report, the Secretary asked that all particulars should be sent him; at the same time he called attention to the fact that mistakes occasionally occurred in the reports of peals in the ringing papers, and that such mistakes were liable to be entered in the peal book, unless he was advised of the alterations required.—Some discussion took place as to the advisability of an umpire being present during peals on handbells, but this was deferred until the next meeting.

No change was made in any of the officers, the President, Vice-Presidents, Master, Clerical Secretary, General Secretary, Treasurer and Auditors all being re-elected, the Rev. Canon Southwell being added to the Vice-Presidents.—The meeting then closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, to the incumbents of Old Swinford, Lye and Wollaston for the use of their bells, and to Mr. G. H. Pagett for making all the arrangements so satisfactorily.

A NEW CERTIFICATE.

After so much discussion, tea, which was served in the same room, came as a most welcome change, and full justice was done to an excellent repast, partly contributed by the members of the St. Thomas’ Church Council.—Everyone was pleased to see present Mr. W. Rock Small, of Tipton, and at the conclusion of the tea, a hearty vote of congratulation was, with much acclamation, accorded him and his wife on the celebration of their golden wedding.

The issue of a new certificate is in the hands of the Central Committee, and during the evening two excellent designs by members of this Association were considered, the one sent in by Mr. J. Pigott, of Smethwick, being eventually chosen, and will be printed in black and white.

During the evening ringing was the main consideration, and the various bells available were visited; those at Lye, tenor 3½ cwt. and treble 60 lbs., were found, by those not used to them, to be most difficult to ring, owing to their light weight. The “go” of those at St. Thomas’ show a marked improvement, and those responsible are to be congratulated.

In conclusion, attention should be drawn to the fact that last year was a record in the history of this Association, both in number of members, financially, and in the number of peals rung. In fact, the reports of the last two or three years show conclusively that the formation of the three branches, has been in all ways of very great assistance in promoting the objects of the Association.

ALL SAINTS’ SOCIETY, FULHAM.

The annual meeting of the All Saints’ Society, Fulham, was held on Saturday. During the past year five peals have been rung on handbells, viz., two of Bob Royal, one of Grandsire Caters, one of Stedman Caters, and one of Bob Major, all conducted by Mr. W. Shepherd. Only two failures had to be recorded.—The presence of the Vicar at tea, kindly provided by him, was much appreciated.—Courses of Treble Ten and touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters and Double Norwich concluded a very enjoyable evening.

NEW BELLS AT TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE DEDICATION.

Easter Tuesday will be a day long remembered by the parishioners of Twyford, for on that occasion the new ring of eight bells was dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Berks. There have been great improvements in the church since the present Vicar (the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth) went there about eight years ago. The church has been enlarged at the east and west end, an organ chamber and a new clergy vestry built, and not the least, a tower has been erected, in addition to many interior improvements. The work has now been completed by the provision of a ring of eight bells.

On Tuesday, long before time for service, the church was packed. The choir and clergy entered the west door singing the hymn, "The Day of Resurrection." The clergy present, besides the Archdeacon of Berkshire, were the Vicar (the Rev. R. W. H. Acworth), the Revs. M. H. Waller (curate), G. F. Coleridge, Rural Dean; C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild); G. P. Crawford (Sonning); E. E. Broome (Hurst); S. P. Marcantney (Ruscombe), G. F. Williams (Remenham), T. H. Wrenford (Littlewick), W. Vicars (Bear Wood), H. S. Acworth (Chobham), G. W. Williams, W. Henley and W. McFarlane. Evening service was proceeded with, the first lesson being read by the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, and the second lesson by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, after which the clergy and choir proceeded to the Baptistry under the tower, where the churchwardens asked the Archdeacon to dedicate the bells to the honour and glory of God. After the prayers a few leads of Grandsire Triples were rung by the following, while the choir was returning to the chancel: F. Dentry (Twyford), conductor, 1, S. Paice (All Saints', Wokingham) 2, A. E. Reeves (St. Mary's, Reading) 3, L. Russell (Sonning) 4, H. Bungay (Binfield) 5, W. Newell (St. Laurence, Reading) 6, G. Martin (All Saints', Maidenhead) 7, W. Fuller (Wargrave) 8. Each of these ringers was presented with a medallion made of the bell metal, by the churchwarden, Mr. H. W. Verey, as a memento of the occasion.

The ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God who livest," was afterwards sung, and the Archdeacon gave a most practical address, after which came the hymn, "At the name of Jesus."—The Vicar stated that all the money for the bells and furnishing the ringing chamber had been subscribed, and the offertory would be given to the Bishop of Oxford's Fund, which had subscribed liberally when the church was enlarged. —The offertory amounted to between £8 and £9.

After the service, the bells were kept going to a late hour. The following methods were rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob and Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich, Superlative and Cambridge. Ringers to the number of nearly 50 were present from Hurst, Wargrave, Sonning, Reading, Maidenhead, Slough, Windsor, Burnham, Farnham Royal, Binfield, Swindon, London, Hughenden, Wokingham, and other places.

THE NEW PEAL.

The bells are in an iron frame on steel girders, and the whole of the work has been most satisfactorily carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, of the Whitechapel Foundry. The tone of the bells are excellent, and the "go" is all that could be desired. The firm has also fixed an apparatus for "silent" ringing, which can be heard only in the ringing chamber. This apartment has been nicely panelled with oak, and the walls above are finished with white enamel.

The following are the inscriptions on the bells and their weights:—
Treble. To the Honour and Glory of God most High. This peal of bells was placed in the Parish Church of Twyford, in Berkshire, in the year of our Lord, 1913.

Weight: 3 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.

2. May God bless all whom we do call.

Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

3. In memory of father, mother, sisters and brothers, and in gratitude for many mercies this bell was given by Mary Hedges.

Weight: 5 cwt. 0 qrs. 13 lbs.

4. Hear my prayer, O God.

Weight: 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.

5. Now at length our bells are mounted.

In their Holy place on High.
Ever to fulfil their mission,
Midway 'twixt the earth and sky.

Weight: 6 cwt. 1 qr. 6 lbs.

6. Glory to God in the Highest.

Weight: 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs.

7. In memory of Henry Verey and Ann Patience, his wife. This bell was given by their children, grand-children and great grand-children.

Weight: 9 cwt. 3 qrs. 6 lbs.

Tenor. To commemorate the Coronation of King George V. This bell was given by many parishioners. God save the King.

Weight: 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 10 lbs.

LEWES BELL RINGERS' DINNER.

WELCOME TO NEW RECTOR.

The annual dinner of the Southover Guild, Lewes, Sussex, was held on Wednesday week at the King's Head, a large company sitting down under the genial presidency of the new Rector (the Rev. T. H. Windle), Mr. J. R. Lusted (people's warden) was in the vice-chair, and among those also present were: Messrs. T. A. Stewart-Jones (Rector's warden), J. T. Glandfield, H. E. White, E. Bedford, F. A. Walston, Councillor W. T. Fowler, Sergt.-Major R. Souter, Messrs. A. J. Turner (captain and hon. secretary), E. J. Pannett, C. Errey, F. S. Sturt, G. H. Sturt, G. Stroud, W. A. Hillman, R. J. Dawe (Seaford), C. Sadler, W. Morris, G. W. Moppett, E. Rann, junr., E. Stidworthy, E. L. Blaber, P. Kenward, E. A. Card, F. S. Hewett, W. H. Court, S. Shoesmith, junr., T. Groves, J. Ward, H. Moore, W. Moore, etc. Apologies for absence were received from the Mayor (Councillor Hugh Stott), Mr. F. Verrall, Mr. F. G. Courthope, Mr. W. F. Ingram, Mr. J. Thornton Rickman (who is in Paris), Alderman G. Holman, Alderman J. Miles, Mr. J. G. Gaster, Councillor E. A. Glover, Mr. F. J. Wood and Mr. E. G. Burbridge. Mrs. Goldsmith, who has catered for the Southover bell ringers for 36 years, provided an excellent repast, and after dinner, the loyal toasts were enthusiastically honoured.

Mr. F. A. Walston proposed "The Southover Church Bell Ringers' Guild," and remarked that he was proud to be associated with such a splendid lot of fellows, whose services in the belfry were very highly appreciated (hear hear). In these days when the good old Church was being bitterly attacked it behoved all of them to stand up for it, and the best way in which they could do that was by regular attendance at Divine service. He would like to see a bell ringers' pew, and he would give them the best pew in the church (hear, hear). He extended a hearty welcome to their Rector, who had already gained a warm place in the hearts of the people of Southover (applause). They hoped he would continue among them for many years (applause). They would all remember on such an occasion as that, Mr. H. H. Ebrall, who for several years was hon. secretary of their Guild, and who was now in Western Australia. He would be glad to forward a message of goodwill to Mr. Ebrall from members of the Guild, by whom their former secretary would always be kindly remembered (applause). He wished the Guild and its members every success (applause).

Mr. A. J. Turner (who has captained the Southover Ringers' Band for 20 years, and whose name was coupled with the toast) remarked that the ringers appreciated very much the kind references made to their work. They tried to do their little bit towards the work in the parish, and the way in which the members assembled in the belfry after a hard day's work to teach young ringers was very creditable. Bell ringers had to apply their mind to their work, as everyone else did. It took months and even years to become a first-class ringer, and it was a very fascinating pastime, better even than football, for a man could continue ringing for many years. So enthusiastic was the speaker that he told of his experiences of bell ringing since 1889 in rhyme, which greatly amused the company. Bell ringing, he continued, was one of the best exercises for body and mind, and brought into play all the muscles. He thanked the supporters of the Guild for their assistance, which enabled the Guild to finish the year with an excellent balance on the right side (applause).

Mr. F. S. Sturt, in proposing "The President and Vice-Presidents," alluded to the interest which the late Rector (the Rev. H. S. Anson) took in the Bell Ringers' Guild for about six years. The speaker welcomed the new Rector on behalf of the bell ringers (applause). His kindness in presiding at that gathering augured well for the future. He hoped the Rector would regard the ringers as church workers. They were also pleased to see with them their old friend Mr. Lusted, who had been with them on many occasions; also Mr. Glandfield and Mr. Stewart-Jones, who had been very kind friends to them (applause).

The Chairman, in responding, said he appreciated the honour done him in asking him to accept office as President of the Guild. He would accept the office with very great pleasure (applause). He regarded the bell ringers as church workers who were, or should be, doing a most useful work in a parish. He had never heard a peal of ten bells till he came to Southover, and it was a joy to him to listen to them. He was delighted with the historic church and parish, and hoped he would be blessed with health and strength to be a help to the parish, because that was his desire (applause). During the two weeks he had been in the parish he had found everyone ready and willing to help and co-operate, and he felt sure he could rely upon assistance from them in the future.

Mr. Lusted, who said it was over 30 years since he first attended the annual dinner of the bell ringers, Mr. Glandfield and Mr. T. Stewart-Jones also responded.—The toast of "The Hostess" was also drunk.—During the evening, a capital musical programme was carried out, some excellent songs being interspersed with handbell ringing.

HALESOWEN.—Worcestershire Association (Northern Branch).—On Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: E. White 1, V. White 2, G. Cockin 3, J. Henning 4, A. Hackett 5, A. Greenfield 6, W. H. Webb (conductor) 7, M. Hackett 8.

CHARLES HOUNSLOW.**AN APPRECIATION.**

"Let us now praise famous men; and our fathers that begot us."

Many a fond memory circles round the honoured name of Charles Hounslow, whose death and funeral were noted in last week's "Ringing World." One of nature's true gentlemen, he had long ago made his mark among a large circle of ringers and musicians: a friend to all, he was valued by those of high degree as well as by those who stood on a lower rung of the social ladder. Of his great abilities as a ringer and conductor few were more conversant than those of a generation back, who, whether as members of the City or University Societies, were associated with him at Oxford. Ever ready for a peal, he was equally ready to instruct some beginner in the art, either on the practical or theoretical side. Fond of music, he proved an inimitable siffleur, his skill in whistling long pieces of music being marvellous. He made a practise of attending the Sheldonian Theatre whenever an oratorio was produced with full orchestra by a suppliant for the degree of Mus. Doc.—his opinion of the music—not to mention the composer—proved later to be rarely at fault.

Probably no man living ever yet conducted Holt's Original by a method similar to that invented by Charles Hounslow: the notes of the bells "before" were whistled by him in silence when conducting. So accurately had he mastered the order of the notes which ran like a tune or chant, that a false call was rarely, if ever, made by him. The whole peal would be whistled off to an inquiring listener in a couple of minutes or less with an accuracy which was only equalled when the peal was rung with intervals of two minutes more or less between the bobs.

Much, indeed, does Oxford owe him for preserving the Art from falling into oblivion in those early days before the Diocesan Guild was formed. Associated with its first Master, who had rung much with him, he took part in most of the noteworthy peals rung at Drayton, Appleton and elsewhere; he was also the life and soul of not a few ringing tours, notably in the west.

By profession a painter and writer, much of his beautiful work may be seen in various towers. The most notable peal board for beauty of design and writing, with elaborate detail, hangs in the tower of St. Lawrence, Reading. His last appearance as a ringer was at the dedication of the screen in memory of the late Master at Drayton—a touching appearance indeed—the aged man, with wit as keen as ever—his eye undimmed, but his natural force abated—a frame feeble with the weight of four score years; looking back in memory on the days of long ago—chatting of the past with his numerous friends gathered round him. It was an appearance to be remembered, for it was the last time, though we knew it not, that we should see his face again this side of the Great Hereafter. Wrapped comfortably in the Master's great coat, a swift motor took him back to "Ringwell," his home in Oxford, from which not many weeks afterwards, he was slowly borne to his long home, accompanied by a few relatives, and about 50 ringers, who lined the churchyard path as the bier was wheeled into the church, and, after the service in church, gathered round his grave.

In the person of Charles Hounslow, a firm and steadfast friend has gone the way of all flesh. The world is the poorer for his departure hence: a true life has been rung out, the Exercise loses one of its brightest ornaments. May he rest in peace!

G.F.C.

NOTICES.

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WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Great Hampton, on Saturday, April 5th. Service in church at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting in the Parish Room after service. Bells (6) at 3 p.m., Evesham (10), Bengeworth (6) available from 7.45 p.m. till 9 p.m.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Great Hampton, Evesham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Eccles, on Saturday, April 5th. Bells available at 4.30. Meeting at 7 p.m. A good attendance is desired to give a welcome to the new Vicar. — W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Potton to-morrow (Saturday, April 5th). Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 6 o'clock. — F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held on Saturday, April 5th, 1913, at Christ Church, Bacup. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m., meeting at 6.30.—J. H. Haydock, Branch Sec., 31, St. Paul's Street, Ramsbottom.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Axbridge Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Berrow, on Saturday, April 5th. Service at 4.30, tea and meeting to follow in the Parish Hall, tea 6d. each. Bells available from 2 p.m., Burnham bells from 7 p.m.—J. Harris, Branch Sec., Burnham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.15. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, April 12th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30. — G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 10th and 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th; St. Michael's, Corn-

hill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Hon. Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells opened at 3 o'clock, 11.5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector of Waldron (the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by the 14th.—Geo. H. House, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea; tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow; all ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 19th. The bells at East Retford (10) and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at Howard's Restaurant, free to members, non-residents 1s., and to others 1s. 3d. per head. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on April 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at the Citizen, Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Francis S. Wilson, late of Ludlow, has removed to Southwood House, Tewkesbury, Glos.

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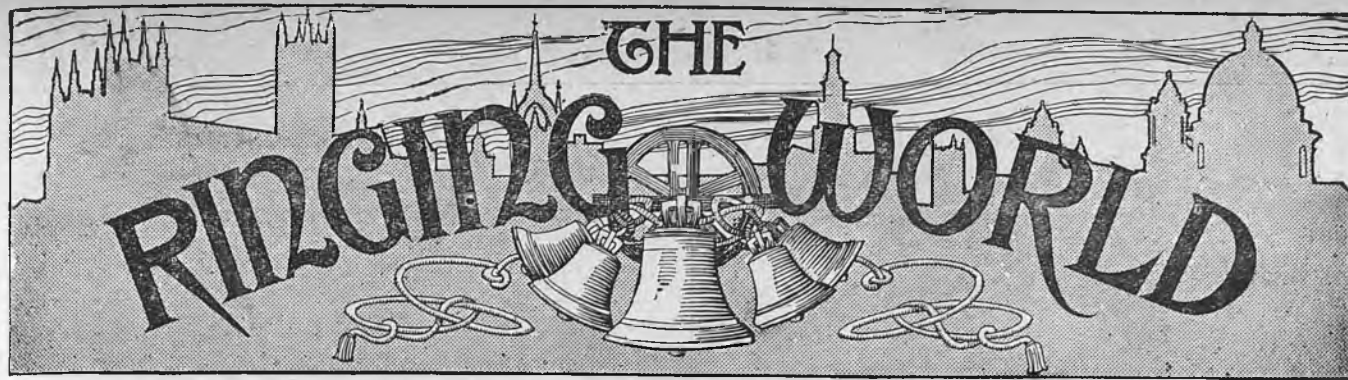
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MODERN WORK.

THE DIVISION OF COUNTY AREAS.

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Two cases in point have come under recent notice. Just over a year ago the Surrey Association established a new Southern District, which, previously, so far as they were concerned, was almost entirely outside the sphere of operations. That new district has already brought an accretion of 53 members and several towers, the majority of which would in all probability have remained unattached to any central body. In Worcestershire the division of the county has had equally satisfactory results, and the annual report just issued attributes the great progress made in the usefulness of the Association and in change ringing to the formation of these branches three years ago, an action which has brought the Association more into touch with outlying parishes than was possible before.

The success which has attended these, as well as other associations, should be an incentive to Yorkshire to take the step, when the matter comes up for decision. Meanwhile, the Devon Guild, who will shortly be holding their annual meeting, might also take the subject into consideration. We do not intend the slightest disrespect to Devonshire when we say that, for its size, and the number of its peals of bells, no county in England is more backward in change ringing. Here and there one finds a bright oasis in the desert of "stoney-land," but it is not a centre where the Art flourishes. If Devon would try the experiment of dividing the large area into districts we feel sure the effect would be beneficial. It is impossible for an executive to keep in close touch with all the towers in such a big county, when there is no decentralisation, and it is still more impossible to organise effectively that "missionary" work which is so essential to real progress. Now is Devon's opportunity. A big stride forward will have been taken if the county be split up into suitable branches, each possessing some measure of executive power.

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On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Four Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES, CRIPPLEGATE,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAXIMUS, 5280 CHANGES;

Tenor 36½ cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS Treble	FRANK BENNETT 7
GEORGE R. PYE 2	REUBEN SANDERS 8
BERTRAM PREWETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 9
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 10
ISAAC G. SHADE 5	ERNEST PYE 11
CHARLES T. COLES 6	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

First peal of Cambridge Maximus by all except the ringers of the 2nd, 3rd and tenor.

TEN BELL PEALS.

PLYMOUTH, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT CHARLES' CHURCH,

A PEAL OF ERIN CATER, 5025 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

WALTER H. MARSH Treble	FRANK HOCKADAY 6
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	GEORGE R. STROUD 7
WILLIAM RUNDLE 3	WILLIAM FORD 8
WARREN H. HORN BROOK 4	WILLIAM D. JAMES 9
REGINALD DOBSON 5	FRANCIS PURSE Tenor

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On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5163 CHANGES;

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	WILLIAM S. SMITH 6
JAMES W. TRAPPIST 2	FRANK HOLDER 7
ALFRED J. TRAPPIST 3	EDWIN L. MILES 8
DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM GROVES 9
ALBERT CALVER 5	CHARLES H. KIPPEN Tenor

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On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATER, 5043 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt., in D.

PERCY O. LAFLIN Treble	JOHN CORRIGAN 6
JAMES JONES 2	JOHN NEAL 7
*WILLIAM J. MEERS 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 8
JOHN CARTER 4	JAMES L. WELLS 9
EDMUND J. HYLAND 5	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
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* First peal of Stedman Caters. Rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor. This composition is No. 3 on Carter's Broadsheet.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

ARTHUR SYMONDS Treble	WILLIAM DENT... .. 5
STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... 2	WILLIAM FAYERS 6
WILLIAM R. JOHN POULSON 3	THOMAS W. GARRARD ... 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	THOMAS PRYKE Tenor

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On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

T. H. PARKIN Treble	R. OLIVER 5
C. H. BIRD 2	N. SHORT 6
T. P. HOCKNELL 3	G. VAMPLEW 7
J. E. SMITH... .. 4	H. STRICKLAND... .. Tenor

Conducted by N. SHORT.

EARLSHEATON, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

STANOPE RIGG Treble	JOHN GARFORTH 5
JOHN WILLIAM DEWS... .. 2	GEORGE H. HARDY... .. 6
WILLIE SENIOR 3	HERBERT DRANSFIELD ... 7
HEMINGWAY DRANSFIELD ... 4	GARFORTH TAYLOR Tenor

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DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
(THE ST. MARY'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 2, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary the Virgin,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART. Tenor 20 cwt.

GEORGE SAUNDERS Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL ... 5
WILLIAM J. SHEAFF 2	PERCY GIBBS 6
ARTHUR H. ROBERTS ... 3	CHARLES TURNER 7
RICHARD H. STEVENS ... 4	WALTER CORTEEN Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

Messrs. W. Sheaff and P. Gibbs were elected members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

GEORGE PINCOTT... .. Treble	JOHN WELSBY 5
FRED ABBOTT 2	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	JOHN POTTER 7
TITUS BARLOW 4	PETER NUTTALL Tenor

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

KENNINGHALL, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.

ERNEST F. POPPY Treble	JOHN CUNNINGHAM 5
THOMAS FORD, Junr. ... 2	*SAMUEL ANNISON 6
*O. BULLMAN 3	*F. BURROWS 7
CLEMENT MORE 4	JOHN SOUTER Tenor

Composed by W. SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by J. SOUTER.

* First peal in the method.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Matthew, Kingsdown,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

FRED G. MAY Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
*WILLIAM H. WERRETT ... 2	*HENRY B. BURT 6
*WILLIAM J. PROBERT ... 3	ISAAC LONG 7
*GEORGE A. RADNIDGE ... 4	*JOHN G. HALE Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

* Members of the St. Matthew's Guild. Rung muffled as a mark of respect to Mr. G. E. Lockey, for many years Vicar's Warden of St. Matthew's Church.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

*WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	†JOHN GREASLEY 5
†EDWARD W. DUTTON ... 2	*HENRY WILLIAMS 6
*DAVID HUGHES... .. 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
†JAMES R. GRIFFEN 4	*ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. ‡ First peal away from the tenor. Although the bells were opened more than 25 years ago, this is the first peal on them by a local band.

KIDLINGTON, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLTS' TEN-PART.

*LEONARD BUNNING Treble	J. H. HOLIFIELD, Senr... 5
WILLIAM JUDGE... .. 2	FREDERICK WEBB 6
J. W. WILKINS... .. 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
G. H. HOLIFIELD 4	GEORGE A. KING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. WILKINS.

* First peal. Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Barbara Freeborn, of Clifton Hampden, Oxon, to Mr. Eustace Sharpley Meddings, of Lee, Blackheath.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Cathedral,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES

Tenor 28 cwt.

HUBERT EDEN Treble	*HARRY HOLLICK 5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	*LEWIS GOODENOUGH ... 6
*CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 3	GEORGE N. PRICE 7
FREDERICK BRANKLOW ... 4	EDWARD WHITBREAD Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by E. WHITBREAD.

* First peal in the method.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(GLOUCESTER BRANCH)
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

ARTHUR S. BOAR Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 5
WALTER YEEND... .. 2	THOMAS NEWMAN 6
*CHARLES L. SADLER ... 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE 7
†GEORGE H. WALTERS ... 4	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS...Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH T. DYKE.

* 50th peal. † First peal of Stedman inside. The band wish to thank the Vicar for kindly granting the use of the bells.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKER ... Treble	WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ... 5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING ... 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 4	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal on eight bells (age 16). This was W. Tucker's 100th peal for the Guild, and run after meeting short for Double Norwich.

LEISION, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

JOHN M. BUTTON Treble	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... 5
CHARLES SAMPSON 2	GEORGE WILSON 6
LEONARD P. BAILEY 3	EDGAR H. BAILEY 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	ERNEST S. BAILEY ... Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Button on their 75th and 72nd birthdays respectively; also as a compliment to L. P. Bailey who attained his 21st birthday on the same date.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

FREDERICK J. MYNARD ... Treble	HERBERT L. HARLOW ... 5
HENRY W. GAYTON 2	*WILLIAM JACQUES 6
†FRANK BOSWELL 3	WILLIAM FREEMAN 7
*BERNARD FISHER 4	JOHN W. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by H. JOHNSON, and
Conducted by WILLIAM JACQUES.

* First peal in the method. † First in the method with a bob bell. The composition has the 6th the extent each way in 5—6. The conductor had never called a touch in the method previous to attempting the peal.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN JENNINGS Treble	EDWIN STRINGER 5
GEORGE PARSONS 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
GEORGE CHAPLIN 3	*BERTRAM G. LEEDHAM ... 7
GEORGE ROBERTS 4	BRO. PANCRAS PICARD, O.S.B. Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Mr. Chaplin hails from Tamworth and this is his first peal of Stedman. The band wish to thank Mr. B. W. Wittchell for kindly making arrangements, and regret that, owing to another engagement, he was unable to call the peal.

PENDLETON, LANC.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

HARRY CHAPMAN Treble	FREDERICK DERBYSHIRE ... 5
WALTER C. HUNT 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
HARRY WASHBROOK 3	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 7
GEORGE TURNER... .. 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD ... Tenor

Composed by G. R. NEWTON, and Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

INGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, February 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called in nine different ways.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

W. PALFREY... .. Treble	E. FOOTER... .. 3.
A. CULTER 2	P. WATSON 4
W. BARTLE Tenor	

Conducted by W. PALFREY.

First peal on the bells and rung as a birthday compliment to the conductor.

ST. WEONARD'S HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six Scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANCIS A. OAKLEY ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE 4
REV. V. A. CRESWELL ... 2	WILLIAM POSTON 5
HENRY WEALE 3	THOMAS AMOS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal by the Vicar, who was elected a member of the Guild previous to starting.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor about 17 cwt.

*ALFRED JEFFS Treble	JOHN BALL... .. 4
WILLIAM HAYO... .. 2	JAMES B. HUDSON 5
†THOMAS WILLSON 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by REGINALD C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells, which have just been rehung by Messrs. Taylor & Co., who have added a new treble.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, March 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

CHARLES BAILEY... .. Treble	ARTHUR BLYTH... .. 4
GEORGE BAILEY 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
ARTHUR BAILEY 3	LEONARD E. LAST ... Tenor

Conducted by L. E. LAST.

W. Clover hails from Thornham Magna, L. E. Last from Wickham Skeith, and the rest belong to the local company.

GEDNEY, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*MISS C. EMMA BANKS ... Treble	HARRY V. FLETCHER ... 3
*SAMUEL H. NORTH 2	*A. HERBERT MUNSON ... 4
JOHN B. HALLIFAX ... Tenor	

Conducted by JOHN B. HALLIFAX.

* First peal. Rung at first attempt. Miss Banks is the first lady to ring a peal for the above Guild.

CHEDISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(HALESWORTH DISTRICT.)

On Monday, March 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being four 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Bob Minor each called differently. Tenor 14½ cwt.

LIONEL HAMMOND Treble	JOHN O'NEILL 4
FREDK. C. LAMBERT 2	ARTHUR H. TOOK 5
E. AUSTIN HEAD 3	HERBERT PRATT Tenor

Conducted by F. C. LAMBERT.

Rung as a farewell to the Vicar, Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., who has left for Stradbroke Vicarage; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. and Miss L. Lambert, the conductor's wife and elder daughter.

LIVERPOOL.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, GRASSENDALE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Comprising 720 each of London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

JOHN ALLEN... .. Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 5
HENRY FYLES 3	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Allen.

HALSALL, LANCASHIRE.
THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CUTHBERT,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JAMES MARSH Treble	JAMES W. BELL 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER 5
THOMAS W. GILMOUR 3	JAMES MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by J. MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. This is the first peal on the bells which were variously cast by Rudhall between the years 1736 and 1806.

GLASBURY, BRECONSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 21 Six-Scores of Canterbury Pleasure, and 21 of Grandsire, with 15 different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

BRYCHAN JONES... .. Treble	JAMES P. HYETT 4
*JOHN N. VIZOR 2	EDGAR R. JONES 5
LEONARD LEWIS... .. 3	THOMAS TURNER Tenor

Conducted by L. LEWIS.

* First peal in two methods. Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who, to the regret of all the band, left next day to take up an appointment in the West Sussex Police Force.

GREAT BARTON, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

On Wednesday, April 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... Treble	FRANK J. LEVITT 4
ERNEST STURGEON 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 5
ERNEST W. BISHOP 3	HORACE W. FOULGER ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. FOULGER.

YAXLEY, HUNTS.
THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's called differently. Tenor 20 cwt.

JOHN J. JUTSON Treble	*OSWALD RICHARDSON ... 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 5
ISAAC P. BENNETT 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells, the 3rd and tenor being the original bells put in by Penn in 1721. The above was rung on the 18th anniversary of Mr. T. Vaughan's wedding day.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

On Thursday, April 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

*PERCIVAL J. BROOKS... Treble	ALBERT E. ANSCOMBE ... 4
†LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS... .. 3	JAMES MORLEY... .. Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. This peal was rung in honour of the marriage of Mr. A. E. Anscombe to Miss S. J. Gurr, which happy event took place at Isfield Parish Church on the 26th ult.; also rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. P. J. Brooks.

GEDDINGTON, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 42 Six-scores, each called differently.

Tenor 11 cwt. 3 qr. 17 lbs.

HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Treble	PERCY J. LENTON 3
GEORGE HOLLAND 2	ALBERT E. WYKES 4
	ROBERT BLACK Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

KISLINGBURY, NORTHANTS.

THE TOWCESTER AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ARTHUR THOMAS STARMER... Treble	WILFRED SHARP 3
FRED HOPPER 2	*WALTER CHARLES STARMER 4
	WILLIAM ROBERTS Tenor

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

* First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Thomas Starmer and the band thank the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. Russell) for the use of the bells. After the peal the ringers were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. and Mrs. Hartgrove.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise. London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Tenor 9 cwt.

CHARLES NUNN Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS... .. 2	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	WILLIAM ROSE... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Messrs. Bailey hail from Rickingham.

BURSTOW, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.

CHARLES VARO	Treble	REV. E. J. TEESDALE ...	4
JOHN SHERLOCK	2	*FRANK SADLER	5
*THOMAS W. BOND	3	ALBERT HARMAN	Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT HARMAN.

* First peal in three methods. First peal of Minor in three methods on the bells.

WYMONDHAM, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY OF FRAMLAND RINGERS.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven Six-scores each of Reading, St. Simon, Old Doubles, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure and Grandsire. Tenor 20 cwt.

*EDWIN HUDDLESTON ...	Treble	JOHN W. WRIGHT	4
*THOMAS H. RATE	2	WILLIAM H. DYKE	5
JOSEPH MURREY	3	JAMES A. TYSOE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. DYKE.

* First peal, and first peal by all the band in six methods.

TIBLE HEDINGHAM, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18½ cwt.

LEWIS WISEMAN	Treble	OLAVE BROYD	4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ...	2	WALTER NICE	5
HARRY CANSSELL	3	GEORGE PONNAL	Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

SKIRBECK, BOSTON, Lincs.
THE LINCOLNSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(EASTERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

JOHN COLEMAN	Treble	HAROLD PALMER	4
ARTHUR H. PALMER	2	HARRY PALMER	5
*ARTHUR SWAIN	3	JAMES KIRK	Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR H. PALMER.

* First peal. First peal of Minor on the bells. Rung as a farewell to the conductor who is shortly sailing on a voyage to the Far East and South Seas. The conductor wishes to thank the band for turning up on such a short notice.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD, MIDDLESEX.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

JOHN THOMAS	1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ...	5-6
*MISS EDITH K. PARKER ...	3-4	WILBY J. HAZELL	7-8

Composed by W. SOTTENSTALL, and

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method with an inside pair.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF W. WILLSON, JUNR., CHEPSTOW ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE	1-2	EDWARD NORMAN	5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON	3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR.	7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON, JUNR.

Umpire: SYDNEY SHELTON.

First peal as conductor and first attempt. It is E. Norman's first peal with an inside pair of bells.

The ringer of the 5th in the peal at Worlingworth on March 30th was Sidney W. Pilgrim, and not Richard as published.

LATE PEAL.

UPPER BEEDING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 8 cwt.

GEORGE GATLAND	Treble	GEORGE NORRIS	5
HORACE TULETT	2	BERT CHALLEN	6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS	3	EDMUND H. LINDUP ...	7
HENRY STALHAM	4	JOHN JERVIS	Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Rung as a welcome to the Vicar, whose induction took place about three weeks before.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Axbridge Deanery Branch was held at Berrow, on Saturday, about 30 members being present, representing the following towers: Burnham, Berrow, Brent Knoll, Congresbury, Weston-super-Mare, Glastonbury, etc. Service was held in the Parish Church, and a capital address was given by the Rev. Armstrong.—Tea was partaken in the Parish Hall, followed by the business meeting.—Two new honorary and nineteen performing members were elected.—Mark was proposed for the next quarterly meeting, and Bleaden for the intermediate meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his able address, for providing tea, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. Armstrong suitably responded.—Several good touches of Grandsire were rung, and Burnham bells were also available during the evening.

A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION.

The Middleton Parish Church band on Easter Monday did honour to one of the oldest of their members by attempting a peal of Bob Major, but the attempt unfortunately came to grief after 1 hr. 46 mins. The occasion was the birthday of Mr. James Arrowsmith, and the unique feature was that the date, March 24th, has not fallen upon Easter Monday since the day upon which he was born 57 years ago.

A birthday celebration was held at the Co-operative Hall, Middleton, and, in addition to relatives and friends, the ringers were present and provided some entertainment on the handbells. A presentation was made to Mr. Arrowsmith of a silk handkerchief, upon which was woven a suitable inscription, and which was illuminated with bells.—Mr. W. Schofield, an old member, voiced the best wishes of the ringers, to which the recipient suitably replied. The occasion was a most enjoyable one.

DEATH OF A BIRMINGHAM RINGER.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. William Brook, of Birmingham, who passed away at the age of 70 years, after a long illness. The deceased had been a ringer at St. Chad's Cathedral for about 25 years, and at one time belonged to St. Philip's company. He was a safe ringer in the Standard methods and good striker, and had taken part in peals of Triples, Major and Caters, including one 10,000 of Major.

On April 1st, as a last token of respect, a half-muffled peal of Grand-sire Triples was attempted at St. Chad's Cathedral, but it came to grief after 1050 changes had been rung, owing to a change course. Afterwards, several touches were rung by W. Hunt, T. Miller, T. J. Bratton, W. Anker, C. Mackenzie, R. Ducker, J. Corrigan, and J. E. King.

CRAWLEY, SUSSEX.—At St. John the Baptist's Church, on March 30th, 1216 Kent Treble Bob Major: H. J. Dewey (longest touch in the method) 1, J. Rice 2, W. Claydon 3, A. D. Mills 4, A. E. Mitchell 5, W. Wenban 6, C. Sippetts 7, F. W. Rice (conductor) 8. Rung to welcome the Rev. G. H. Bourne Barton, M.A., who has been appointed curate at the above church.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—“There's nothing like striking the iron whilst it's hot,” and as I have so frequently ventilated this pet subject of mine at various ringing meetings, I would much like to follow your able leading article last week, with a few remarks upon what has been troubling me for years.

I was delighted to again attend the Johnson Dinner in the City of Birmingham, for the one reason of meeting so many friends of long years' standing, and some I had never seen before; but the great object of all was an opportunity of speaking on a subject we must all pay attention to, and at once! Whilst proposing the “Health of the Chairman,” a gentleman whose name is justly revered and honoured by every ringer in the land, I was able to point out that when I was Master of the Ancient Society of College Youths, Sir Arthur Heywood spent one whole day with me in London, for the sole purpose of unfolding the great plan he had in mind. He, being gifted with far-seeing power, saw that at no distant date we should be obliged to have a recognised organisation to represent us in time of need. Therefore, it was entirely Sir Arthur, who, after laying his plans before the different societies, brought into being that grand Association known as the “Central Council of Church Bell Ringers,” with the sole object of protecting our rights and privileges, and interests in the future.

As a visitor, I attended their last meeting, only to find the Council had become a gigantic discussion class, between two of any great ringing friends of over 30 years' standing, and certainly two of the most gifted mathematicians I have ever listened to. But at the present moment we do not want this, for there is more urgent work on hand. Now that I have got Sir Arthur fairly started, I know there is every prospect that he will cause this important matter to be discussed at the next meeting, for action must begin at once, seeing that this is the sort of work the Council was originally intended for. Probably few others have collected so many instances of this grievance and the antagonistic feeling against ringing as I have, for on two occasions I have been present in Court at the Old Bailey, when the judge has complained of bells being tinkled for service near at hand—once at that awful moment when waiting for the two words of freedom, or the one dread word that would send a fellow creature to eternity.

To my knowledge the question was twice raised in Parliament some years ago. The one great instance of all that troubles me most, however, is much too dangerous, in our own interests, to put into print—it would start the ball rolling. Nothing will ever make me believe that the highest governing bodies in the land, and, perhaps, 12,000 inhabitants at a time are going to be annoyed for hours to please, perhaps, your humble servant and the eleven others who generously come forward to help him. If the general public could only read the footnotes to some of the performances, such as “this peal was rung to celebrate the third birthday of the 14th daughter of the ringer of the 11th,” there would be a pretty hue and cry throughout the whole country, for if a Royal Commission or Select Committee of Inquiry were appointed, this sort of argument against us would be used. As to complaints against peal ringing, my reminiscences, if not so numerous and serious to ourselves, would be decidedly amusing!

As an instance, I remember many years ago, calling a very long attempt for the first peal of Stedman at a Malvern Priory Church, after which, much against my protests, the scores of visitors who had assembled outside from several miles round, handsomely “tipped” the tower keeper to allow them all to have “touches,” ending altogether in about six hours' ringing, with a result that to this very day the tower has been closed to peal ringing!

Every time a peal is accomplished in a thickly populated district it is like walking about with a pocketful of firearms at “full cock,” before the safety catch was invented! In many towers throughout the land, the ringers themselves have done much to beautify their ringing room, and we should now take up the cue where the others left off, and so continue the break, for united we stand, divided we fall.

Now to remedy all this and put ourselves on the safe side, I do not think the cost would be much, and I would most respectfully advise the Central Council trying to see their way clear to adopt something like this: Let them officially approach the authorities at, say, 100 towers in the country (the greatest offenders where most complaints are received) with recommendations to shutter-up the louvre boards, or even brick up the openings inside to within a short distance of the top. This will effectively stop the reverberating clang complained of by those near at hand, and cause the sound to travel to greater distances, besides converting the tower into a much sweeter musical box.

If the different authorities say they will comply with this recommendation, well and good; but if not, then the only alternative is to get them kindly to provide the material—no great cost—and there are amongst us ringers architects, stonemasons, bricklayers, carpenters, and others, who I know would at once freely give their services for an hour or two on summer evenings to carry out the work themselves! If funds are needed, surely there are many of us who would willingly give a donation or an annual subscription of a guinea for such an object. Anyhow, try it, for we shall all look forward to the result of the Whitsun meeting with interest. Immediate action must be taken for the sake of ourselves, our friends, the church authorities, and the public; and, above all, for the sake of the unknown enthusiasts who will follow on after it has pleased the Great Spirit of All to call us. Yours, etc.,

FRANCIS EDWARD DAWE.

WORCESTERSHIRE'S PROGRESS.

The 28th annual report of the Worcestershire and Districts Association comments on the progress made by the organisation during the past year. The record of the year, it says, demonstrates that the interest in change ringing throughout the country and the usefulness of the Association are both largely on the increase; for while great progress was made during 1911, the year 1912 showed a record in all ways which had never been equalled in the history of the Association. As such great progress had been made during the last two years, it must be admitted that the formation of the three branches had helped to promote the objects of the Association. The increase in membership was most encouraging, the ringers at Bengeworth, Cookley, Elmley, Lovett, Fladbury, Overbury, Rowley Regis, Strensham and Wordsley, having become affiliated, but it is much regretted that so many members are in arrears with their subscriptions, especially hon. members; and it is hoped that each local secretary will assist the officers by endeavouring to have the subscriptions of his company and of the hon. members in his district sent in early in each year. While the average points per peal were not as large as in some years, the number rung was a record, being no less than 65, the year 1898 having held the record until now with 64. The large number of members who took part shows that change ringing was indeed progressing. The progress made was largely due to the Association being brought more in touch with the outlying parishes by means of the branches, and great credit was due to the branch officers for their work and enthusiasm, and for their pioneer efforts, which were certain to have good results in time.

MEETING OF THE SOUTHERN BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch took place at Great Hampton, on Saturday last, when the following towers were represented: Evesham, Overbury, Pershore, Fladbury, Hinton, Bretforton, etc. The bells were utilised in various Standard methods during the afternoon. Service was held in the church, and was well attended, the Vicar (the Rev. E. Havergal) giving a most excellent address, taking for his text, Psalm xvi, 10, “Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King.”—Tea was served in the Parish Room by Mrs. Leach, of the Crown Inn, the Vicar, Mrs. Havergal, Miss C. Havergal, and the choir (who had taken part in the service) sitting down with the ringers, the party numbering altogether 62.

The business meeting followed, at which the Vicar presided. Several performing members were elected, and it was decided to attempt the quarterly peal at Great Hampton, with Mr. F. Jordan as conductor.—Badsey was selected for the next quarterly meeting, and, after some discussion, it was resolved to arrange a meeting for practice at Little Comberton, the date and time to be advertised in the ringing papers.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for presiding, for his excellent address, and for the use of the bells, and for providing such a splendid tea; to the organist and choir for attending the service, and to Mrs. Leach for the way she had catered for their wants.—The Vicar, in a brief speech, related several interesting anecdotes, and hoped at some future time he should have the pleasure of meeting the Association again on a similar visit.—Mr. H. Leach also replied on behalf of his mother.

Evesham and Bengeworth bells were to have been available in the evening, but unfortunately the clapper of the 9th at the former tower had been broken, and was not returned from the bell founders, but Bengeworth's peal of six was kept going till a late hour.—The meeting proved one of the best the Southern Branch has held.

OFF THE BEATEN TRACK.

On Saturday last, six Brighton members of the Sussex Association spent an enjoyable half-day in the country. Reaching Burgess Hill by train, a start was at once made for the object of the excursion, Twineham, a charming little old-world village. It was reached by a walk of over four miles, which appeared to be appreciated by all as a great change from the usual week-end peals. Spring flowers were in abundance by the roadside, and on arriving at the Church about 3.30, the visitors were met by the Rector (the Rev. Cresswell Gee), who welcomed the party to Twineham, and at once led the way to the tower, where there is a capital little peal of five, several of them recast, and the whole rehung by Messrs. Mears and Sainbank in the autumn of last year. The work was well carried out, the tone and “go” of the bells being all that could be desired. The bells were kept going till five o'clock, the Rector, who is himself a ringer, also taking part, and ringing very creditably considering that he had not handled a bell until about six months ago. The party were then invited to the Rectory for tea, after which they adjourned to the study, where they were entertained by the Rector with anecdotes of his experiences in his former parish in the neighbourhood of the Old Kent Road, his stories being extremely interesting, not to say, at times, amusing. The tower was then again visited, and another of the local ringers took part in the ringing. The party were very much interested in the quaint little church, which is in the perpendicular style, and in which there is, amongst other relics, a stained window representing “The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin,” by Burnes Jones. The following made up the party: Messrs. Keith Hart, E. C. Merritt, R. Stredwick, J. Capp, W. C. Hart, and A. D. Stone (divisional hon. secretary), and they wish to thank the Rector most heartily for his courtesy, hospitality, and hearty welcome.

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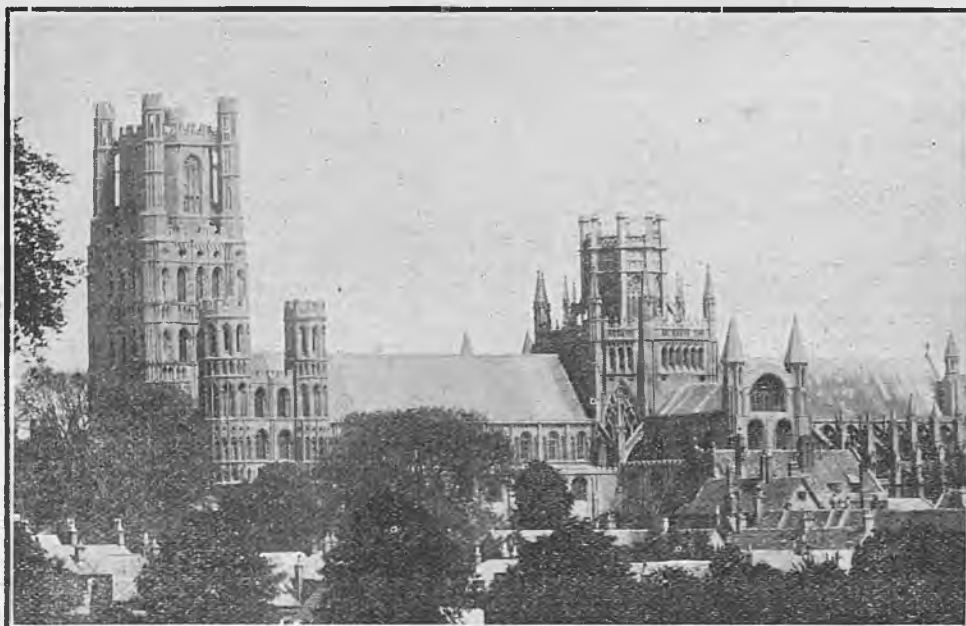
BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— ELY.

By J. R. JERRAM.

At the present time the western tower contains a light peal of five bells, tenor about 13 cwt., all cast by Henry Penn, the Peterborough bell founder, in 1723. The *Treble*,

In 1322 there were two bells in the western tower; of these the great bell was called "Bounce," and the lesser one "Peter." In the same year the central tower fell; but it was rebuilt by Alan de Waltringham, Prior.

A new peal of four bells was then cast for this tower. From the late Canon Raven's account we find that the weight of the great bell, called JESUS, was 37 cwt. 52 lbs.; that of the third, called "John," 27 cwt. 4 lbs.; that of the second, called "Mary," 21 cwt. 4 lbs.; and that of the least bell, called "Walsyngham," 18 cwt. 4 lbs.



ELY CATHEDRAL.

Second, *Third* and *Fourth* have no inscriptions, dates, or marks.

The *Tenor* is inscribed HENRY PENN MADE ME, 1723. These bells are chimed for service by means of a curious arrangement of hammers, wires and levers: at least this was the case when I was last at Ely, some 25 years ago. The *treble* is used as a clock bell.

Some years ago the late Dean Goodwin discovered the marks of four ropes on a beam on the south side of the lantern tower, which were evidently made by the ropes of these four bells.

The original single bell at Stuntney, since recast by Dobson, of Downham, is said to have come from the lantern tower of Ely Cathedral.

ODD CHANGES.

The Middlesex Association have scored a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus, and they are to be congratulated upon at length attaining to the height of their ambition. The peal was rung at Cripplegate last Saturday, and was composed and conducted by Mr. William Pye.

That peal, we believe, is only the seventh ever rung in the method. The first was achieved at St. Mary-le-Tower, Ipswich, by Mr. James Motts' company on August 15th, 1908, and they also rang the second in 1910. Since then the College Youths, who were the first to score Cambridge Maximus in London, have rung three, one at Cornhill and two at Southwark. The other peal was rung recently at St. Mary Redcliffe, Bristol.

We understand that the College Youths intend attempting a peal in this difficult method at St. Paul's Cathedral on April 26th. If this should be successful it would be a crowning achievement.

The Master of the Winchester Guild (the Rev. C. E. Matthews) is intent upon increasing the peals of bells at his own church of Titchfield Hants, from six (tenor 12 cwt.) to eight. He has a young band of keen ringers, and with a complete octave some good work might well be expected. At the Easter Vestry meeting consent was given to the raising of funds by the Vicar and ringers to add two new trebles.

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By a typographical error we last week stated that the weight of the second bell of the new ring of eight at Twyford, Berks, was 6 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.; it should have been 4 cwt. 1 qr. 2 lbs.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

The usual monthly practice of the Eastern District was held on Saturday, at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Sunderland. Unfortunately there was but a small attendance, only three towers, Holy Trinity and St. Ignatius, Sunderland, and St. Peter's, Jarrow, being represented. Ringing was confined to Doubles, Minor and Bob Triples. However, the practice was very useful in forwarding the beginners.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. SUCCESSFUL WIMBORNE BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Wimborne Branch of the Salisbury Guild was held on Saturday in Easter week, at Buckhorn Weston, the "furthest north" of the branch, where more than 20 years ago Messrs. Hughes D'Aeth started change ringing in North Dorset, and where, during the last few years they have revived the local company, and been the generators of progress through the whole district.

All who had engagements that afternoon anywhere in the South of England will not have forgotten the weather, but in spite of this, a party turned up from Okeford and Shillingstone about 2.30 and after raising the bells in peal, set them going to Grandsire and Stedman for over an hour, till a second party arrived from "furthest south," and changed the tune to Plain Bob and Kent.

At 4.15 there was festal evensong, fully choral, commencing with a processional hymn, a bell anthem having had unfortunately to be abandoned owing to the illness of some of the choir. In spite of his years, the Rector, the Rev. W. C. Hughes D'Aeth sang the service, and gave a stirring and vigorous address on the words: "Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord."

After service the party were sumptuously entertained in the Parish Room by Mrs. Hughes D'Aeth, and several ladies of the place. There were present the Rector, the Rev. F. Ll. Edwards (Kington Magna), Messrs. Hughes D'Aeth, Mr. A. E. Coles (Bridgwater), the Rev. C. A. Phillips, secretary, and members from Bourne-mouth, Buckhorn Weston, Durweston, Kington Magna, Okeford Fitzpaine, Poole, Shillingstone, Wimborne, etc. The chairman of the branch (the Rev. Canon Mansel Pleydell) and the Master of the Guild (Mr. A. F. Martin Stewart) had hoped to be there, but were unavoidably absent.—A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Rector and all his family, to the ladies, and to the choir for a most memorable welcome, service and entertainment.—Mr. Coles, in seconding, spoke especially of the reference in the Rector's address to the C.E.M.S.; and Mr. Hughes D'Aeth, in responding, expressed the wish that they would all come again soon, only in greater numbers, an invitation which all present will look forward to accepting as soon as it will be at all in order to hold another meeting at the same and so remote a centre, and will hope to find the Rector as hale and vigorous as on that Saturday.

After some courses of Bob Minor, Grandsire Triples, on handbells, conducted by Mr. Townsend, the party broke up, most of the visitors driving back to Henstridge, where Preb. Firth had kindly put his bells at their disposal, while the rest set to work to finish off the evening with some Cambridge Surprise and Oxford Treble Bob, and some good courses were brought round by: Messrs. A. E. Coles, C. C. D'Aeth, W. W. D'Aeth, Rev. F. Ll. Edwards, Messrs. A. Burn (Okeford Fitzpaine), C. Forfitt and C. W. Goddenough (Bournemouth), F. W. Townsend (Poole). It is believed that this is the first time that any Surprise has been rung at a meeting of the Sarum Guild.

DEVIZES BRANCH.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes Branch was held at Erchfont, on Saturday, when there were present: The Rev. J. A. Sturton (Vicar of Market Lavington), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett (Rector of Beechingstone), Rev. J. A. Haines (curate of Erchfont), Mr. H. Brownlee West (Devizes), Hon. Secretary, and ringing members from Great Cheverell, Southbroom, St. John's and St. Mary's, Devizes; Bishops Cannings, Market Lavington, Erchfont, Chilton, Westbury, and Beechingstone.

Ringing took place in the tower during the afternoon and evening.—Tea was served at the Nag's Head Inn, to which 24 members sat down.—A short business meeting was then held, presided over by the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), who, on behalf of the Guild, expressed its great regret at the death of the Earl Nelson, the late President; also at the death of Mr. James Selfe, captain of the ringers at Pewsey, which took place on March 7th last.—Seven new members from Erlestoke, two from Southbroom, two from Great Cheverell, and one from St. John's, Devizes, were proposed, and duly elected members of the Guild.—A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the Rev. J. Hamlyn Hill, D.D., Vicar of Erchfont, for the use of the church bells; and a very successful meeting was brought to a close.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. BIGGLESWADE BRANCH MEETING.

A quarterly meeting of the Biggleswade Branch was held at Potton, on Saturday, when a goodly number of members attended from Sandy, Everton, Old Warden, Bedford, St. Neot's, and the local tower.—At the business meeting, the Rev. A. Shillito presided, and four members were elected to serve on the general committee, viz., the Rev. B. H. T. Drake (Sandy), Mr. W. J. Mayes (Old Warden), Mr. A. O. Bailey (Potten), Mr. C. A. Pratt (Clifton).—A proposition was made by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. F. Blood) to hold a monthly practice of members, to promote eight-bell ringing at Biggleswade (providing permission can be obtained from the Vicar), on the first Monday in the month, so as not to interfere with the other practices.—A very pleasant time was spent by all the members. The Vicar kindly provided tea at the Vicarage for those attending, and at the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his kind hospitality, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting.

MIDLAND COUNTIES' RECORD.

The committee of the Midland Counties Association, in the annual report, have the gratifying statement to make that the record of the Association in 1911 (158 peals) surpassed all previous ones, and that again in the year 1912 a fresh and substantially increased record is created by the achievement of 172 peals. Of these 29 were rung by the Burton district, 27 by the Leicester district, 27 by the Nottingham district, 23 by the Derby district, 15 by the Chesterfield district, 14 by the Birmingham branch, 11 by members of the Hinckley district, nine by members of the Loughborough district, and 17 by mixed bands. Excluding the mixed bands, 27 companies appear to have contributed peals, a number falling short by three of the record figures of 1911. But the difference, even in view of the larger total of peals, is not of sufficient importance to detract from the satisfaction of the encouragingly wide distribution of the performances. The 6160 Oxford Treble Bob Royal (at Chesterfield) was the longest length in this method on ten bells by the Association. A fair number of peals of Superlative and Double Norwich Major had been scored. It was, perhaps, regrettable that only single peals had been rung in most of the other advanced methods. The number of hon. members was 37 against 40 in 1911; of ringing members 677 as against 686, and of life members 294 as against 279, making a total of 1,008, as against 1,005.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. BENEVOLENT FUND DISCUSSED.

On Saturday last, the members of the Manchester branch met at Eccles Parish Church. The meeting was very representative, including visitors from Bolton, Oldham, Macclesfield, etc.—Mr. J. Barratt, vice-president, presided, and gave a hearty welcome to the ringers. He expressed the hope that a deep interest would be taken by the members of the Association in the affairs of the society.—The question of a benevolent fund was discussed by several members present.—Mr. Burley Wallshaw, of the city police force, was elected a member of the Association.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar, wardens, and local ringers, for the use of the bells, etc.—The following methods were rung during the day: Grandsire, Plain Bob, Double Norwich and Superlative.

MR. RICHARD NEWTON'S DEPARTURE.

On Saturday week, at the Manchester Town Hall, an attempt was made to ring a peal of Stedman Caters to commemorate the pending retirement of Mr. Richard Newton from the Manchester police force, and his departure to Boston, U.S.A. Unfortunately, after 1 hr. 8 mins. good ringing, the peal came to grief.

Afterwards, Mr. Newton entertained the band and some personal friends to tea. Subsequently Mr. S. Scott was elected to the chair, and moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Newton for his kind hospitality. He felt sure that all present would agree with him when he expressed sorrow that the peal had failed, and he was also sure those present were sorry they were about to lose Mr. Newton, who had won his way into the hearts of all ringers with whom he had come in contact. He assured him that he carried with him the good wishes of all his friends for his future prosperity.

Mr. J. W. Washbrook, in seconding the resolution, said he fully agreed with all that Mr. Scott had said, and thought Mr. Newton would succeed. He had been a pioneer of good ringing since he became a ringer in the Manchester police force.

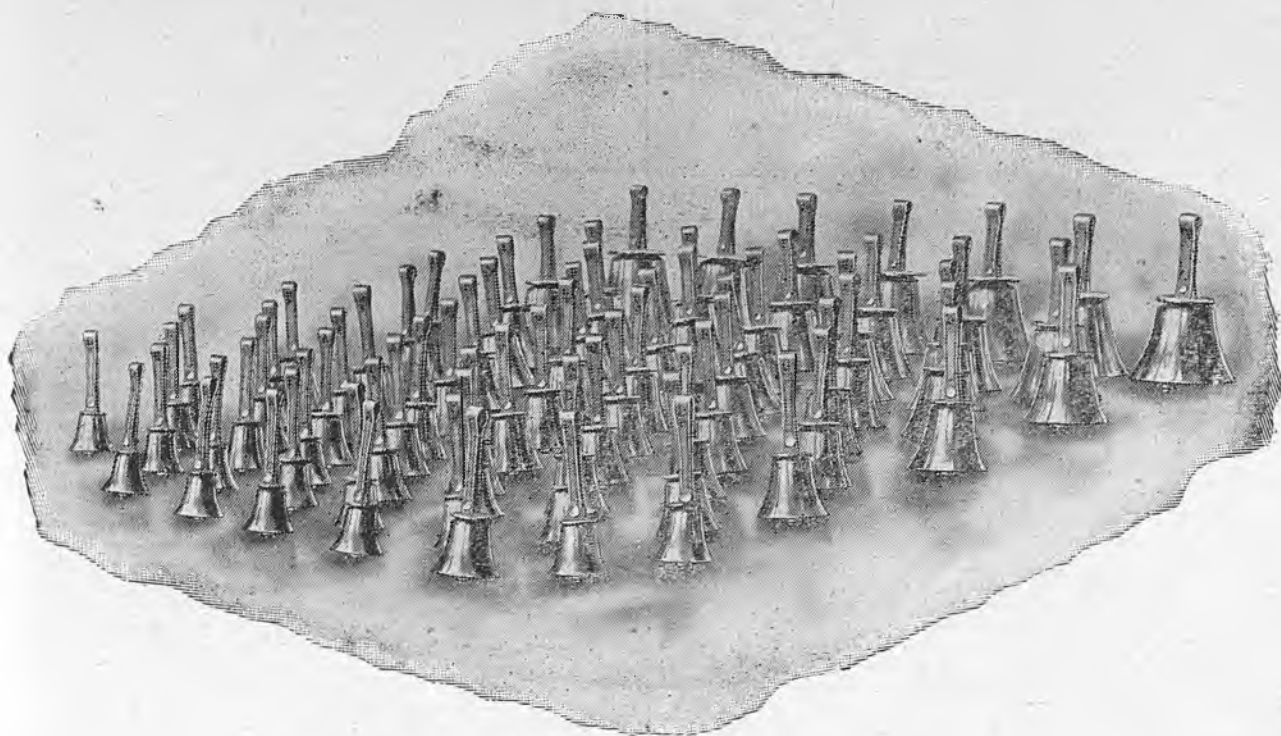
Mr. Alfred Barnes, who supported the motion, thanked Mr. Newton for having on several occasions invited him to take part in peals rung at the Town Hall. He had, however, always felt unable to accept, not because he did not appreciate the offers, but simply because the bells were too heavy. He assured them that he held Mr. Newton in high esteem, and he hoped he would prosper in his new venture in Boston.

Mr. W. H. Idle also supported the resolution. He felt great pleasure in being present, and spoke of the great esteem in which Mr. Newton was held by all ringers known to him in the Lancashire Association. He said he had known him personally for several years, and had had the pleasure of ringing several peals with him. Mr. Washbrook hit the nail on the head when he said that he was a pioneer of good ringing. His past work was sufficient evidence of that. With regard to his future career, he said he had great hopes of his success, for Mr. Newton had a stout heart, and was now undertaking what might daunt many a younger man. He wished him "God-speed," and hoped that they would often hear of him, either by letter or by means of the ringing papers.—The resolution was put, and carried with acclamation.

Mr. Newton, in response, thanked them one and all for their kind expressions and good wishes. It would be a source of great pleasure to him when abroad to think of the many friends at home and the many pleasant occasions on which he had met them. He would see to it that he kept in touch with them, and would always be glad to hear from any of them.

WHITCHURCH, SALOP.—On Easter Day, for evening service, at the Parish Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 46 mins.: E. Barker 1, F. Ryder 2, Rev. J. S. D. Rider 3, T. Owen 4, W. Barrow 5, W. Hutchinson 6, T. Barrow (conductor) 7, H. Taylor 8.

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IN THE WEALD OF KENT.

A very successful and enjoyable time was spent during Easter in the Weald of Kent by the following members of the Kent Association: Messrs. Frank Bennett, of London; R. J. Dawe (or "Bobs"), of Sussex; H. Blackwell (The Village Blacksmith), from Chelsfield; R. Edwards, A. Allen and C. Tribe, of Tenterden; F. G. Burden and A. Blackman, of Rolvenden; the Brothers E. and F. Lambert, of Horsmonden; C. W. Player, of Stone-in-Oxney; and W. H. Lambert, ("The Earl of Benenden"). A start was made about 10.30 on Monday morning at Tenterden, and a good peal of Stedman Triples was successfully accomplished in 3 hrs. 14 mins. on this noble peal of bells. After a good sound huntsman's lunch and a rest, a move was made for Rolvenden, some on two wheels, others on four, and after a cup that cheers, etc., "go" was called, and the second peal of Stedman completed in 2 hrs. 52 mins. Then, with tender hands but glad hearts, all sought well-earned repose with orders for Benenden the next morning at 8 o'clock. Needless to say all turned up in good time, but an early service compelled the visitors to wait till 8.50 before commencing, and as there was another service at 11.30, time was all too short to squeeze a peal in. However, nothing ventured nothing had, so "go" for Stedman was called. But as the saying goes, "Tis not the miles we travel, but the pace that tells," so it was in this case, for at the terrific pace they were going the first trip brought the bells in a lump, and so brought the peal to an abrupt termination. A touch of Treble Bob Major was then rung, and the bells lowered. After a look around the village the party dined with "the Earl" at Ye Old Manor House, and then off to Goudhurst for the last peal of the tour. After a stroll through the village and a successful hunt for the smuggler's stone recorded in James' book, "The Smugglers," tea was enjoyed. The tower was then ascended, ropes adjusted, etc., and the third and last peal of Stedman of the tour was well rung in 3 hrs. 5 mins. It was the first peal of Stedman by two of the band, and terminated a most enjoyable tour in the Weald. The band wish to thank the clergy of the various churches for their kind permission to ring; Mr. C. Tribe, hon. district secretary of the Kent Association, for making all arrangements; and, above all, Mr. F. Bennett, the New Cross pilot, for so ably conducting them through the "bobs" and "singles" of the "River Stedman," and bringing them safe into port with such a slight loss of "cargo."

A SUSSEX OUTING.

The Salehurst, Sussex, ringers held their annual outing on Easter Monday, when they visited Waldron and Dallington, accompanied by two members of the Battle company. Waldron was reached at 11.30 a.m. On the bells, a nice light ring of eight which "go" like tops, a touch of Grandsire Triples was tapped off to "ring in the bride," for there was a local wedding to be solemnised. Afterwards several touches were brought round, the band taking their departure at 2.30 p.m. Dallington was reached at 4.30. Here is a splendid ring of six, which could easily be made tell a better tale in method ringing. The visitors were met by Messrs. Johnson and Lovell, and several 120's were tapped off. The only "peal" tablet in the church is one bearing the date 1898, and recording a "peal of Doubles" called with three bobs and six singles, and rung in six minutes.

The bells having been lowered, the ringers repaired to the Swan, where tea was partaken of, and subsequently there was a smoking concert arranged by Mr. Jook, and presided over by the churchwarden, Mr. J. Peploe. The toast of the evening, "The Salehurst and Battle Ringing Societies," was proposed by the Chairman, and Mr. Booth, responding on behalf of the Salehurst band, urged, as a native of Dallington, the necessity of the Dallington band becoming without delay affiliated to the Sussex Association. Unless they did this, he said, they could scarcely ever hope to make progress, or to make the ringing of such a nature as to arrest the attention of the younger men, who were constantly coming and going. It had been said that they could get on if they had a leader like himself, but he would remind them that his knowledge was due to Mr. Franks, who had acted as instructor to the Salehurst band since they joined the Association.—Mr. Franks responded on behalf of the Battle Society, and endorsed what Mr. Booth had said. He knew quite well that a feeling existed sometimes after a meeting that the ringing had been of a very poor nature, and that it held out little or no inducement for fresh bands to join, but he reminded his hearers that it was a mistake to take this view. Those who attended these meetings were not a selection of "crack" ringers, got together to exhibit their skill before a few locals, but a number of men who came together for the benefit of one another, and to help forward those who were prepared to attempt a course or a touch of something that opportunity afforded. He looked forward with the greatest confidence of seeing the Dallington branch affiliated to the Sussex Association.—Mr. Booth next proposed the health of the Chairman, the toast being responded to by Churchwarden J. Peploe.

This is recorded as one of the best outings the society have experienced. The members who took part in the outing were: Messrs. T. Booth (captain), E. Mills, W. Hoad, J. Goodsell, C. Creasey, F. Morgan and Peacock (Salehurst), and Messrs. Franks and Thomas (Battle). The band regret the absence of Messrs. W. Cramp and W. Robinson, through indisposition. The ringers wish, through "The Ringing World," to thank the Rev. W. J. Humble Crofts, Rector of Waldron, and the Rector of Dallington for the use of their bells.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The Easter meeting was held at Whitby on Bank Holiday, and there was a good attendance of ringers from Robin Hood's Bay, Skelton, Maske, Middlesbrough, Stockton, Darlington, Shildon, Ormesby, Hemingbrough, and the local company. Dinner was provided at Bottrams Cafe, the Rev. W. P. Wright, President, being in the chair, supported by Mr. George Alexander (vice-president), Mr. White (churchwarden), and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe). The company numbered about 40. After dinner, the usual toasts were duly honoured.

The President proposed that the best thanks of the Association be given to Canon Austin and the churchwardens for the use of their fine old peal of bells, and coupled with it the name of Mr. White (churchwarden). He said he had a warm corner in his heart for the fine old town of Whitby, for he had been accustomed to visit Whitby from his boyhood, and had spent many happy days there. He thanked the number of ringers that had turned up to make the meeting such a success.—The motion was seconded by Mr. Alexander, and carried by acclamation.—Mr. White, in responding, welcomed the Association to Whitby. He had, he said, found that the bell ringers were a fine lot of men, and the interest they took in their work was shown that day by the numbers that were present at the meeting.

About a dozen new members were elected, and good ringing was done during the day in various methods, including Bob Triples, Grandsire Triples, Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent Major, Grandsire Caters, Bob Royal and Kent Royal. All present were quite satisfied with the success of the gathering.

PRESENTATION.

An interesting function took place in St. Modwen's Church belfry, Burton-on-Trent, on the evening of Easter Day. Mr. W. J. Smith, who has been connected with the band for 29 years, and was leader for nearly half that period, was leaving the town, and his colleagues presented him with a handsome electro-plated tea pot, and a small purse of gold.—The Vicar, who was accompanied by the churchwardens and other friends, made the presentation. It may be mentioned that during his career, Mr. Smith has "pulled the ropes" at almost every church within a thirty miles' radius of Burton. He leaves the town with the hearty good wishes of his comrades.

STEEPLE KEEPER ELECTED COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

PRESENTATION AT MITCHAM.

At the conclusion of the weekly practice of the Mitcham Society, at the Parish Church, Mitcham, the members presented Mr. J. D. Drewett, the treasurer and steeple keeper of the society, with a handsome black marble inkstand, suitably inscribed, as a token of the high esteem in which he is held by his brother ringers, and a mark of appreciation of the many kindnesses shown towards them.—The presentation was made by Mr. Chas. Dean, late secretary of the Surrey Association, and an honorary member of the Mitcham Society, who expressed the great regard and friendship felt by the members for Mr. Drewett.—Mr. Drewett, in a most feeling reply, thanked the members for the unexpected pleasure. He said he should treasure the gift as long as he lived. What he had done had been a work of love, and as his father before him had done, he should always have at heart the true interests of the ringers and their proper recognition as church workers.

Mr. Drewett has been connected with the Mitcham tower for the past thirty years, his late father having also been a ringer in the same tower over sixty years ago. Mr. J. D. Drewett occupies a place of high esteem among his fellow townsmen. He was chairman of the Croydon Board of Guardians during the past year, and has recently been elected a member of the County Council.

RINGERS IN CANADA.

NAMES AND ADDRESSES WANTED.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—No doubt some of the ringers in the Old Land know of brother ringers who are living in or around the cities of Toronto and Montreal. I should be very glad if I could get the names and addresses of some, at least, of these men. The only way this can be done is for friends at home to let me have this information, and I should be glad if they will send to me at this address.

As you will be aware we do not possess many bells in Canada, but we have a fine peal of ten at Montreal, and it would be quite a treat if we could get a band to go down there and have a pull together.

I should esteem it a favour if you would make this known through your valuable paper. With best wishes, yours faithfully,

A. SIMPSON.

OLNEY, BUCKS.—On Easter Day, for evening service, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: W. Jacques 1, B. Fisher 2, S. Smith 3, W. Freeman 4, F. Boswell 5, R. Perkins 6.

ROWLEY REGIS, STAFFS.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Brown 1, F. Willetts 2, T. Clarke 3, G. H. Detheridge 4, E. Homer 5, H. Dowell 6, A. Timmins (conductor) 7, W. H. Detheridge 8.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

GRASSENDALE.—At St. Mary's Church, for evening service, on Easter Day, 720 London Surprise: T. J. Morris 1, *T. Jennion 2, G. R. Newton 3, *E. Caunce 4, J. Turner 5, J. Allen (conductor) 6. *First 720 in the method.

CAVENDISH, SUFFOLK.—On Sunday, March 30th, 1913, in 1 hr. 5 mins., a date touch of Minor (1913 changes), being 108 Double Court, 365 Plain, 720 Woodbine Treble Bob, and 720 Oxford Treble Bob: H. Thompson 1, A. Ives 2, W. Underwood (conductor) 3, J. Harrington 4, G. Rice 5, E. Perkins 6. Rung in honour of the christening of Ronald William Wallace Maddaver, son and heir of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Maddaver, of Wales End Farm, Cavendish, which took place on the above date at the Parish Church, Brockley, Suffolk.

HORSHAM, SUSSEX.—On Monday, March 24th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, after an unsuccessful attempt for a peal, in 48 mins.: A. Greenfield 1, P. H. Doick 2, R. Wood 3, J. Burdfield 4, L. Stilwell (conductor) 5, J. Cook 6, W. Stanford 7, J. Netley 8.

COLNE, LANCS.—On Easter Monday, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (Thurstan's), in 46 mins.: H. Wilson 1, *S. Lane 2, *James Foulds 3, A. Brooks 4, *H. Foulds 5, W. Mallinson 6, *R. Foulds (conductor) 7, *W. Heaton 8. *Longest length in the method, and on the bells.

BFACHAMPTON, BUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On March 24th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, in 25 mins.: C. N. Alderman 1, *J. Bennett 2, *F. Whiting 3, A. W. Alderman 4, *R. Linney (conductor) 5. First 720 by the local band. The ringer of the treble is only in his 14th year. *First 720.

SCUNTHORPE, Lincs.—Lincoln Guild.—On Easter Monday morning, an attempt was made by St. John's Church Ringers' Guild to ring Vicars' six-part peal of Grandsire Triples, but it came to grief after 1 hr. 35 mins.: T. H. Parker 1, O. H. Bird 2, T. P. Hocknell 3, J. E. Smith 4, H. Oliver 5, N. Shoot (conductor) 6, G. Vamplew 7, H. Strickland 8.

PETERBOROUGH.—On Easter Monday, at St. Mary's Church, 720 Double Bob Minor; at the Cathedral, two six-scores of Grandsire Doubles; at St. John's, Grandsire and Bob Major; at Glinton St. Benedict's, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor; touches on the handbells in the Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Major and Little Bob Major were rung by: J. W. Lake, A. Holmes, R. Richardson and G. Jutson. Others taking part in the day's ringing were: H. Traynor, E. Tilby, J. W. Jarvis, R. Rowell, J. Jutson and H. Beechey.

CHESHUNT.—Hertfordshire Association.—On March 16th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, F. Jelf 3, H. G. Rowe (composer) 4, H. Cornwell (conductor) 5, G. Maxim 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8.—On Easter Day, for morning service, 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. G. Rowe. For evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes): D. Tucker 1, G. Andrews 2, H. G. Rowe (composer and conductor) 3, G. Maxim 4, H. Cornwell 5, C. Dilley 6, H. Simmons 7, R. Smith 8. After evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, conducted by H. Cornwell.

ISHAM.—Central Northants Association.—On Easter Sunday, 720 of Double Oxford Bob Minor: G. Valentine 1, E. M. Atkins 2, W. T. Wilson 3, A. E. Fourt 4, D. Mallett 5, G. A. Blaxley (conductor) 6. This is the treble man's first attempt for a 720, and the conductor's first attempt to call an extent in the method.

TENTERDEN, KENT.—On March 19th, at St. Mildred's Church, before a Confirmation service by the Bishop of Croydon, 336 Grandsire Triples: H. Baker 1, J. Manktelow 2, N. Tickner 3, C. Tribe 4, W. Savage 5, A. Snelling 6, A. Allen 7, F. Gilbert 8. Also a 308 in the same method after the service by the same band. Also 336 before evening service, and 168 before the evening service on Easter Day.

HALESWORTH, SUFFOLK.—On March 11th, at the Parish Church, 774 Stedman Triples: H. Barton (conductor) 1, F. C. Lambert 2, C. Moss 3, A. Lee 4, A. H. Took 5, J. Howard 6, J. Larter 7, J. Jolly 8.

FORTHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.—On March 16th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 43 mins.: H. Roles (conductor) 1, A. Newberry 2, A. Smith 3, F. Smith 4, F. Dutton 5, C. Strawford 6.

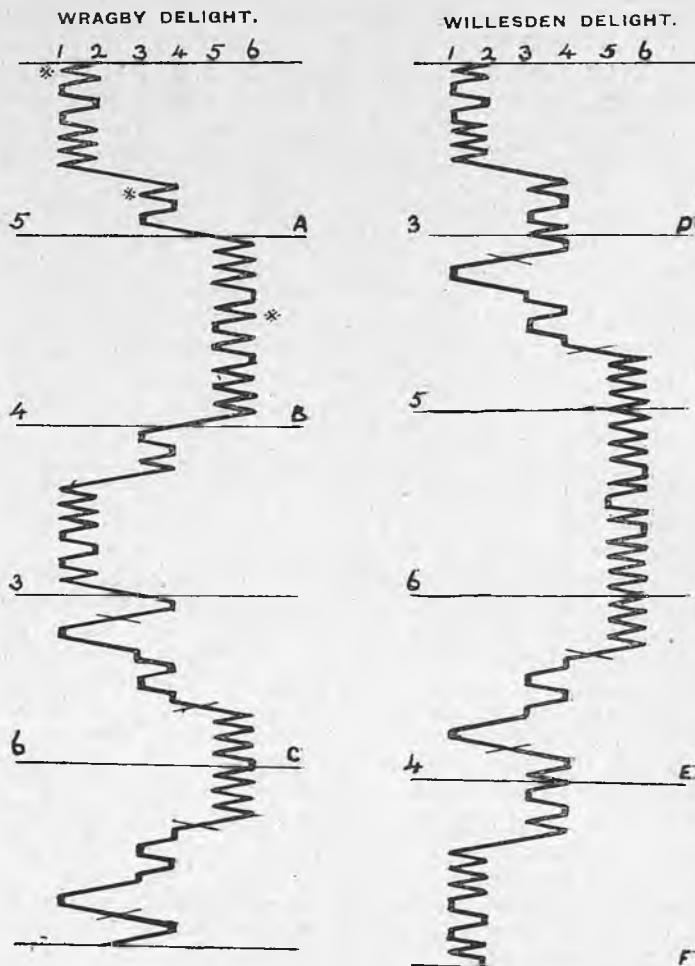
PLYMOUTH.—At Charles' Church, on March 16th, for evensong, a quarter-peal of Erin Caters (1245 changes): E. W. Marsh 1, W. G. Hiscott 2, W. Hornbrook 3, R. Hornbrook 4, R. Dobson 5, F. Hockaday 6, W. Richards 7, G. R. Stroud 8, W. D. James (conductor) 9, F. Purse 10.

REDHILL, SURREY.—On Easter Day, at St. John's Church, before early service, 420 Grandsire Triples: W. Pooley 1, W. Streeter 2, H. Jordan 3, A. Gear 4, F. Harman (conductor) 5, T. Streeter 6, O'Gilbey 7, H. Edwards 8.—On March 27th, in 44 mins., a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: A. Streeter (first quarter) 1, W. Streeter 2, E. Horman 3, A. Gear 4, H. Edwards 5, T. Streeter (first quarter) 6, H. Card (conductor) 7, E. Dennis 8. First quarter-peal by an entirely local band.

BUORTON-ON-THE-HILL, GLOUCESTER.—On March 31st, in 30 mins., 720 Grandsire Doubles: W. Hopkins 1, T. Haines 2, J. Youngs 3, C. Harris 4, F. Walton (conductor) 5, J. Keyte (Blockley) 6.

RINGING BY DIAGRAM.

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.



In addition to the asterisks shown above, there are dodging places with the treble in Wragby, in the second lead, after the whole pull in 5th's, and, in the third lead, in 3-4 down, and after the last whole pull on the front. In Willesden the dodging with the treble is, in the first lead, before the first whole pull on the front and the first dodge in 3-4 up; in the third lead before and after the whole pull in 5th's, and, in the last lead, in 3-4 down, and after the last whole pull on the front.

THE BOB WORK.

Wragby.—A, make 4th's and take up the work of the 4th. B, continue dodging and take up the work of the 6th. C, dodge instead of lying a whole pull and take up the work of the 5th.

Willesden.—D, make 4th's instead of dodging, and take up the work of the 4th. E, run in, instead of dodging in 3-4, and dodge with the treble, taking up the work of the 2nd. F, run out instead of making 2nd's, and take up the work of the 3rd.

NOTICES.

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THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Leesfield Parish Church on Saturday, April 12th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock, meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Sec., 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Grassendale on Saturday, April 12th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Chew Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Portishead on Saturday, April 12th. Bells available at 4.30. Tea at the Cafe, High Street, at 5.15. Meeting to follow.—George Yeo, Honorary Local Secretary.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Caerphilly on Saturday, April 12th, at 4.30.—Rev. Connop L. Price, M.A., and John W. Jones, Honorary Secretaries.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Farnworth on Saturday, April 12th, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 15th and 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 15th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorchester Branch.—The annual meeting will be held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Thursday, April 17th. Bells (8), also Fordington St. George's (6), available at 2.30 p.m. Unveiling of peal board (Cambridge Surprise) by Mrs. Coote (the Rector's wife) at 4 p.m. Tea in St. Peter's Institute, followed by business meeting, 4.30 p.m., service 5.45 p.m. Address by Rev. H. C. Coote, M.A. All ringers heartily welcome.—C. H. Jennings, Honorary Secretary, Wyke Regis, Weymouth.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells opened at 3 o'clock, tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector of Waldron (the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.). Members wishing to be present at tea must let me know by the 14th.—Geo. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea; tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow; all ringers invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron on Saturday, April

19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 19th. The bells at East Retford (10) and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at Howard's Restaurant, free to members, non-residents 1s., and to others 1s. 3d. per head. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on April 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at St. Maries (R.C.), Sheffield, on Saturday, April 19th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at the Citizen, Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 at a small charge.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, at 8d. each, to those who notify me by the 24th. The practice at St. Martin's on Saturday next, April 12th, is postponed.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's, Lane New Cross, S.E.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at Mason's Arms Hotel, 5.30, 9d. per head, followed by business meeting.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar of Coseley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present for tea please send me word not later than Tuesday, April 22nd? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. Time of service and meeting will be published next week.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary, 10, Lilymead Avenue, Knowle, Bristol.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Erdington, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st. — Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. G. N. Price has removed to 26, Malden Road, Watford. — Mr. E. M. Atkins' address is now 27, Headstone Road, Harrow.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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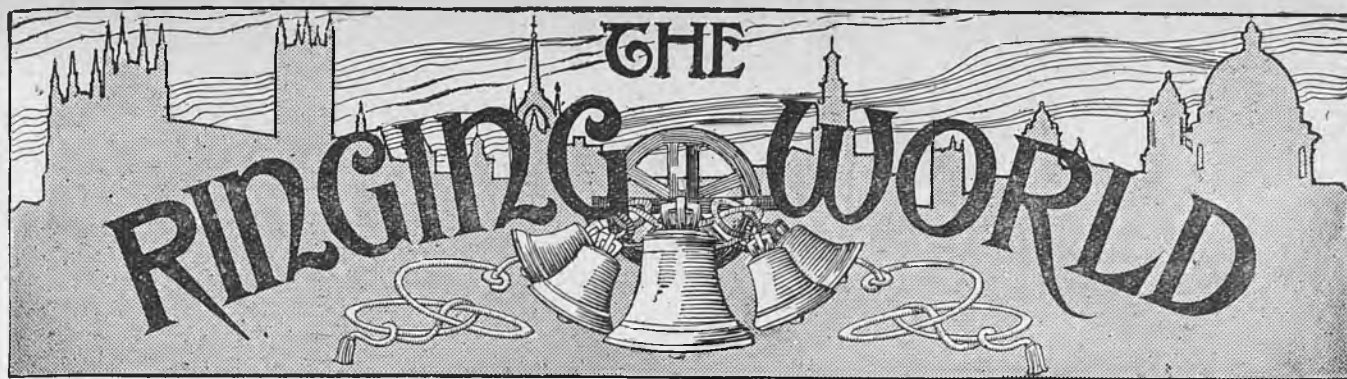
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Gentlemen,

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.

PEAL POINTS AND THE ANALYSIS.

The approach of the Central Council meeting is heralded by the appearance in our columns this week of the first of the reports of its committees. So far as the Exercise at large is concerned these reports, dealing as they do with the peals analysis and the knotty question of peal points, are those in which the general interest will be by no means the least. It will be observed that the report on the peals analysis section does not include on this occasion the customary tabulated statement with regard to the peals rung. The explanation of this is the exceptional circumstances detailed in the reports, which in the opinion of the Analyses Committee make it desirable that the analysis itself should be withheld until after the meeting of the Council, to whose consideration they think it should be submitted prior to its publication.

The exceptional circumstances are that the committee have had to shoulder a kind of dual responsibility, for it will be remembered that the Council, at the last meeting, handed over to them the duties of the Peal Points Committee. They have had to go very deeply into the thorny question of points, and, having found it necessary to re-adjust somewhat the scale laid down by the Council for six bell peals, did not, we suppose, like to publish their statistics until their action had been approved by the higher body. And even so, it is proposed to issue the analyses with the societies arranged in alphabetical order, in consequence of the difficulty of combining the scale for peals on seven bells and upwards, with that adopted by the Council for Minor.

It is impossible, we believe, for the question of peal points to be settled to the satisfaction of everybody; but those who consider with an open mind the report of the committee, which we publish to-day, must be impressed by the splendid effort which the committee have obviously made to solve a problem far more complicated than the ordinary ringer has, probably, ever imagined. They have endeavoured to grapple with the subject from a practical standpoint, as evidenced by the fact that they have called into counsel experienced conductors. They have classified the methods very largely from their real intricacy for ringing—we are not going to quarrel here with the inclusion of a method like Forward in the same class as Stedman—they have done away with many anomalies, and they have certainly gone a real step forward in accurately gauging the relative merits of peals of Minor and those on higher numbers. The report is a fine testimony to the trouble to which the four gentlemen, who have signed the reports, must have been put and the pains which they must have taken to arrive at a result which may be generally acceptable to the Exercise.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

OLDHAM, LANCASHIRE,
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

GEORGE HOLMES Treble	GEORGE O. DIXON 7
SAM THOMAS 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 8
WILLIAM BURGAR 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 9
BENJAMIN GILL 4	HENRY W. WILDE 10
*ERNEST J. OLIVER 5	SAMUEL BOOTH 11
JOHN HOLMAN 6	RICHARD NEWTON Tenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. First peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells, this being one of the "parting peals" arranged for Mr. Newton before he sails for the West, all the ringers wishing him prosperity in his new sphere of activity.

TEN BELL PEALS.

BRISTOL.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANGES;

*EDGAR GUISE Treble	*SYDNEY ABRAHAMS 6
RAYMOND J. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM A. CAVE 7
*GEORGE TOMKINS 3	GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. 8
FRED G. LEAKER 4	JOHN A. BURFORD 9
RICHARD CLARK 5	*WILLIAM ABRAHAMS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE T. DALTRY, and
Conducted by JOHN A. BURFORD.

* First peal of Stedman.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, WALTHAMSTOW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

*ARTHUR HUGHES Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS 6
*WILBY J. HAZELL 2	*JOHN H. BENSTEAD 7
ALBERT A. HUGHES 3	HENRY J. MAYNARD 8
*GEORGE PAICE 4	FRED C. MAYNARD 9
JOHN H. B. HESSE 5	ALFRED CHAPMAN Tenor

Composed by ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr., and
Conducted by FRED C. MAYNARD.

* First peal of Grandsire Caters. Rung in honour of the birth of a daughter to the composer.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

LOUIS E. ALLEN Treble	ERNEST MORRIS 6
ARTHUR S. PETTIT 2	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 7
T. LEONARD ALLEN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	JOSIAH MORRIS 9
RICHARD H. BARTRAM 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by FREDERICK H. DEXTER.

This peal, which was rung as a birthday compliment to R. H. Bartram, was the first in the method on the bells. The band would like to take this opportunity of thanking Mr. and Mrs. Bartram for their kind hospitality after the peal, a pleasant hour being spent.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 6076 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALFRED NAYLOR Treble	GEORGE MCHALE 6
*WILLIAM B. SMITH 2	GEORGE TINGLE 7
*JOHN B. JACKSON 3	FRANCIS BARKER 8
JAMES A. TEALE 4	WILLIAM E. H. ASH 9
*JOHN E. MATTHEWS 5	FRANCIS WOODHEAD Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by WILLIAM E. H. ASH.

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

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

SHIFNAL.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Thursday, March 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A. SHUKER Treble	C. PICKEN 5
E. BAKER 2	J. BRADNEY 6
*E. W. HYDE 3	P. BAKER 7
G. HAYCOX 4	W. FELTON Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by E. W. HYDE.

* First peal as conductor. Rung by the local band, with the bells muffled, as a mark of respect to the late Bishop of Lichfield, who died on March 15th.

APPLEDORE, DEVON.
THE ST. SIDWELL'S SOCIETY, EXETER.

On Monday, March 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLTS' TEN-PART.

TOM GEORGE BARTLETT ... Treble	EDMUND SARGENT 5
ARTHUR W. SEARLE 2	EDWIN SHEPHERD 6
CHARLES CARTER 3	WILLIAM RICHARDSON ... 7
ALFRED MONKLEY 4	GEORGE BETTS Tenor

Conducted by A. W. SEARLE.

First peal on the bells.

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

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. John of Jerusalem, South Hackney,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.

*ALBERT RILEY Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES 5
JOSEPH BARRY 2	THOMAS KING 6
ROBERT W. GREEN 3	JAMES HUNT 7
RICHARD N. RUNHAM ... 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Major.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

FRANCIS A. SMITH Treble	*WILLIAM I. OAKLEY 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
*WALTER S. INWOOD 3	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT ... 7
THOMAS R. SCOTT 4	ROBERT E. STAVERT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRANCIS A. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. Rung as a compliment to Miss E. E. Atkins and Mr. B. Barton on the occasion of their wedding.

WOOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 20 cwt., in E.

THOMAS JENNION Treble	JAMES MARTIN 5
WALTER HUGHES 2	GEORGE R. NEWTON 6
HENRY FYLES 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
*ALBERT E. GRACE 4	GEORGE HISLOP Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal of Stedman.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

ARTHUR R. SOWDEN Treble	THOMAS FORD, JUNR. 5
JOHN SMITH 2	CLEMENT MORE 6
G. ARCHER 3	JOHN SOUTER 7
WILLIAM C. CHENERY ... 4	FREDERIC COBB Tenor

Conducted by JOHN SOUTER.

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14½ cwt.

HERBERT MARKWELL ... Treble	GEORGE MALYAN 5
ERNEST LEIGH 2	THOMAS WALLIS 6
RICHARD JENNER 3	JOHN W. STEDDY 7
JAMES HEASMAN 4	EDWARD LEIGH Tenor

Conducted by JOHN W. STEDDY.

HELMESHORE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN H. ENTWISTLE ... Treble	THOMAS P. BRANDWOOD ... 5
THOMAS FOSTER 2	ROBERT WALLWORK 6
JOHN MCWILTON 3	THOMAS WALLWORK 7
JOSEPH WOODS 4	JAMES H. BANKS Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by JAMES H. BANKS.

Rung with the bells muffled as a token of respect for the late Mr. Henry James Steff, who had been a ringer at the above Church for about 30 years, and who died on April 9th, and was buried on the 12th at the above Church.

BOLSOVER, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
At the Church of SS. MARY AND LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	GEORGE W. BEMROSE 5
*HARRY GREAVES 2	JESSE J. MOSS 6
HERBERT DAY 3	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT 7
CHARLES MASON 4	JOHN FLINT Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the golden wedding of Prebendary Webb-Peploe, Rector of St. Peter's, Onslow Square, and father of the Vicar of Bolsover.

PADIHAM, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15 cwt. 3 qr.

*THOMAS WILSON Treble	ARTHUR TOMLINSON... .. 5
TOM REDMAN 2	WILLIAM E. WILSON 6
JOHN BENTLEY 3	WILLIAM MALLINSON 7
JOHN P. FOULDS 4	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Composed and Conducted by W. MALLINSON.

* First peal in the method.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES ;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*JOSEPH WHITE Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 5
HARRY BUNGAY... .. 2	WILLIAM WELLING 6
WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY 3	*ERNEST C. LAMBERT 7
JOSEPH J. PARKER 4	GEORGE MARTIN Tenor

Composed by J. J. PARKER, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

* First Surprise peal. First Surprise peal on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

HENRY STALHAM... .. Treble	GEORGE WATSON 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	BERT CHALLENGE... .. 6
WILLIAM C. HART 3	KEITH HART 7
OLIVER SIPPETTS 4	ALBERT D. STONE Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.
On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt.

*EDWARD HORTIN Treble	*BERT HORTON 5
EDWARD J. STAFFORD 2	EDGAR T. SMITH 6
EDGAR MARLOW 3	CHRISTOPHER WALLATER 7
†CHARLES TYLER 4	JOHN C. ADAMS... .. Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Major with a bob bell.
J. C. Adams and E. J. Stafford hail from Bloxwich, E. T. Smith from
Walsall, and E. Marlow, C. Tyler and B. Horton from Wood Green.
E. Hortin and C. Wallater are members of the local band.

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

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

THOMAS VERRY Treble	WILLIAM H. GODDEN 5
JOHN CARTER 2	THOMAS J. BRATTON 6
MORRIS J. MORRIS 3	JAMES E. GROVES 7
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 4	STEPHEN DANBY Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

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

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

ARTHUR E. MOORE Treble	FRANK J. LEVITT 5
WALTER RADLEY 2	CHARLES WOODCOCK 6
GEORGE DEBENHAM 3	HARRY R. MOORE 7
FREDERICK G. DEWELL 4	HARRY A. TURNER Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ARTHUR E. MOORE.

Mr. H. R. Moore was re-elected a member previous to starting for
the peal. This is the first peal on the bells since being rehung and
trebles added by Messrs. G. Day & Sons, of Eye, the "go" of the
bells being all that can possibly be desired.

SHEPTON MALLET.
THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

VARIATION OF HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

HARRY FRY Treble	WALTER FARLEY 5
†JAMES CORAM 2	†ROBERT JONES 6
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 7
FRED T. SPEED... .. 4	*BARRY J. WEBB... .. Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

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

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

EDWARD T. WIGG Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
WILLIAM MILLER 2	*WILLIAM THEOBALD 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JOHN DALE 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method. Rung on the 4th anniversary of the
18,027 Stedman Caters.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BRETFTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

On Sunday, April 6, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*HENRY MORTON... .. Treble	FRANK COOK 4
HARRY MIDDLETON 2	†JAMES ADDIS 5
FREDERICK JOHNSON... .. 3	†FRANK MOSS Tenor

Conducted by F. MOSS.

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

DOVER, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

Tenor 16 cwt.

RICHARD H. STEVENS... .. Treble	HERBERT C. SAYWELL 4
WILLIAM J. SHEAFF 2	PERCY GIBBS 5
WILLIAM E. PITMAN 3	CHARLES TURNER Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES TURNER.

These are steel bells, and are rather difficult to control, there being
a long pull and no rope guides. There is only one previous 5040
recorded on them which was rung on June 6th, 1888. The peal, on
Monday, was rung on the 65th birthday of his grace the Archbishop
of Canterbury.

STOKE POGES, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Each 720 called differently. Tenor 13½ cwt.

JOSEPH J. PARKER Treble	EDMOND GARRETT 4
ALFRED BATEMAN 2	WILLIAM J. BATEMAN 5
WILLIAM HENLEY 3	JOHN L. BATEMAN Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM HENLEY.

First peal as conductor, and first peal on the new bells. Rung as a farewell to Mr. E. H. Parry, who has been churchwarden of Stoke Poges Church for 30 years, and is leaving the place; also as a farewell to E. Garbett who is leaving Stoke Poges for Seaford.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

EDGAR BAILEY Treble	ARTHUR BLYTH 4
CHARLES BAILEY 2	GEORGE BAILEY 5
CHARLES CHENERY 3	ARTHUR BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by A. BAILEY.

First peal in seven methods by the local company.

EMBERTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Pleasure, Violet, New London and Oxford Treble Bob.

*H. W. RICHARDSON Treble	E. G. MYNARD 4
F. W. BOOTH 2	F. J. MYNARD 5
G. H. F. WEST 3	E. S. MYNARD Tenor

Conducted by F. J. MYNARD.

* First peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to H. W. Richardson.

LULLINGTON, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty nine Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, St. Clement's, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 14 cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERD Treble	JOHN H. SWINFELD 4
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	JOHN HOUGH 5
HERBERT HURDMAN 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY Tenor

Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

This is the first peal on the bells.

NORBURY, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Thomas,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Islington, Neasden, College Bob IV, Wragby, Sandal Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure and Kingston. Tenor 9 cwt.

HAROLD HALLWORTH Treble	HERBERT WILLIAMSON 4
WILLIAM FERNLEY 2	JAMES FERNLEY 5
HARRY LANGLEY 3	JOHN W. HARTLEY Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FERNLEY.

Rung on the occasion of the marriage of Miss Dorothy Bagshaw Carver, of Norbury, to Lieut. Robinson, R.N., at Brompton on the same day.

HUGLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire.

FRED MOLINEAUX Treble	JOHN BARBER, Senr. 4
GEORGE POPNELL 2	CHARLES SHERIFF 5
JOSEPH SHERIFF 3	JOHN BARBER, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES SHERIFF.

J. Sheriff was proposed a member before starting.

WICKAM ST. PAUL'S, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon's and Plain Bob, and 6 Six-Scores of Canterbury Pleasure. Tenor 9½ cwt., in B.

ERNEST PEARSON Treble	WILLIAM WIFFEN 3
ALFRED IVES 2	OLAVE BROYD 4
	ALBERT CATTERWELL Tenor

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First peal of Doubles for all and rung at the first attempt. First peal ever rung on the bells. The ringers of the 2nd and 3rd belong to Pentlow, Essex, and were elected members previous to attempting a peal of Bob Major at Belchamp Walter, on Saturday, April 12th.

LEIGH, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
(GLOUCESTER BRANCH.)

On Sunday, April 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Catherine,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 21½ cwt., in E.

*JOSEPH PUGH Treble	*WALTER YEEND 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	*CHARLES W. DYSON 5
EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal of Minor. First peal on the bells, and rung for even-song. After the peal the band were kindly entertained to tea by Mr. C. W. Dyson.

CHISHALL, CAMBS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BARLEY SOCIETY.)

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Swithin,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANGES;

Being 10 Six-Scores of Oxford Singles, 20 of Grandsire, and 12 of Plain Bob. Tenor 11 cwt. 0 qr. 12 lbs.

WILLIAM PEACHEY Treble	ROBERT HOWARD 3
HARRY HOWARD 2	WALTER MANSFIELD 4
	ROBERT G. KING Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT HOWARD.

R. G. King hails from Royston. First peal upon the bells. The band wish to thank the Vicar, the Rev. J. C. Griffiths, for the use of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

ENFIELD.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
At 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB MAJOR. 5024 CHANGES;

WILBY J. HAZELL 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER 3-4	JAMES PARKER 7-8

Composed and Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: WALTER J. BOWDEN.

First peal in the method by all except the conductor, and first in the method by the Association.

VENTNOR, ISLE OF WIGHT.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Wednesday, April 9, 1913, in Two Hours,
At "SOUTHCLIFF,"

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

*CYRIL G. PETCHEY ... 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 5—6
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.
Umpire: MISS N. WILLIAMSON.

* First peal. This is believed to be the first handbell peal on the island.

SHEFFIELD.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At 31, BURGESS STREET,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

WILLIAM J. THYNG... 1—2 | SIDNEY F. PALMER ... 5—6
CLEMENT GLENN ... 3—4 | JOHN THORPE ... 7—8
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 9—10
Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.
Umpire: R. WILFRED COLLIER.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 1—2 | *JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 5—6
ALFRED H. POLLING ... 3—4 | BERNARD CLARK ... 7—8
Conducted by ALFRED H. POLLING.

* First peal of Grandsire on handbells. Rung to commemorate the 20th anniversary of J. S. Goldsmith's first peal, rung on April 8th, 1893.

ENFIELD.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At 97, EDENBRIDGE ROAD, BUSH HILL PARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

*MISS EDITH K. PARKER 1—2 | WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
†JOHN THOMAS... 3—4 | E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 7—8
*WILBY J. HAZELL... 9—10

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.
Umpire: JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method in hand.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
At GEORGE IV., BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5007 CHANCES;

GEORGE R. PYE ... 1—2 | ERNEST PYE ... 7—8
WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... 3—4 | WILLIAM PYE ... 9—10
BERTRAM PREWETT... 5—6 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11—12

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: T. KING. Witness: J. BARRY.

This composition is now rung for the first time.

HARWICH, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Four Minutes,
At THE RESIDENCE OF MR. A. T. MORRIS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... 1—2 | THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5—6
GEORGE THOMPSON... 3—4 | TOWER TAYLOR ... 7—8

Composed by G. PATRICK, and
Conducted by A. T. MORRIS

LATE PEALS.

BARKING.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5600 CHANCES;

Tenor 22½ cwt.

ERNEST G. FENN Treble	CALEB FENN 5
ALFRED B. PECK 2	EBENEZER ANDREWS ... 6
ALBERT C. HARDY 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
THOMAS FAULKNER 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

Rung as a birthday honour to the conductor.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON ... Treble	ARTHUR J. NEALE 5
THOMAS CRANFIELD 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
REUBEN SANDERS 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

HARBORNE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

*ERNEST BOYLIN... .. Treble	ALLAN J. CARTWRIGHT ... 5
J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... 2	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 6
†WILLIAM H. KEYS 3	GEORGE PIGOTT 7
JOHN E. EATON... .. 4	*WILLIAM DOWLER Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE PIGOTT.

* First peal. † First peal in the method away from the treble
The band wish to thank Mr. H. Grosvenor for the use of the bells.

DIVISION OF COUNTY AREAS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Your remarks on this subject in last week's issue are borne out by the experience of the Essex Association. Some years ago, while I was Master, we carried out a division of the county area into four districts, each with a local Master and secretary, and with periodical district meetings so arranged that, as far as possible, there should be a meeting somewhere or other every month; each district to manage its own finances under the general supervision of the officers of the Association. This experiment in a modified form of "Home Rule" has fully answered our expectations. It has stimulated local interest, and benefited the finances of the Association; and it has given to leading ringers in different parts of the county the welcome feeling that they are, to a large extent, managing their own affairs, instead of depending entirely on central management.

As to Devon, the conditions there are peculiar. The prevalence of round and call change ringing in those parts is not due so much to benighted ignorance as to long tradition and honest conviction that theirs is the better way. Devonshire ringers of the old school are (or used to be) very particular about good striking. I have heard them raise and fall the bells in a style that no Londoner, and not many others, can approach or surpass; and I have sometimes thought, on returning from a visit to the West Country, that it was a pity that in London and the home counties so little attention is paid to this phase of the ringers' art, as an excellent test of skill within the tower, and very pleasing to the ear outside it.

There seems to be a disposition now to consider the public ear in the matter of peal ringing. Is it rank heresy to suggest that well-struck call changes preceded and followed by really good raising and falling may sometimes—e.g., before a Sunday service—be more pleasing than a bout of halting or irregular change ringing? In master hands, of course, there is no doubt which is the better way: but what proportion do such bear to the whole body of change ringers?—Yours faithfully,
T. L. PAPILLON.

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Stedman Cinquses by the St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham, on May 11th, 1912.
Stedman Cinquses by the Middlesex Association, June 1st.
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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. RICHARD NEWTON, OF MANCHESTER.

One of Manchester's best known ringers, Mr. Richard Newton, is shortly leaving these shores for Boston, U.S.A., and several farewell peals have been arranged—two have already been rung—in the district where he is so justly esteemed. On Tuesday last he retired from the Manchester City Police, in which he has served for over 27 years, having joined the force on October 26th, 1885, and he takes with him across the ocean the best wishes not only of his large circle of ringing friends, but also of his comrades in the force in which he served so long and so well. He has been presented by the members of his division with a handsome striking clock, with Westminster chimes, as a token of regard, upon his retirement.

Mr. Newton was born at Norton, Stockton-on-Tees, on February 14th, 1864, and very early in life went to work at the blast furnaces there and at Middlesbrough. At the age of 21, however, he migrated to Manchester, where he



MR. RICHARD NEWTON.

joined the police, and, through them, took up ringing, for he became a member of the Town Hall ringers, which consists exclusively of members of the City force, in 1891. For a few years the band was content with call changes, but with a change of conductors in 1898 change ringing was taken up. In that year Mr. Newton rang the tenor to a peal of Grandsire Caters at Manchester Cathedral, and afterwards got an introduction to Messrs. Harry Chapman, A. E. Wreaks and others at Pendleton, where he learnt the mysteries of Treble Bob and Stedman. His first peal away from home was at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, where he rang the ninth in Grandsire Caters, under the conductorship of Mr. Robert Maynard, junr. Then followed peals of Stedman and Kent Treble Bob, the first in the latter method being with Mr. J. H. Blakiston at Middlesbrough.

Mr. Newton is one of the "heavy end" men, and probably his best performance in this respect was when he rang Manchester Town Hall tenor (52 cwts.) to a very fine peal of Stedman Triples—a performance which requires a good deal of beating. Some seven years ago the Town Hall ringers nearly scored the first policemen's peal, a peal of Grandsire Triples at St. John's, Deansgate, Manchester, being lost in the last 500 of Holt's ten-part. Lack of opportunity to meet for another attempt resulted in having to let the laurels go to Mr. Cornelius Charge and his brother P.C.'s of the Metropolitan force. There is great difficulty in policemen meeting for peals on account of duties, but Mr. Newton always made the most of his opportunities, and has taken part in 82 peals, although his ambition to ring an inside bell in Stedman Caters and Cinques does not now seem likely to be achieved. The opportunity of ringing a peal of Cinques seemed likely last Saturday, at Oldham, but, owing to the ringer who intended starting on the tenor not feeling fit, Mr. Newton volunteered for the job, and happily saw the completion of the peal. Mr. Newton's 82 peals include Treble Ten at Manchester Town Hall, to which he rang the 9th, and they have been rung in 31 towers in eight counties.

Grandsire Triples	12	Conducted 12
Grandsire Caters	7	
Grandsire Cinques	2	
Bob Triples	1	
Bob Major	3	
Kent Treble Bob Major	26	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	4	
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Stedman Triples	18	
Stedman Caters	3	
Stedman Cinques	3	
Total	82	

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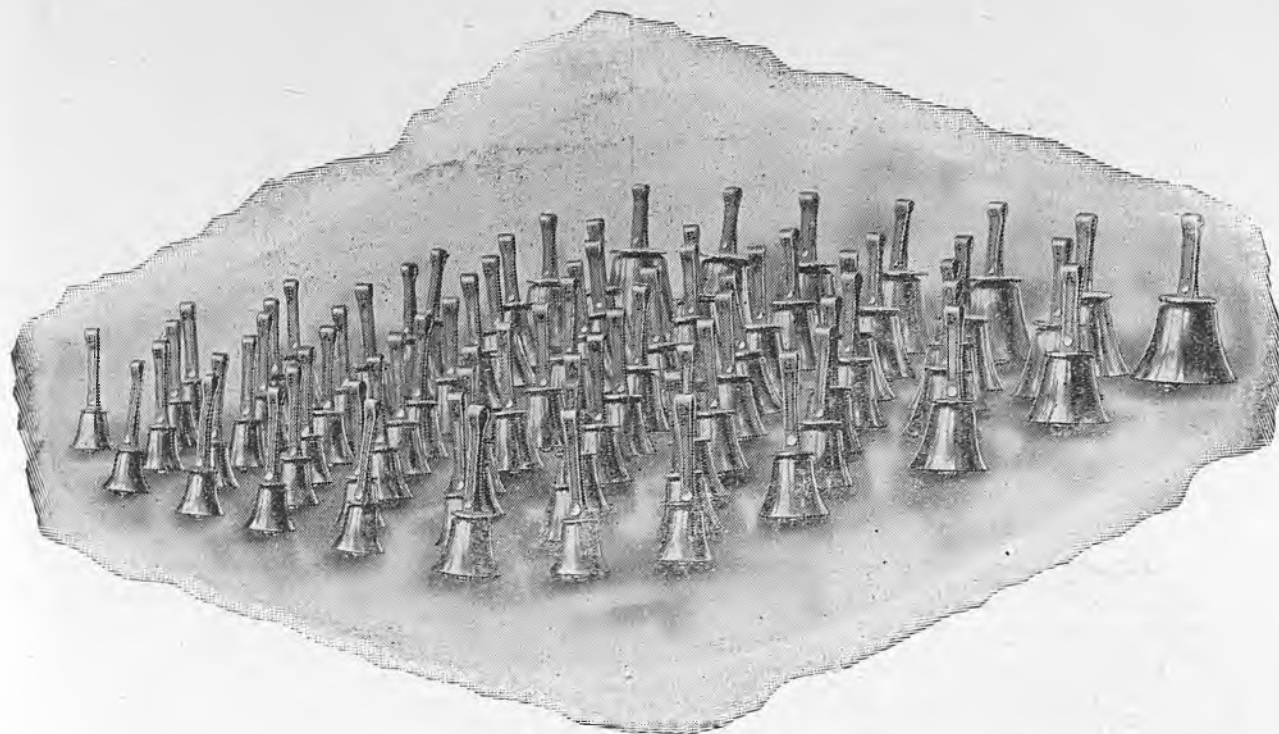
The Rev. C. C. Cox, honorary secretary, draws the attention of members of the Warwickshire Guild to the alteration which has had to be made in the place of the next quarterly meeting. The Guild is unable to have the use of the bells at Erdington on the 26th inst., and Canon Barnard has kindly offered a welcome to Sutton Coldfield. All the other arrangements will stand.

The subscription list opened for the benefit of Mr. J. Brooks, of Walkden, will, we are requested to state, close at the end of this month.

The dedication of two new trebles at St. Leonard's Church, Horringer, Suffolk, took place on Monday week, and the first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday by the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds. We hope to give a further report next week.

One of the delegates to the next conference of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows which is to be held at Scarborough in Whit-week, writes to know if any ringing is to be had in Yorkshire's premier watering place. We imagine there will be no difficulty. Scarborough has a band affiliated to the Yorkshire Association, and the local secretary is Mr. J. R. Barton, 71, Caledonian Street, Scarborough.

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THE PEALS ANALYSIS.

REPORTS OF THE CENTRAL COUNCIL'S COMMITTEE.

DIFFICULTIES OF ALLOTING POINTS.

The following is the report of the Peal Analysis Committee, of the Central Council, usually appended to the Analysis of Peals. This year, owing to the exceptional circumstances detailed in the reports, published below, the committee are of opinion that the analysis itself should be withheld until after the meeting of the Council, to whose consideration they think that it should be submitted prior to its publication.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES.

AN INTRICATE SUBJECT.

The questions which have presented themselves to the Analysis Committee for solution this year have been of considerable number and magnitude, and we venture to hope that in the matter of points for peals, which was relegated to us at the last meeting of the Council, we have arrived at a workable result, if it cannot be looked upon as perfect.

The subject is so intricate that the result is hardly likely to be accepted at once by every member of the Exercise; but we can assure any who may be disposed to criticise the details of our work, that we have spared no amount of labour since the last meeting of the Council, and have used every means at our disposal to arrive at a fair solution of a very difficult question, in which absolute mathematical accuracy is unattainable.

We feel strongly that any arrangement come to must be imperfect, as one of the most important factors in arriving at the real value of a peal, the personal equation, has of necessity to be ignored. To give an illustration. A peal of Bob Minor was rung on January 20th, in which we learn that it was the first peal by the first five ringers, and the first as conductor by the ringer of the tenor. Again on May 11th we notice a peal of Grandsire Triples, which was the first peal by the ringers of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, first as conductor by the ringer of the 6th, and first peal by the local band. On December 28th, a peal of Bob Minor was the first peal by five of the band, and first peal with a bob bell by the other, while it was the conductor's first as conductor, and the first peal on the bells by the local band.

Such performances as these (and other instances might be given) are relatively of greater value really than peals in more intricate methods rung by bands of experienced ringers, who have, perhaps, been ringing one or more peals every week for a long period. But it is obviously impossible to take such circumstances into account. Points seem to be necessary as a means of comparison, though we wish that some other method of comparing the results of the analysis could be found. We have accordingly endeavoured to apportion them as fairly as the circumstances will permit.

ADJUSTMENT OF DIFFICULTIES.

The steps taken, and the results arrived at with regard to points for "peals," and for "performances" on six and five bells are presented separately. It only remains for us to say that the adjustment of the two scales, and the finding of a common denominator has been a matter of considerable difficulty. We trust that, in all the circumstances, the efforts we have made will meet with the approval of the Council and of the Exercise at large. We can only say that we have done our best in a very difficult matter.

The scale for Minor methods adopted last year gave seven points for seven 720's of Plain Bob, possibly the same 720 rung seven times, while seven points is the time-honoured allowance for a peal of Grandsire Triples. This is obviously unfair. We have, therefore, been compelled to adjust the standard of comparison either by marking up peals on seven bells and upwards, or by marking down those on six bells. Having regard to the fact that by ringing more than one Minor method the points very easily rise above the value of a peal of Grandsire Triples, we have come to the conclusion that the latter is the best solution of the difficulty. This is dealt with more fully in the separate report on the points for Minor and Doubles.

We have been in much uncertainty how to deal with Minor performances consisting of touches of less than 720 changes. One peal of "spliced" 720's was withdrawn because one 720 turned out to be false. In the case of the performances we are speaking of, no 720 at all was rung, and many changes must have been altogether omitted. While, therefore, we feel that these collections of touches in many different methods are great achievements, we do not consider ourselves justified in allotting to them the full number of points.

Two peals of Minor have in the past year been tapped upon handbells; but as they were not rung, and the bells were not "retained in hand," we are of opinion that the Council would not wish them to be included in the analysis. They were certainly marvellous, and merit a word of notice, but, if they were to be included, we could hardly omit peals tapped upon the piano or dulcimer, and it is clear that a line must be drawn somewhere. We are not at all certain that it would not even be better to place the handbell peals in a separate analysis.

The reports of peals sent to the ringing papers seem to have been more carefully written. The errors needing correction are fewer this year, in spite of the enormously increased number of peals which the analysis shows. May we once more urge upon those who send reports of peals to examine them carefully when printed, and ask to have any errors corrected at once? This would save the committee much time and labour in compiling the analysis.

INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The numbers of those who rang their first peals on tower bells are curiously similar to those of last year. First peals were 609 in 1912, against 604 in 1911. First peals away from the tenor number 13, the same as last year, and the first with a bob bell are 70, against 74 the year before. Those who rang their first peal as conductor are 89, as against 83. "First on the bells" were 79, since restoration, 27; since addition, 11; and "first by local band," 15.

Birthday peals show a large increase, totalling 248. Wedding peals numbered 80, including peals for six "golden weddings." Muffled peals were 95, including two on Good Friday, and eight in commemoration of the "Titanic" disaster. There were 49 "farewell" peals, and 21 of "welcome"; 78 were rung for anniversaries, dedications, etc., and 20 on Royal birthdays and other public occasions. Quarterly association peals were 14. Members of the C.E.M.S. rang four peals, friendly societies two, while clergy, police, market gardeners and the ladies rang one each. One peal was rung to commemorate the opening of a drinking fountain, and another as a compliment to the churchwardens for providing a new set of bell ropes! We can imagine many other bands of ringers ready to pay a similar compliment, if only the circumstances admitted of it. We also notice one peal in which a blind ringer took part, two were rung by eight Georges, one by 10 Williams and one by 12 Johns.

Saints' days and other Church festivals were more noticed last year, 52 peals being recorded as rung on these occasions. Possibly other peals were rung for festivals, as we notice, for instance, that 16 peals were rung on January 6th, but in only two cases was the Festival of the Epiphany mentioned. Six peals were rung for harvest thanksgivings, and three muffled on December 31st for the departure of the old year, together with 17 others on that day.

Your committee have given careful attention to the work bequeathed them as young as 11. In one peal the ages of four of the ringers were 12, 13, 15 and 16, while in another the ages varied from 12 to 17, giving an average of 15. On the other hand we find four of 70 and over and one of 86! May he be spared to ring more peals yet!

REPORT ON PEAL VALUES.

Your committee have given careful attention to the work bequeathed to them by the late Committee on Peal Values, fully sensible of the difficulties inseparable from any scheme of method classification calculated to give general satisfaction. Whether we have succeeded or failed, we must leave to others to determine. For our own part, we can say that we have bestowed an immense amount of care and labour on the subject; and that, but for the valuable help we have received from many ringers of eminence, we should have found the work almost beyond our powers. Even now, we must ask for the indulgent criticism of the Exercise in respect of the anomalies which still remain. We shall be willing at all times to receive and weigh carefully any suggestions for improvement which may reach us. We would urge, however, that any who wish to criticise should give real thought to the whole subject, and not simply raise objections because they think that some particular pet method of theirs has not received the consideration they think is due to it. If a fair trial be given to the results we have arrived at so far, we believe that they will be found workable.

In the first place, we were left to frame a table of values according to the amended formula $\frac{VN^{\frac{2}{3}}}{83}$, which we have found of great service,

as showing, in a symmetrical form, the limits within which our choice of values lay; subject, of course, to such slight adjustment as the practical experience of some of us in the intricacies of ringing suggested.

In the next place we have endeavoured to arrange a classification of methods from the point of view of a practical ringer, and we believe the classification we have agreed on to be a sound one. It is here, however, that anomalies may be expected to creep in. For whatever classification may be attempted, so as to allow for a moderate graduation of difficulty, there will always be found some methods contracting themselves (so to speak) out of any classification that the wit of man can devise; for even a Plain method may be invented as difficult to ring as any Surprise method. Such, however, are exceptions, and with these we must be permitted to deal exceptionally.

CLASSIFICATION OF METHODS.

The following is the classification we have arrived at:—

CLASS I.

Plain Methods.—Comprising all Single methods with the work on one side of the treble only, with or without a bell in the hunt:—Canterbury, College Single, Darlaston, Grandsire, Oxford Bob, Plain Bob, Union Triples—with the reverse methods.

CLASS II.

Alliance.—Methods with the treble having an "Alliance hunt," i.e., a combination of dodging and plain hunt.

CLASS III.

Treble Bob.—All methods, not otherwise classified, with the treble a dodging hunt:—Kent, Oxford, Woodbine, Violet, London Treble Bob, etc.

CLASS IV.

Double Plain.—All methods with the treble a plain hunt, and the same method work on each side of the treble:—Double Bob, Double Grandsire, Double Norwich, Double Oxford, etc.

CLASS V.

Compound Plain.—All methods with different method work on each side of the treble:—St. Clement's, Hereward.

CLASS VI.

Stedman, etc.—Odd bell and even bell methods, in which all the bells work alike:—Erin, Stedman, Aston, Duffield, Forward, Handsworth, Original, Shipway.

CLASS VII.

Double Surprise.—Surprise methods (i.e., Treble Bob methods with a place at every cross section) with the places all made right, and the same method work on each side of the treble, i.e., double:—Superlative, Oxford, New Cumberland, Norfolk.

CLASS VIII.

Compound Surprise.—Surprise methods with all the places made right, and with different method work on each side of the treble:—Cambridge, New Cambridge, Gloucester, Yorkshire.

CLASS IX.

Double Surprise (places wrong).—Surprise methods with the places made both right and wrong, and the same method work on each side of the treble, i.e., double:—Bristol, Peterborough.

CLASS X.

Compound Surprise (places wrong).—Surprise methods with the places made both right and wrong, and with different method work on each side of the treble:—London Surprise, Cumberland Delight, Stepney Surprise Royal.

Methods specially assigned.—Little Bob to Class III, Waterloo Reverse Major to Class VI.

POINT VALUES.

The Point Values for the above Classification are:—

Class	Triples.	Major.	Caters.	Royal.	Cinquins.	Maximus.
I.	7	8	10	12	13	15
II.	12	12	16	16	18	18
III.	12	12	16	16	18	18
IV.	12	16	18	22	26	30
V.	16	16	22	22	26	30
VI.	24	24	28	30	32	36
VII.	30	30	40	40	44	55
VIII.	30	30	40	40	44	55
IX.	48	48	60	60	72	72
X.	50	50	63	63	76	76

The foregoing schedule applies to peals of 5000 changes. Peals having over 7500 to 10,000 changes count as two peals; those having over 10,000 to 12,000 changes count as three peals; and so on for every additional 2000 changes. This mode of reckoning, however, is not applicable to long peals in Minor methods, the new scale providing already for the length of a peal, by giving additional points for each complete 720 rung.

POINTS FOR PEALS ON 5 AND 6 BELLS.

It will be within the recollection of the Council that, at their last meeting, held at the Church House, Westminster, on the 28th of May, 1912, the Peal Values Committee submitted a scale of points for peals of Minor, the working out of which scale was left to us as members of the Analysis Committee, and to us was relegated at the same time the duty of formulating a scale of points for peals on the higher numbers of bells, and the adjustment of the two scales.

In the scale of points for peals of Minor thus bequeathed to us, Minor methods were divided into four classes, viz.: Plain, Treble Bob, Broken Lead, and Surprise. The Council, in the "Collection of Legitimate" methods, issued under their authority, accepted the definition of "Treble Bob" methods as those "having no places made at a cross section," and "Surprise" methods as those "having places made at all cross sections." The first, second and fourth of these classes, therefore, presented no difficulty. With regard, however, to "Broken Lead" methods, we have learnt that they are methods without a slow hunt bell in the front for the whole period between the full leads of the treble, and all the "Delight" methods in the "Collection" fall into this class. But there are other methods rung, which are not included in the "Collection"—Woodbine and Duke of York, for instance, are 4th's place Delight methods, but they have a slow hunt bell, and are not "Treble Bob" nor "Broken Lead." To make the work in front between the treble's full leads, the only criterion of difficulty seems to us unreasonable, and, in methods in which 2nd's place is made at the

treble's full lead, although the lead may be "broken," the bell making 2nd's place may be in front for a longer time than in the case of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. In Duke of Norfolk, e.g., there is a bell in front for 16 whole pulls; in Old Oxford Modernised there is a bell in front for 16 whole pulls, and a bell behind for 20 whole pulls.

EXPERIENCED CONDUCTORS' VIEWS.

With regard to "Surprise" methods, there are several called Surprise which, according to the accepted definition, have no right to the name. Huddersfield is Treble Bob only, Coventry, Worcester, Chichester, Bristol, Lichfield, Ely and Chelsea are all 3rd's place Delight methods. Under these circumstances, we have invited a number of conductors, experienced in Minor methods, to help us in dividing these methods into four classes, according to their practical difficulty. That invitation has been very heartily responded to. The replies have, in most cases, shown that those who were consulted have given very careful thought and much labour to the question, and we wish to give those gentlemen very sincere thanks for the very valuable material which has been placed at our disposal.

There was, of course, no little diversity of opinion. One method was placed in all four classes, and nine were placed in three classes. But, in every case but one, at least one class had only one supporter. As opinions were given on all the methods in the "Collection" and on a large number of others outside it, there was a greater agreement than might have been expected. The personal equation enters very largely into the question of difficulty, and a method, which seems perfectly simple to one, presents much difficulty to another. Those, again, who have not had much experience of the more intricate methods, are naturally inclined to rate methods of moderate difficulty too highly.

There must be a good deal of difference between the easiest and most difficult method of each class, but this cannot be helped, if the number of classes is to be restricted to four; and we do not think that more than four are necessary or advisable. We have accordingly made a division into four classes, which we hope may find general acceptance.

COMPARATIVE VALUES.

We were next faced with the difficulty of combining the scale of points for Doubles and Minor with the scale for peals on higher numbers. Taking the points for a peal of Grandsire Triples to be 7, Bob Major 8, and Treble Bob Major 12, we find that, according to the last scale, a peal of Bob Minor (possibly the same 720 rung seven times) will receive the same number of points as a peal of Grandsire Triples; while if one 720 of Treble Bob takes the place of one of Plain Bob, the points are one more than for a peal of Bob Major; and seven 720's of Treble Bob (possibly, again, the same 720 repeated) receives two more points than a peal of Treble Bob Major. This obviously requires adjustment, and it has been a matter of no small difficulty. But we think, after much consideration, that the scale we have drawn up should commend itself to ringers of Minor methods as fair and reasonable.

We propose to give to a peal of Doubles three points, with one point added for each two methods rung.

To a peal of Minor five points, to which shall be added:

- 1 point for each 720 of Class II.
- 2 points for each 720 of Class III.
- 3 points for each 720 of Class IV,

together with 1 point for every additional method of Classes I and II, and 2 points for every additional method of Classes III and IV, provided that complete 720's are rung, either in one or more methods.

A peal of seven methods of Class IV should thus be valued at $5 + 21 + 12 = 38$.

Four 720's in one method Class II, and three in one method Class I would receive $5 + 4 + 1 = 10$.

One 720 of Class I, two of Class II, two of Class III, and two of Class IV, $5 + 2 + 4 + 6 + 2 + 8 = 27$.

True 720's containing methods of more than one class to be considered as belonging to the method of the highest class.

In consequence of the difficulty of combining the scale for "peals" with the scale for Minor adopted by the Council in 1912, we have decided to present the analysis this year with the societies arranged in alphabetical order, giving the totals for Triples, etc., and for Minor and Doubles separately.

CLASSIFICATION OF MINOR METHODS.

CLASS I.

Plain Methods.—Original; 1, Plain Bob; 2, Double Bob; 3, Oxford; 4, Double Oxford; 5, Hereward; 6, Reverse Hereward; 7, St. Clement's; 12, Canterbury Pleasure; 13, Fulbeck; 14; 15; 16; 17; 24, Court; 26, Collego Single.

Treble Bob Methods.—1, Oxford; 2, Sandal; 3, Duke of Norfolk; 4, Burton; 5, Rochester or London Treble Bob; 6, Morning Star or Cumberland Exercise; 7, London Scholars' Pleasure; 8, Islington or College Exercise; 9; 10; 11; 12, Cambridge Treble Bob; 13, Kent; 14 Killamarsh; 15, Sandiacre; Violet, College Pleasure, New London Pleasure, Arnold's Victory.

Fourth's Place Delights.—Woodbine, Oxford Delight or Merchant's Return or Rusper, Duke of York, City Delight.

Third's Place Delight.—College Treble Bob.

Surprise.—None.

CLASS II.

Plain Methods.—18; 19, Roydon; 20; 21; 22; 23, Brentford Single; 25, Double Court; 27.
 Treble Bob Methods.—18, Kingston; 19, Norbury.
 Fourth's Place Delights.—10; 11, Braintree; 12, Wragby; 13, Willesden; 16, Neasden; 17, Old Oxford Modernised; 18; 19; 20, College Bob IV; 21, Norwich or Bocking; 24; 25; 26; 27, Sutton; 28.
 Third's Place Delights.—1; 2; 11; 12; 13, Kent Delight; 25, Evening Star; 26, Coventry; 27; 28; 29; 35, Ely; 36, Queen Victoria; 37; 38, Cambridge; Worcester Lichfield, Bristol.
 Surprise.—18; 26, Westminster; 27, Annable's London; 28, Nether-seale; 29, Norwich.

CLASS III.

Plain Methods.—8, St. Lawrence; 9, Stedman Slow Course; 10, Frodsham; 11, Steppney.
 Treble Bob Methods.—16; 17; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24.
 Fourth's Place Delights.—1; 2; 3; 4; 5, Canterbury; 6; 7; 8, Southwark; 9; 14, Hull; 15; 22; 23.
 Third's Place Delights.—3; 4; 5; 6; 7; 8; 9; 10; 14; 15; 20; 21; 22; 23; 24; 30; 31; 32; 33; 34, Dunedin; 39, Tulip.
 Surprise.—10; 11, Sandiacre; 12; 19, Bacup; 20; 21; 22, Lancashire; 23, Lightfoot; 24, Stamford; 25, Wearmouth; 34, Berwick; 35, Beverley; 37, Ipswich; 38, Primrose; 39, Cambridge; 40, Hull; 41, Bourne.

CLASS IV.

Plain Methods.—None. Treble Bob Methods.—None.
 Fourth's Place Delights.—None.
 Third's Place Delights.—16; 17; 18; 19, Chelsea.
 Surprise.—1, Murden; 2, Alnwick; 3, Canterbury; 4, Morpeth; 5, Newcastle; 6, Chester; 7, Whitley; 8, Northumberland; 9, Carlisle; 13; 14, London; 15, Wells; 16, Lincoln; 17, Cuneastre; 30, Hexham; 31, Surfleet; 32, York; 33, Durham; 36, Norfolk.

Reverse Methods in the same class as direct.

The numbers refer to the Council's "Collection."

"Illegitimate" or Irregular methods which have appeared in three or more peals in 1912 are named. All others to be placed in Class I.

Conductors who send reports of peals of Minor to the papers are earnestly requested to state the class to which the methods belong, and also to be careful in naming the methods.

"London" appears from time to time without any intimation as to whether London Treble Bob or London Surprise is meant. Again there are Canterbury Pleasure, Canterbury Delight and Canterbury Surprise, and we find the name "Canterbury" alone, without any further description, so that we have to guess which of the three methods was rung.

Each of the above reports is signed by—

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 JOSEPH GRIFFIN, 77, Shobnall Street, Burton-on-Trent.
 ARTHUR T. KING, 7, Cavendish Road, Southsea, Hants.
 GEORGE WILLIAMS, West End, near Southampton.

LEEDS SOCIETY AT GUISELEY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society was held at Guiseley, on Saturday week, when members from the following towers met for practice: Bolton, Holbeck, Hunslet, Ilkley, Queensbury, Calverley, and the local tower; and touches of Stedman, Grandsire, Kent Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung. The business meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, the President being in the chair.—Three new members were elected, and a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens, and the local company, was proposed by J. Woodhead, seconded by P. L. Cooper, and unanimously carried, Mr. J. B. Jackson responding.—The tower was then again visited, and further ringing indulged in.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—Will you please allow me the use of your columns to correct an error in the composition of a peal published in the above report. On page 102 appears a peal of Bristol Surprise Major (5088 changes) by A. Knights, the calling of the eleventh course of which should read—

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— 2 2, producing 36245.

I should be glad if members will correct the same. Yours truly,

C. T. COLES,
 Joint Hon. Sec.

49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MR. R. H. BARTRAM'S 75 PEALS.

By ringing in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal at Melton Mowbray, on Saturday last, Mr. Bartram brought his list of peals to 75, made up as follows: Doubles, 3, conducted, 3; Minor, 11, conducted, 7; Grandsire Triples, 21, conducted, 16; Bob Triples, 2; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Major, 6 (one 7056 changes), conducted, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 13; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5; Grandsire Caters, 4; Stedman Caters, 4; Bob Royal, 2; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 2; total, 75; conducted, 27. Rung in five counties, in 22 different towers, and with 126 different men and one lad.

LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT CAERPHILLY.

It was a great disappointment to those who journeyed to Caerphilly on Saturday last, especially those who had never heard this ring of bells, to find on their arrival for the quarterly meeting that the bells were not to be rung, a most distressing case having just occurred close to the church, a man whose family took the keenest interest in the church, dropping suddenly dead. The Rector explained that he had but just left the house, and that the deceased's wife, who also suffered from heart disease, was in a dangerous state of health, and said it would, therefore, have been most inhuman for the bells to be ringing merrily under the circumstances.

There was a splendid attendance for a quarterly meeting, the Rev. Connop L. Price presiding. The statement of accounts, with a short report, was presented, and adopted, and reports were also given as to instruction at Llantrissant and Rhymanydd.

A discussion followed as to monthly ringing practices being arranged, and it was eventually decided that each tower should make its own arrangement.

New members were elected, and the place for the next Glamorgan quarterly meeting was considered.—On the proposition of Mr. S. Dawe, seconded by Mr. W. Biss, it was unanimously decided that the meeting should be held at Pendoylan.

A discussion followed on the bricking up of the louvres of Caerphilly tower, where, at present the bells are not available for peal ringing, and the Rector promised that something should be done to remedy the evil.

The Hon. Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the conductor of Caldicot tower, stating that the ring of eight there were not to be rung again until the bells were rehung, and that steps were being taken to collect subscriptions for the purpose.

The next quarterly meeting is to be held at Marshfield (Mon.), and it is hoped that the rehanging of Peterstone bells (which also comes under the Vicar of Marshfield) will be completed before the meeting takes place.

The Rector then very kindly invited everyone present to tea at the Rectory, where Mrs. Price had everything waiting. At the conclusion of the tea, the Rector announced that the Vicar of Llanbradach had very kindly wired to say that the members could have with pleasure the use of his bells. Being only two miles away, the offer was gladly accepted, and the members quickly made their way there, and various methods were rung during the evening.

PRESENTATION AT TROWBRIDGE.

A member of the Trowbridge band, Mr. Harold Butcher, has just left England for Canada, and as a farewell a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1259 changes) taken from Holt's ten-part was rung by: H. Butcher 1, S. Aldom 2, J. Francis 3, C. Raison 4, A. K. Harrison 5, G. H. Harding (conductor) 6, S. J. Hector 7, W. Baxter 8.

Two days after, the ringers met in the tower to take their farewell of Mr. Butcher, and to make a presentation to him, the ringers having subscribed for a very nice shaving outfit.

In the regrettable absence of the veteran captain (Mr. MacCaffrey), Mr. Hector made the presentation. He said how sorry they all were to lose Mr. Butcher. They had had some very pleasant hours together, and he hoped Mr. Butcher would still keep in touch with ringing in Canada. Of course, there were not so many peals of bells in that country as there were in England, but if he could get a chance, Mr. Butcher should not miss it. On behalf of the Trowbridge Parish Church ringers, he wished him every success, good luck, and prosperity, and he hoped when he returned to the old country in years to come, he would bring a fortune with him.—Mr. Butcher, in acknowledging the gift, said he was sorry in a sense to have to leave the ringing. They had all spent some very happy times together.—Mr. E. Coke, who is a great lover of bell music, and a staunch Churchman, added a few words. He said they could never remember the bells rung so well as they were at present, and he could remember them for more than 40 years. He wished Mr. Butcher good luck and prosperity.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A fairly attended meeting was held at Farnworth on Saturday last, when members were present from Bolton, Walkden, and Tyldesley, with some of the local ringers. Some very good touches of Stedman, Bob Major and Treble Bob were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at St. Bartholomew's, a six-bell tower.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale Branch was held at Leesfield on Saturday, when members were present from Glodwich, Moorside, Oldham, Middleton, Milnrow, Balderstone, Rochdale Parish, Ashton, Todmorden, Pendleton and Leesfield.—Mr. J. Taylor, of Glodwich, presided over the business meeting, at which it was decided to hold the next meeting at Walsden.—After the usual votes of thanks, the bells were kept going in Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain and Kent Treble Bob Major.

CHELSEA.—At St. Luke's Church, on March 30th, for service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Caters, in 52 mins.: J. Barber 1, W. Dean 2, G. Watkin 3, A. Newman 4, H. Burton 5, F. A. Smith 6, E. Reeve 7, W. Essery 8, H. Manco (conductor) 9, F. Gibbard 10.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM. RINGERS' SERVICES AND GIFT RECOGNISED BY PARISHIONERS.

There is an old adage, "Out of sight, out of mind," which is only too often, even in these days, applicable to ringers, for in many cases they receive but little acknowledgment. That this is not the case at every tower, however, is evidenced by the following letter, addressed by the Rector of Birmingham to Mr. A. Paddon Smith, hon. secretary of the ringers at St. Martin's:—

At the Easter Vestry of the Parish, which was held last night at the Parish Church House, it was unanimously and most warmly decided that a very hearty vote of thanks should be conveyed by the Rector to yourself, and all the members of the St. Martin's Guild, for your very valuable services, and for the excellent way in which the important duties of the belfry are always carried out. Your very handsome gift to the church of the recasting of the defective bell was also specially singled out for grateful acknowledgment.

It is, I assure you, a very great pleasure to me to convey this vote of thanks to you, and to add my own emphatic endorsement to it.

Will you kindly read this letter to the members present next Sunday, that all may know the sentiments of the officers and congregation, and believe me, yours very truly,
The Rectory, Birmingham.

J. W. WILLINK.

Rector.

P.S.—It was a singular coincidence that as I was in the very act of putting the resolution to the meeting and as they all emphatically said "Aye!"—at that instant the bells broke out in peal. There was a burst of applause at the extraordinary chance of the bells beginning just at the very moment of acknowledgment.

The coincidence recorded by the Rector occurred because the Vestry meeting was held on the night of the St. Martin's practice.

Messrs. Barwell have the recasting of the 2nd in hand. The bell has been removed to the foundry, and the new one was to be cast this week. The dedication service will, in all probability, be held on Saturday, May 10th.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.
—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 29th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on the 24th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 22nd. Also at St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30, the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Eastern Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Waldron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells opened at 3 o'clock, tea 5.30, by kind invitation of the Rector of Waldron (the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts, M.A.).—George H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, April 19th, at St. Mary's, Battersea; tower open from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting to follow; all ringers invited. — F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—North Western Division.—A meeting will be held at Saffron on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available from 3 o'clock. Business meeting in the Parish Room at 5.30 p.m.—William Watts, District Secretary, Mont House Cottage, Stansted, Essex.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Grappenhall Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Daresbury tomorrow, Saturday, April 19th. Service at 3.30 followed by tea and meeting. Tea 9d. each.—Jno. E. Ashcroft, Honorary Secretary.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at East Retford on Saturday, April 19th. The bells at East Retford (10) and Ordsall (6) will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. Tea at 5 p.m. at Howard's Restaurant, free to members, non-residents 1s., and to others 1s. 3d. per head. A hearty welcome will be given to members of kindred associations.—H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—The quarterly meeting will be held at Whittle-le-Woods on April 19th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 5.30. All ringers welcome.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Ashford District.—An interim meeting of the above will be held at Woodchurch on Saturday, April 19th. Bells available at 4 o'clock.—C. Tribe, Honorary District Secretary, British School Villas, Tenterden.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, April 21st, at St. Boltoph's, Bishopsgate, E.C. Tower open from 7.30 p.m. to 9 p.m. Business meeting at 9.15 at the Citizen, Houndsditch, E.C. All ringers welcome.—F. J. Hardy, Honorary General Secretary, 34, Guildford Road, South Lambeth, S.W.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 at a small charge.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30, at 8d. each, to those who notify me by the 24th.—F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at Mason's Arms Hotel, 5.30, 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar of Coseley. A free tea will be provided for those who notify me not later than Wednesday, April 23rd. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. Will those who intend to be present for tea please send me word not later than Tuesday, April 22nd? All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. The bells of St. Paul (8) will be available till 4.15 and from 7 to 8 in the evening. Meeting at the Church Hall, near the Parish Church, at 4.30 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. Will branch secretaries please communicate (by Tuesday, 22nd inst.) number requiring tea, so that arrangements may be made for same.—W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Norton Canes on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Ernest V. Cox, Honorary Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shotton.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Woburn on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 3.30 p.m. Election of four members for General Committee will take place at this meeting. All ringers welcome.—A. King, District Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock punctually, with address by the Dean. Tea in Co-operative Hall, Free School Lane, at 5.30. Meeting after tea. It is hoped that ringers will make a special effort to attend the service in the Cathedral. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's in the afternoon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 5.30, meeting following. Bells available: St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter-at-Gowts 2.30 to 3.30, St. Botolph's 2.30 to 3.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by April 21st.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will take place in the Co-operative Hall, Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th, 1913. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Seamer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Minor.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a minimum of 2s.—will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares. Those intending being present should notify same to me not later than Wednesday, the 30th inst.—G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m., meeting 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury 2.18 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Ranmoor, Sheffield. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., except during the business meeting. A committee meeting will be held in the schools at 5.30 p.m. to settle the fixtures for the ensuing 12 months. General meeting at 6 p.m. at the same place. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is particularly requested. Tea will be provided free to members only in the Schools at about 5 p.m. Committeemen are particularly requested to notify me not later than April 29th of the approximate number from their respective companies likely to require tea. Visitors should take a Fulwood car from the City terminus, as these pass the church.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Have-lock Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Tower opened from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 29th, and will secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, May 3rd. Bells available

2 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, cordially invited.—J. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Birmingham on Whit-Monday, May 12th. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. Francis E. Dawe has removed to Woodcote, Kingsway, Woking.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

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The restoration of the tower of Warfield Church, Berks, is now going forward, and the new ring of eight bells will shortly be placed in position. On Thursday of last week, a meeting, called by the Vicar, was held to see what could be done to form a band of ringers, and some 25 parishioners attended, which speaks well for the future. The meeting was fortunate in having the presence of a practical ringer in Mr. J. Brant, who gave the prospective members the benefit of his advice, and brought to their notice the advantages of joining the Oxford Diocesan Guild. The tower comes just within the boundary, and should be a welcome addition to this somewhat isolated part of the East Berks and South Bucks branch.

HYTHE, KENT.—On Sunday evening, March 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 47 mins.: W. J. Prebble 1, T. A. Vincett 2, A. R. Manning 3, W. Bidnell (conductor) 4, P. W. Crunden 5, S. T. Binfield 6, S. A. Gower 7, W. G. Richards 8.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for 5.30 a.m. service, 420 Stedman Triples: G. Wilson 1, A. F. Bailey 2, E. H. Bailey 3, F. W. Bailey 4, E. S. Bailey 5, J. M. Bailey 6, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 7, L. P. Bailey 8. For 10.30 service, 1024 Oxford Treble Bob: E. H. Bailey 1, G. Hardy 2, A. F. Bailey 3, E. S. Bailey 4, C. F. Bailey (conductor) 5, F. W. Bailey 6, C. Samson 7, J. M. Bailey 8. For evensong, 640 Kent Treble Bob: O. Whiting 1, L. P. Bailey 2, A. F. Bailey 3, C. Samson 4, F. W. Bailey 5, G. Wilson 6, J. M. Bailey (conductor) 7, E. H. Bailey 8.

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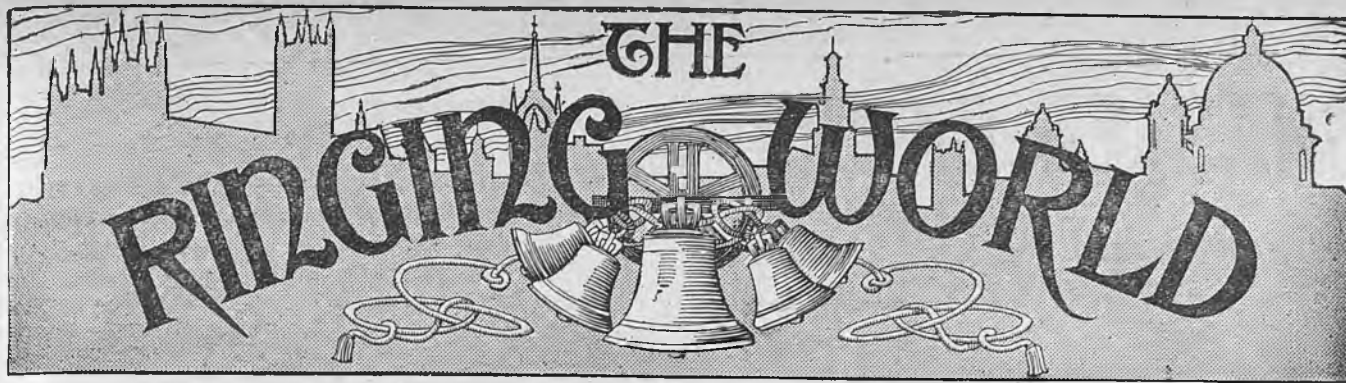
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Yours faithfully, F. T. BECK,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

PEALS AND POINTS.

The more one examines the report on peal values, published in our last issue by the Peals Analysis Committee of the Central Council, the more one is impressed with the able manner in which the committee have dealt with this extremely complicated matter. The work that has been involved is obviously immense, and, when it is remembered that it has all had to be done by correspondence, without a single round-the-table conference, the greatness of the task which the committee have accomplished during the past year must be apparent to all.

The work of the now defunct Peal Points Committee, whose duties were, at the last Council meeting, handed over to the Analysis Committee, laid the foundation for the progress which has now been made in coming to something which may provide an acceptable basis to the Exercise in general. With a formula already laid down, the question of settling the points for peals on seven bells and upwards was largely one of classification, and we think that in this the committee have left little to complain of. We mentioned incidentally last week one point that appeared to need some little amendment, viz., the inclusion of methods like Forward in the same class as Stedman, which in the case of Forward Maximus, for instance, would give twenty per cent. more points than to Double Norwich Maximus, which appears in a lower group. This, of course, is an isolated case, and can easily be met by assigning these methods to another class, although, admittedly, this would, to some extent, spoil the symmetry of the classification.

In regard to the points for peals on five and six bells, the Committee have done very valuable work, and have brought the matter of the relative values of peals on these numbers and peals on higher numbers to a stage which should meet with approval. In their classification the Committee have taken expert opinion, and, instead of pitching all methods of one type into one class and all of another type into another class, they have sorted them out according to their practical difficulty. This was certainly the fairest method that could have been adopted, and will, we hope, prove a satisfactory solution to what has always been the most knotty problem of a very complicated subject.

Viewed as a whole, we think the report will be generally acceptable to ringers, and we feel that not only the Central Council, but the Exercise at large owes a great debt of gratitude to the Committee, who, by the expenditure of so much time and trouble, have carried, thus far successfully, towards a permanent settlement, a subject that for years has appeared almost incapable of satisfactory conclusion.

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WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 18½ cwt.

*JOHN R. BARTON Treble	HARRY GIBSON 6
*GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 2	*WILLIAM R. KNAGGS ... 7
*WILLIAM A. BRECKON ... 3	*JOHN T. WATERS 8
*ALBERT COATES 4	THOMAS METCALFE 9
*FRANK S. HODGSON 5	*JOHN W. LOWTHER... .. Tenor

Composed by HENRY HUBBARD, and
Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal on ten bells. First ten-bell peal on the bells. Messrs. Barton and Gibson hail from Scarborough, Messrs. Alexander and Lowther from Fylingdales, the conductor from Middlesbrough, and the rest are members of the local band.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

CLARENCE O. HOBBS ... Treble	*TOM PAGE... .. 6
JOHN W. JONES 2	WILLIAM G. MILLER ... 7
SIDNEY DAWE 3	JOSEPH E. SYKES 8
*HARRY PAGE 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
FRED CHAMBERLAIN 5	*CHARLES ORAM... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

* First peal of Caters.

BLACKBURN, LANCASHIRE.

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On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

FREDERICK HINDLE ... Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON ... 6
JOHN POTTER 2	WILLIAM MALLINSON ... 7
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	EDWARD ARMSTRONG ... 8
*WILLIAM CRABTREE 4	JOHN WATSON 9
REV. H. J. ELSEE 5	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by W. MALLINSON.

* First peal of Royal.

SOLIHULL, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ALPHEGE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 19¾ cwt.

REV. C. CAREW COX ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE 6
JOSEPH B. FENTON 2	THOMAS MILLER 7
*WALTER MALINS 3	JAMES E. GROVES 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN... .. 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
*JOSEPH A. FENTON 5	STANLEY BRAGG Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by the REV. C. CAREW COX.

* First peal on ten bells. Rung in honour of St. Alphege's Day.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
ARTHUR KNIGHTS Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
*GEORGE LEWIS 2	*JOHN R. BROOKES ... 7
*ARTHUR HAGUE 3	JOHN P. TARLTON ... 8
SAMUEL WESLEY 4	*WALTER AYRE ... 9
JOHN C. DICKEN 5	CLEMENT GLENN ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE LEWIS.

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. SEPULCHRE, HOLBORN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.	
JAMES HUNT Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	*JOHN FLINT ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 8
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 9
BERTRAM PREWETT 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

* First peal in the method.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by GEORGE HUGHES, and
Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

* First peal of Major. † First peal in the method as conductor.
First peal in the method by an entirely local band.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt., in E.	
FRANK BLONDELL Treble	EDWARD RADDON ... 5
SEPTIMUS RADFORD 2	*SYDNEY G. STEER ... 6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING ... 7
THOMAS W. RADFORD 4	MAURICE SMITHER ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside bell.

EYE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.	
WILLIAM ROSE Treble	GEORGE E. DAY ... 5
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ERNEST F. POPPY ... 6
WILLIAM CLOVER 3	THOMAS A. TURNER ... 7
FREDERICK DAY 4	FREDERICK WATLING ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK WATLING.

* This was the first attempt for a peal on eight bells by the ringer of the 2nd, who has rung upwards of a hundred peals on six bells, and, with the exception of two or three has rung the 2nd bell to all.

HARLOW COMMON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.	
JAMES WHEELER Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER... 5
HARRY BOTTRILL 2	GEORGE DENT ... 6
WILLIAM DELLAR 3	JOHN CORDELL ... 7
*CHARLES PEACOCK 4	HARRY SMALE ... Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

* First peal of Major.

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

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.	
T. H. PARKIN Treble	C. H. BIRD ... 5
N. SHORT 2	R. OLIVER... 6
T. P. HOCKNELL... .. 3	G. VAMPLEW ... 7
J. E. SMITH... .. 4	H. STRICKLAND... Tenor

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
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On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt., in D.	
*WILLIAM CHILDS Treble	ALBERT A. HUGHES... 5
ALFRED R. GLASSCOCK ... 2	JOHN E. MILLER ... 6
*ERNEST E. GRIMES 3	†JOHN ARMSTRONG ... 7
*EDMUND G. TOMLINSON ... 4	*NORMAN A. TOMLINSON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by JOHN ARMSTRONG.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method as conductor. E. G. Tomlinson was elected a member before starting.

HAMMERSMITH.
THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION
(LATE THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY)
AND ST. PAUL'S GUILD, HAMMERSMITH.

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
*GEORGE W. COOMBS ... Treble	EDWARD CASSELL ... 5
*HARRY STEVENS 2	GEORGE C. ILES ... 6
FREDERICK W. CROOKE ... 3	FRANK SKEVINGTON ... 7
†ERNEST H. COOK 4	CHARLS F. W. HUNT ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. MARTIN, and
Conducted by F. SKEVINGTON.

* First peal of Major. † First peal of Bob Major with a bob bell.
First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method by the Guild.

LONDON.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 17, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, LEWISHAM, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 22½ cwt.	
HARRY WARNETT, Senr. ... Treble	FREDERICK W. RICHARDSON 5
GERALD KING 2	CHARLES H. WALKER ... 6
WILLIAM W. FOX 3	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 7
JOSEPH LAW 4	HERBERT G. GOODWIN ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES.

Arranged as a birthday peal for the ringers of the 4th and 5th.

DEANE, BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

*JOHN PLATT Treble	TITUS BARLOW 5
JOHN MOSSCROP 2	RICHARD P. HEALD 6
†THOMAS WORSLEY 3	ROBERT BENNETT 7
*HAROLD ODDY 4	*SAM MORRIS Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

IRTHLINGBOROUGH, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

†GEORGE DOWNING Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
JAMES GARRATT 2	JAMES HOUGHTON 6
JOHN J. MAWBY 3	WALTER PERKINS 7
ANDERSON Y. TYLER 4	*ARTHUR BINDLEY Tenor

Conducted by WALTER PERKINS.

* First peal. † First peal away from tenor and first attempt. Rung to celebrate the silver wedding of the conductor, and also of the Rev. J. K. Taylor, Rector of the parish.

AVETON GIFFORD, DEVON.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM RICHARDS Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
*WARREN HORNBOOK 2	WILLIAM G. HISCOTT 6
GEORGE R. STROUD 3	WALTER H. MARSH 7
REV. EVERARD S. POWELL 4	ERNEST W. MARSH Tenor

Composed by J. E. BURTON, and
Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

* First peal of Major with bob bell. First peal on the bells.

CHIDDINGSTONE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 10½ cwt., in E.

JAMES HEASMAN Treble	†ARTHUR T. VENELLS 5
*GEORGE EDWARDS 2	*HARRY HANINGTON 6
ALBERT BELTON 3	JOSEPH MILNER 7
STEPHEN J. PERKINS, JUNR. 4	HERBERT MARKWELL Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and

Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. † First peal in the method. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung as a birthday compliment to G. Edwards.

GLASTONBURY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 26 cwt.

WILLIAM BRASS Treble	WALTER WORGAN 5
HENRY J. TRIM 2	WALTER FARLEY 6
REV. W. M. K. WARREN 3	GABRIEL CHAMBERLAIN 7
ALBERT E. COLES 4	JAMES CORAM Tenor

Conducted by G. CHAMBERLAIN.

Rung as a farewell to Rev. A. J. Hook, Hon. Auditor to the Association, who is leaving Glastonbury to take up the living of St. Thomas, Wells. The ringers wish to thank the Rev. W. M. K. Warren for his kind hospitality after the peal, and the Rev. C. V. P. Day, Vicar, for the use of the bells.

KING'S NORTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM PALMER Treble	ARTHUR CHAMBERS 5
JOHN WITHERS 2	FRANK WITHERS 6
ALFRED PRITCHETT 3	JOHN S. PRITCHETT 7
THEODORE PRITCHETT 4	JOHN NEAL Tenor

Composed by W. HARRISON, and
Conducted by JOHN S. PRITCHETT.

BROXBOURNE, HERTS.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

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

Tenor 20 cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER Treble	GEORGE RADLEY 5
GEORGE H. BARKER 2	*WILLIAM SABAN 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
HENRY S. REEVES 4	WILBY J. HAZELL Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

MITCHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

JOHNSON'S VARIATION OF MIDDLETON'S.

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
LEWIS ATTWATER 2	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 6
DOUGLAS W. DREWETT 3	FRANK HOLDER 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM S. SMITH.

First peal in the method by all the band, and first peal in the method by the Surrey Association.

GUISELEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OSWALD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble	FIRTH HOPWOOD 5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK 2	FREDERICK W. DIXON 6
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
JOHN PALFRAMAN 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to the late Mr. Joseph Yeadon, an old ringer at the above church.

PENDLETON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

WILLIAM SHERCLIFF Treble	W. W. WOLSTENCROFT 5
ALFRED BARNES 2	HARRY CHAPMAN 6
T. BOTTRILL 3	RICHARD NEWTON 7
BERT DAVIES 4	JOSEPH RIDYARD Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

SOUTHAMPTON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Michael,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 16 cwt. in D.	
GEORGE WILLIAMS	Treble	HENRY W. WILKES	5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ...	2	WILLIAM H. GEORGE	6
WILLIAM G. EDWARDS	3	WILLIAM T. TUCKER	7
GEORGE NOICE	4	OWEN H. GILES	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Stedman and first attempt.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

MADRESFIELD, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

JOHN MORRIS	Treble	ERNEST GIBBS	4
WILLIAM RANFORD	2	J. R. NEWMAN	5
WILLIAM SHORT	3	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. SHORT.

* Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. Short and R. G. Knowles.

BRINDLE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four 720's of Plain Bob.
Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOHN FOWLER	Treble	*ARNOLD BLACKWELL ...	4
THOMAS STOTT	2	THOMAS BLACKWELL ...	5
WILLIAM SHARPLES	3	WILLIAM FOWLER	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHARPLES.

* First peal of Minor.

CHALFONT ST. PETER.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three
of Plain Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

CHARLES EDWARDS	Treble	JAMES STONE	4
FREDERICK BOLTON	2	WILLIAM HORNE	5
ALFRED SWAN	3	RICHARD BUCKLAND ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal, in more than one method, on the bells, and by the
ringers of 2nd, 3rd and 4th. This peal was arranged for Mr. C.
Edwards, of Farnham, Surrey.

DAGENHAM, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

*MISS CISSY PLAYLE	Treble	GEORGE H. JAYE	4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	GEORGE W. PLAYLE	5
ERNEST J. BUTLER	3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE W. PLAYLE.

* First peal and first attempt.

HEMINGBROUGH, YORKSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, two of Kent and three of Plain Bob.
Tenor 10½ cwt.

W. A. HUDSON	Treble	M. T. TUNE	4
J. J. TUNE	2	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ...	5
E. D. TUNE	3	H. LUDKIN	Tenor

Conducted by H. LUDKIN.

WILBURTON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent and six of Plain Bob, each called differently.
Tenor 10 cwt.

*CHARLES GODDARD	Treble	PERCY W. FORDHAM ...	4
*GEORGE STAPLEHURST ...	2	HENRY SHARP	5
*GEORGE MARKWELL	3	THOMAS FITZJOHN ...	Tenor

Conducted by T. FITZJOHN.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. Alphege's Day. The ringers
wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. J. Holford Scott) for the use of the
bells.

WINFARTHING, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 4 lbs.

SIDNEY GASKIN	Treble	WILLIAM MEARS	4
*JAMES FULCHER	2	FREDERICK C. BURROWS...	5
HORACE HAYLETT	3	ALFRED NEWSON	Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

* First peal.

ELTON, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

42 Six-Scores called in various ways. Tenor 8 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR.	Treble	HENRY GREGORY	3
THOMAS WHITE	2	WILLIAM TAYLOR	4
ALFRED C. WRIGHT			Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

First peal on the bells, and first of Doubles by all the band. The
tenor was cast in 1603.

COVEHITHE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,

At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 21 Six-scores of Grandsire and 21 Six-scores of Plain Bob.

Tenor 13½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM	Treble	JOHN SPENCER	3
ALBERT J. NAUNTON	2	EDWARD NUNN	4
FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ...			Tenor

Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs.
Day & Sons, of Eye, and "go" excellently. The band wish to thank
the Rector (the Rev. L. W. Wingfield) for the use of the bells.

RICKINGHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, College Exercise,
London Scholars' Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford

Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

EDGAR BAILEY	Treble	WILLIAM CLOVER	4
EDWARD YOUNGS	2	LEONARD LAST	5
GEORGE BAILEY	3	WILLIAM ROSE	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

First peal in seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

MARSKE-BY-THE-SEA.

THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 of Plain Bob Minor, two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob and four of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 6½ cwt.

*WILLIAM LETTY... ..Treble	*WILLIAM HOLMES 4
*FREDERICK LAVERICK ... 2	*THOMAS LANCASTER... .. 5
JOHN GEORGE HALE... .. 3	THOMAS METCALFE... ..Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS METCALFE.

* First peal on six bells. First peal on the bells.

COTGRAVE, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Double and Single Court, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 17½ cwt.

ERNEST BARTRAMTreble	WILLIAM E. WHITE 4
*WILLIAM C. WAKLEY ... 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 5
REV. C. J. STURTON ... 3	R. HENRY BARTRAMTenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Minor away from the treble.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, STOKE COVENTRY.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of three 720's each of Oxford Treble Bob and Kent Treble Bob and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 16 cwt., in E.

*OSWALD J. HUNTTreble	FRANK E. PERVIN 4
WILLIAM J. SMITH 2	CHARLES FREEMAN 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal of Minor. Mr. Smith was elected a member before starting for the peal. First peal on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

HOLBECK, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MATTHEW'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5008 CHANCES;

*JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 1-2	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 3-4	GEORGE A. JOWETT ... 7-8

Composed by H. PRICE, and

Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Witness: STANLEY L. CUNNINGHAM.

* First handbell peal.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND THE ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

On Monday, April 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL... 1-2	FRANK J. LEVITT 5-6
HARRY A. TURNER ... 3-4	ALFRED ELY 7-8

Composed by H. PRICE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.

Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

HARWICH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT 5, KING'S HEAD STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

ARTHUR T. MORRIS ... 1-2	THOMAS H. BERNARD ... 5-6
GEORGE THOMPSON... .. 3-4	TOWER TAYLOR 7-8

Composed by G. PATRICK, and

Conducted by A. T. MORRIS.

Umpire: G. CLEMENTS.

WATFORD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-one Minutes,
AT 26, MALDEN ROAD,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 1-2	GEORGE N. PRICE... .. 5-6
GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ... 3-4	CHARLES N. LEMAN ... 7-8

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

Umpire: THOMAS L. SIMMONDS.

GESTINGTHORPE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, April 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF OLAVE BROYD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, and three of Plain Bob.

GEORGE PANNELL 1-2	OLAVE BROYD 3-4
ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5-6	

Conducted by OLAVE BROYD.

First peal in five methods "in hand" by all.

HINTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-four Minutes,
AT THE VILLAGE READING ROOM,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 8 six-scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure, 16 of St. Dunstan's and 10 of Grandsire.

MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON 1-2	MASTER JOSEPH D. JOHNSON 3-4
MISS RUTH JOHNSON ... 5-6	

Conducted by J. D. JOHNSON.

Umpires: FREDERICK J. JOHNSON and HUBERT COTTON.

First peal in four methods by all and rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to their mother and to commemorate the baptism of their infant sister Maggie.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN-THE-DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5072 CHANCES;

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	EDWARD NORMAN 5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3-4	WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr. 7-8

Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON, Junr.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, April 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 5-6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3-4	*FREDERICK BARKER ... 7-8

† F. PHILLIP CHEETHAM ... 9-10

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpire: REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

* First peal of Royal away from the tenor. † First peal.

The time of the handbell peal of Little Bob Major at Enfield, published last week, was two hours and twenty-one minutes and the number of changes 5040. The Kent Treble-Bob Royal, also rung in hand, was composed by E. M. Atkins and was rung in two hours and forty-six minutes.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice to lend a helping hand to the Tilehurst band, who have been in existence for about 25 years, but as yet have never scored a peal with an entirely local company, was held at Tilehurst on Thursday week. Nearly every member put in an appearance, and the bells were kept going for about two hours in Stedman and Grandsire Triples, the local men taking a great share in the ringing. About 20 members of the Oxford Guild attended during the evening, and were satisfied with the practice. Mr. W. Newell represented St. Lawrence's, and Mr. Hopgood, St. Mary's, Reading; Mr. Tucker, Caversham, and Mr. Paice, Wokingham. The next combined practice will take place at St. Mary's the first Wednesday in May, at 7 p.m.

SONNING BRANCH.

A most successful combined practice was held at Hurst on Saturday last, 27 members being present, representing Finchampstead, Wargrave, Wokingham (All Saints), Sandhurst, Twyford, Binfield, East-hampstead, Sonning, and the local band. Touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Plain Bob Minor and Major and Grandsire Doubles were rung.—Tea was kindly provided by the Vicar. The evening was brought to a close with Grandsire Triples and tunes on the handbells in the Parish Room.

PRACTICE MEETING AT HAYES.

By the courtesy of the Hayes Parish Church ringers, the Fulmer band paid a visit to Hayes on Saturday evening, where they were met by several ringers from St. Stephen's, West Ealing, and St. Andrew's and St. John's, Hillingdon, and a good combined six-bell practice was held, touches of Plain Bob, Kent, Oxford Bob, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles being brought round. This is the first half-pull ringing done on these bells since they were restored, and the three back bells rehung by Messrs. Webb and Bennett, of Kidlington. The "go" of them gives every satisfaction. The Fulmer ringers wish, through the medium of "The Ringing World," to thank the Rector and the ringers of Hayes for the use of the bells, and the hearty welcome extended to them, also Mr. J. J. Pratt, of Hillingdon, for making the necessary arrangements.

PRESENTATION TO MR. RICHARD NEWTON.

At Glossop, on Saturday, another of the peals arranged as a farewell to Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, was attempted, but it came to grief after an hour's good ringing, the method being Kent Treble Bob Major. Afterwards, the band and other ringing friends adjourned to the Queen's Arms Hotel, Old Glossop, where a party, numbering about 30, sat down to dinner. A musical evening followed, with songs, recitations and tune ringing.

There was a pleasant surprise in store for Mr. Newton, Mr. Neal, of Dinting, requesting the Vice-President of the Glossop Association (Mr. W. Marsden) to present the departing guest with a silver-mounted ebony walking stick.—Mr. Marsden, in a neat speech, made the presentation, remarking upon the esteem in which Mr. Newton was held by the ringers in the Glossop district.—The stick bore the following inscription: "Presented to Mr. Richard Newton by the Glossop Change Ringers Association, April 19th, 1913."

Mr. Newton, who was taken completely by surprise, said the gift would always remind him of the kindness shown him in the Glossop district.—The health of Mr. and Mrs. Newton was heartily drunk, as were the toasts of "The President and Vice-President" and "The Host" (Mr. Richard Platt).—At parting, Mr. Newton received a hearty send-off, with a host of good wishes for his future welfare in his new home beyond the seas.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore, hon. secretary of the Kent County Association, officiated at the wedding of Mr. Arthur H. Saxby, of Margate, fifth son of the late Mr. John Saxby, of Langly Court, Canterbury, and Miss Edith Roberts, youngest daughter of Mr. Charles Roberts, of Margate, which was solemnised at the Parish Church, Margate, where for some years past the bridegroom has been a prominent ringer. The ceremony was an extremely pretty one, and afterwards the bells rang out merrily in honour of the event. The happy couple were the recipients of many presents, including one from past and present ringers at the Parish Church. It consisted of a handsome silver rose bowl, bearing the inscription: "Presented to Mr. A. Saxby (captain) by the St. John's Church Bell Ringers on the occasion of his marriage, April 2nd, 1913." The presentation was made by the Vicar, and Mr. Saxby made a feeling reply. He said that although connected socially with other affairs in Margate, his happiest moments were when in St. John's Church belfry with his ringers. Unity had been their motto for the last 13 years, and this, combined with the goodwill of the churchwardens and the real help he had had from the three vicars he had served under, had brought the present band to efficiency. Before concluding, he said he must refer to Miss Edwards ("the Ringers' Friend"). Her past and present kindness to the ringers had been a help to him from the commencement of his position as leader 13 years ago. In conclusion, he thanked them for the complimentary ringing which they intended to do on the occasion of his wedding, and also trusted that the peal they were going to attempt as a wedding peal on April 24th, and in which he would take part, would be successful.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.**A PEAL BOARD UNVEILED AT DORCHESTER.**

The second annual meeting of the Dorchester branch was held at St. Peter's, Dorchester, on Thursday week, and proved very successful. Representatives attended from Bournemouth, Bridport, Charminster, Fordington St. George's, Milton Abbey, Poole, Puddletown, Upwey, Wimborne, West Lulworth and Wyke Regis, together with a full muster of the local band. The fine peal at St. Peter's (8) and also St. George's (6) were available during the afternoon until 4.15 p.m., when the Rector (the Rev. H. C. Coote) and Mrs. Coote and party, the Rev. W. P. Schuster and Mrs. Schuster, and the Rev. C. A. Phillips ascended the belfry for the ceremony of unveiling a peal board.

The Chairman of the branch (Mr. R. N. Dawes), in asking Mrs. Coote to perform the ceremony, said the board had been erected in the belfry to commemorate the first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major rung in the county of Dorset, and the first peal of Major on the bells.—Mrs. Coote expressed the pleasure it gave her to come into the belfry to unveil the peal board. She had only been in the parish a very short time, but she had heard of the performances and the change ringing of the St. Peter's Society.—Mr. Martin Stewart (Master of the Guild), in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Coote, said he was pleased to see the peal recorded, as he was with the band when they were touring through the county. He gave an interesting account of the tour.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster (general secretary of the Guild) seconded the vote of thanks, and paid a high tribute to the St. Peter's Society.

The peal board is nicely written, as follows: "Salisbury Diocesan Guild. On Thursday, Sept. 23rd, 1909, in 3 hrs. 16 mins., a peal of Cambridge Surprise Major (5056 changes), tenor 21 cwt., in E flat; W. H. Fussell 1, H. Hodgetts 2, Rev. A. T. Beeston 3, Rev. H. S. T. Richardson 4, G. Williams 5, J. Thomas 6, J. Parker 7, Keith Hart 8. Composed by C. Middleton, and conducted by James Parker. The first peal of Major on the bells, and first peal of Cambridge in this county."

Afterwards the ringers and friends, numbering 55, adjourned to St. Peter's Institute, where high tea awaited them. The Rector presided, supported by his churchwardens, the Revs. W. P. Schuster, C. A. Phillips (hon. secretary, E. Dorset branch), Mr. Martin Stewart (the Master), and the officers of the branch.—Tea over, the Rector welcomed the branch to his parish, and said he realised the good work the Guild was doing. A few years ago he had the honour to welcome the Guild at their annual festival at Trowbridge.—The Rev. W. P. Schuster proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Rector and his churchwardens for entertaining them so bountifully at tea and for the use of the bells, and for the address the Rector was going to give; and also to the Rev. R. G. Bartlott for the use of his bells at St. George's.—Mr. W. S. B. Northover (Bridport), who seconded, said he was pleased to see the branch getting on so well.

GOOD PROGRESS.

The business meeting then took place, Mr. R. N. Dawes presiding. On the roll being called, it was found that twelve towers were represented. The hon. secretary (Mr. C. H. Jennings) exhibited the new badge, which is executed in bronze and silver. It was approved and much admired, and orders were given.—Mr. S. G. Hodges was elected to serve on the general committee, and four new members were elected.

The Hon. Secretary presented his report for the past year, which showed that six meetings had been held, all well attended, and that the first "annual" was a record. The membership had increased from 57 to 80, and good progress had been made in change ringing. Eight towers out of 10 were now ringing half-pull, and the secretary hoped to see the others well on the road to change ringing before another year. Mr. Townsend had been instructing the Wool band, who, besides ringing Grandsire Doubles, could now ring Bob Minor; Mr. White was instructing the Fordington band, who could now ring Grandsire Doubles; the Wyke Regis band had greatly improved in change ringing with the assistance of Mr. L. W. Wiffen (late of Ipswich); Mr. T. Page was assisting the newly-formed Upwey band; while the St. Peter's Society, Dorchester, were now pealable for Stedman. Restoration work had been carried out at Upwey, two new bells having been added, and the other four quarter turned to make a handy peal of six.—The Secretary also presented the balance sheet, which showed a balance in hand of £1 11s. 9½d.

Mr. R. N. Dawes was re-elected chairman; Mr. G. T. White, branch Ringing Master; Mr. W. J. Bengier, deputy Ringing Master; and Mr. C. H. Jennings, hon. secretary and treasurer.—Mr. Hodges, in proposing a vote of thanks to the officers, paid a tribute to the hon. secretary for the way he had worked and brought the branch up to its high standard.—The Chairman also remarked on the work of their secretary.

Mr. Jennings stated he had been in correspondence with Sir Everard Hambro respecting the next meeting to be held in July, and Sir Everard had replied that he would be pleased to place Milton Abbey and the bells at their disposal, and provide tea for the members of the branch.—This announcement was received with applause.

The members afterwards adjourned to St. Peter's Church, where the Guild service was held, the Rector giving an excellent address, which was much appreciated. Subsequently a visit was paid to the two towers available, and some good touches were brought round in the standard methods, especially at St. Peter's, Messrs. G. F. White, L. W. Wiffen and F. W. Townsend acting as conductors.

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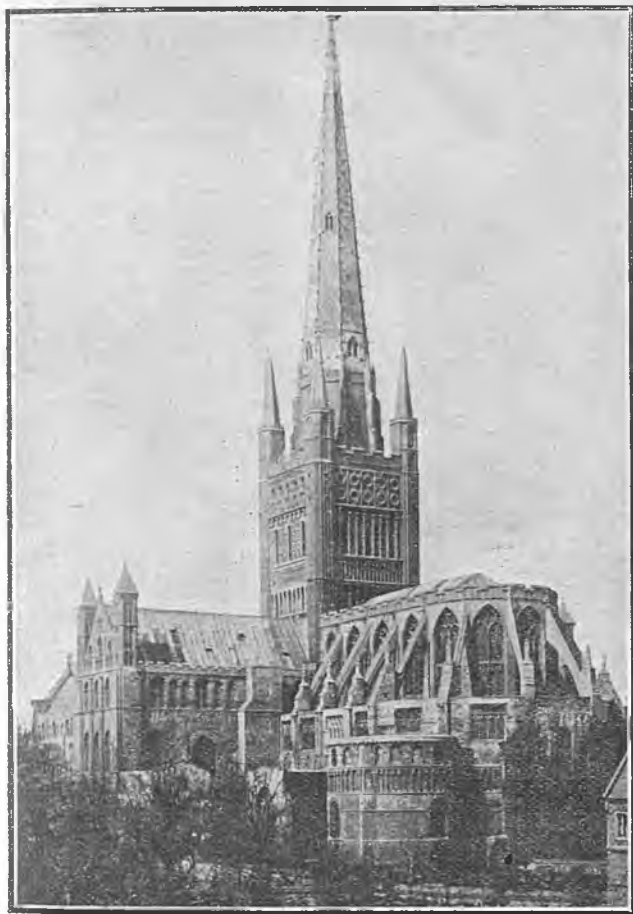
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— NORWICH.

By J. R. JERRAM.

According to Mr. L'Estrange's "Church Bells of Norfolk" published in 1874, there was a detached campanile to the south of the Erpingham Gate, containing a peal of five bells, besides other bells in the central steeple. The great bell was named "Lakenham," after Henry de Lakenham, Sacrist from 1275 to 1289, and afterwards Prior.

He gives extracts from the accounts from 1291 to 1529 for repairs to these bells, which comprise new clappers, "Colstrys" (*i.e.*, brass bearings), ropes, keys, bolts, "gojoyus" (*i.e.*, gudgeons), etc. In 1440 the bells were rehung by Stephen Carpenter at a total cost of £13 2s. 3d. In 1529 we find "paid for emendation of the second bell in the clocker by written agreement 33s. 4d., paid thereof



NORWICH CATHEDRAL.

only 15s., and not more because he (the sacrist) left his office before the emendation of the bell was completed. For a new clapper with other iron work for the same bell 22s. 8d. Other repairs about the same bell 12s."

When the old companile was demolished I have not been able to ascertain.

At the present time there is a peal of five bells in the central steeple. Tenor 13 cwt.; 42 inches diameter, note F

sharp. These bells are only hung for chiming by means of ropes on the clappers which are brought down in a row into the triforium. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

+ FAR MARGARETA NOBIS HEC MUNERA
LETA ☐ ☐ ☐

[*i.e.*, Margaret make these gifts a joy to us].

This inscription is in Black Letter Alphabet.

Second.

+ QUESUMUS ANDREA ☐ (lion's face) FAMU-
LORUM SUSCIPE VOTA ☐ ☐ ☐

[*i.e.*, We pray thee, Andrew, receive the prayers of thy servants].

This inscription is in Black Letter Alphabet.

Third.

ANNO DOMINI 1635. I.B.

Fourth.

+ SUBVENIAT DIGNA ☐ (lion's face) DONANTI-
BUS HANC KATERINA ☐ ☐ ☐

[*i.e.*, Worthy Katherine prosper the donors of this bell].

This inscription is in Black Letter Alphabet.

Tenor.

+ SUM ROSA PULSATA ☐ (lion's face) MUNDI
MARIA VOCATA o ORATE PRO AIA o ROBERTI
BRETHENAM o MONACHI NORWICI ☐ ☐ ☐

[*i.e.*, I, being struck, am called Mary, Rose of the World. Pray for the soul of Robert Brethenam, Monk, of Norwich].

This inscription is in Black Letter Alphabet.

The three shields on the treble, second, fourth and tenor are ermine charged with three bells, the lower one crowned. This is the mark of R. Brasyer, a mediæval Norwich bell founder. The third was cast by John Brend, a later Norwich founder.

These five bells are in a minor key, like the front five of a peal of six, being notes C sharp, B, A, G sharp, F sharp, respectively. It is a pity that a tenor in E is not added (although they cannot be rung). They have a most plaintive and melancholy sound as they are.

There was formerly a clock-bell, without any inscription. This was taken down in 1873, when the late Dean Goulburn gave a clock with quarter chimes on all the five bells.

ODD CHANGES.

We hope very shortly to be able to announce the date of the unveiling of the peal tablet to be erected in Cubitt Town Church to commemorate the ladies' peal.

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The three juvenile members of Mr. F. J. Johnston's family at Hinton, Worcestershire, have rung another handbell peal; this time in four methods of Doubles. A remarkably creditable performance for such young folks.

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Mr. J. R. Barton, of 71, Caledonia Street, Scarborough, having seen the inquiry in our last issue as to ringing at Scarborough, asks us to state that any ringers visiting that town during the Whit-week conference of the Manchester Unity of Oddfellows will be gladly welcomed at the tower. If they are desirous of taking a rope in either a peal or touches and will write to him he will be happy to make the necessary arrangements. The Whit-Sunday ringing at the Parish Church will be from 9 to 10 a.m., and 5.45 to 6.30 p.m.

Congratulations to the Mitcham band upon their first peal of Cambridge Surprise Major, which is the first in the method for the Surrey Association.

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Miss Playle, whose first peal, rung at Dagenham, we record this week, has the honour of being the first ringer of the gentler sex to score a peal for the Essex Association. As a matter of fact she is the only lady ringing member of the Association, and after the peal she was complimented by the band, and listeners outside, on the way in which she rang.

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The King's visit to Crewe on Monday was celebrated at the Parish Church by a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Royal (1320 changes) rung in 59 minutes, the first quarter-peal in the method on the bells: W. T. Holding 1, R. T. Holding, junr., 2, J. H. Riding 3, H. F. Holding 4, R. Langford, senr., 5, W. F. Hartshorne 6, G. H. Crawley 7, A. Crawley 8, J. Dentith 9, R. T. Holding senr., 10.

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The first peal of Stedman Cinques on the bells of St. Mary's, Oldham, was recorded last week. It is somewhat remarkable that it should have been left to this late date for the accomplishment of such a performance, for there have been twelve bells in the tower for generations.

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One of the most noteworthy peals ever rung in the tower was achieved over eighty years ago, when the then record of Kent Treble Bob Maximus was beaten, and curiously enough the peal which was then surpassed at Oldham was a 7200 rung by the St. Martin's Youths of Birmingham, 93 years ago this month (April 17th).

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The Oldham peal, rung about twelve years later, is recorded on a tablet in the following terms: "On the 6th day of March, 1832, was rung in this tower 7392 changes of Kent Treble Bob Maximus, in 5 hrs. 14 mins. 32 secs., by the following persons: Jos. Newton (conductor), 1; Jno. Jackson, 2; Jno. Newton, 3; Jas. Mills, 4; Jas. Jackson, 5; Thos. Nicholson, 6; Wm. Rigby, 7; Jno. Brierley, 8; Ed. Taylor, 9; Jno. Whitehead, 10; Thos. Chadderton, 11; Abram Jackson, 12. Weight of the tenor 34 cwt." This record stood only until the December of the next year, when it was beaten by the 10,224 at Painswick.

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It will be noticed that in the band at Oldham are names still familiar in Lancashire ringing circles. There were two Newtons, and the peal of Stedman Cinques on Saturday week was a farewell to Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, who is sailing on the 29th for Boston, U.S.A.

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Very few peals of Treble Bob on odd numbers have been recorded, but Oldham can claim at least one of these, for on January 1st, 1847, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Cinques was rung there.

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Another famous performance at Oldham was a peal of 14,016 Kent Treble Bob Major rung on February 12th, 1821, at the old church of St. Paul, which was replaced by the present St. Mary's Church. Several of those who took part in the long peal of Maximus were in the Major, which was rung in 7 hrs. 26 mins. by Joseph Newton, conductor, 1; James Mills, 2; John Brierley, 3; James Taylor, 4; William Rigby, 5; Thomas Chadderton, 6; John Whitehead, 7; James Jackson, 8. Tenor 14 cwt.

THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—In perusing the report of the Peals Analysis Committee, published in this week's "Ringing World," I notice they do not intend to include the two peals of Minor tapped on handbells by Mr. J. Segar, junr., during 1912. I hope the Council at their annual meeting will negative this proposal, and give to these two peals at least the same number of points as would be allowed for similar peals rung on handbells retained in hand. Tapping peals on handbells is a great mental strain, and I consider worthy of encouragement. As far as the report for 1912 is concerned, the decision would, of course, only affect Mr. Segar, but already in 1913 another gentleman has come out as a peal tapper, and there may be many others who will try to accomplish similar performances. I trust the Council will recognise the merit due to these gentlemen, and decide to award points. I should like to congratulate the Peals Analysis Committee on their most exhaustive report, and hope the best thanks of the Exercise will be accorded to them for what must have entailed considerable time and labour.—Yours faithfully,

Retford.

GEO. R. WINTER.

Owing to a line being dropped into the wrong place in the report of the Analysis Committee, published last week, the last paragraph was made to appear in confused form. It should have read as follows:—"Young ringers are still, we are glad to see, coming on. We find them as young as 11. In one peal the ages of four of the ringers were 12, 13, 15 and 16, while in another the ages varied from 12 to 17, giving an average of 15. On the other hand we find four of 70 and over and one of 86! May he be spared to ring more peals yet!"

NEW BELLS AT HORRINGER.

At the pretty little village of Horringer, near Bury St. Edmunds, Suffolk, two trebles have been added to complete the octave, the new bells having been placed in the tower in memory of the Rev. Lord and Lady Arthur Charles Hervey by their eight surviving children. The Rev. Lord Hervey was for some years Rector of Horringer, subsequently being appointed Bishop of Bath and Wells. In September of last year, the restoration of the church fabric was undertaken, the tower, which had been in a bad state of repair for years, being taken down to the level of the bell chamber, and rebuilt and new pinacles added, a crack, which had extended from roof to ground, being also worked up. Extensive repairs were also carried out to the church, which now presents a fine appearance. The work of rehanging the bells was carried out by Messrs. Day and Sons, of Eye. The 3rd and 4th have been placed in a rider frame, and the other six have been hung in the old bell frame, made in 1818, and which has been bolted and strengthened. The tenor has been recast, the old bells quarter-turned, and all of them rehung with the most modern fittings. The treble and second are naturally a great improvement to the peal, and will be a source of increased pleasure to lovers of bell music. The following are the inscriptions on the new bells:—

Treble: In memory of Arthur Charles Hervey, the gift of his eight surviving children, 1912. Mears and Stainbank, founders (weight, 3 cwt. 0 qrs. 4 lbs.).

2nd: In memory of Patience Hervey, the gift of her eight surviving children, 1912. Mears and Stainbank, founders (weight, 3 cwt. 0 qrs. 15 lbs.).

Tenor (reproduced inscription): The gift of Arthur Brooks, Esq., the Rev. Foster, M.A., Rector, William Dodson, founder, 1818; (added) Recast 1912, Mears and Stainbank, founders, London. Day, Eye, hung us (weight, 9 cwt. 0 qrs. 3 lbs., in A flat).

The bells were dedicated by the Ven. Archdeacon of Sudbury (the Rev. George Hodges), Dean of Ely Cathedral, and formerly Vicar of St. James' Church, Bury St. Edmunds. The service, which was largely attended, was conducted by the Rector (the Rev. Lord Manners Hervey), and commenced with the singing of the hymn, "We love the place, O God." After special Psalms and lessons, the Archdeacon preached an eloquent sermon from Numbers x. 2. He spoke of the history and uses of bells, remarking that there was nothing that had so intimate an association with the affairs of men in this land of ours as the parish bells.

After the dedicatory prayers the bells were rung. While the clergy and choir returned from beneath the tower to the chancel, the hymn, "Blessed city, heavenly Salem," was sung, and a solemn and impressive service concluded with the Benediction pronounced by the Archdeacon. For some time after service, short touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major were rung, the ringers including the following: Messrs. H. A. Turner, A. E. Moore, J. Sparrow, C. Woodcock, F. Ely, F. G. Dewell, F. Levitt, J. Chinery and R. Wilding (Ixworth), members of the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds; G. Debenham, J. Debenham, J. Gooch, J. Cater and W. Salisbury, of Horringer. The first peal on the bells was rung on Saturday week by members of the St. James' Society, Bury St. Edmunds, as recorded in our last issue.

CROYDON.—At the Parish Church, for Confirmation service by the Archbishop of Canterbury, on Sunday, March 2nd, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major: W. S. Wise 1, W. States 2, D. Wright (conductor) 3, E. Miles 4, A. Trappitt 5, A. Clark 6, A. Jones 7, W. Groves 8.

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CHELMSFORD CHURCH BELLS.

THEIR INTERESTING HISTORY.

H. F. C. writes: It may be of interest to the readers of your valuable paper to know that the above peal of bells are now at the foundry of Messrs. Warner and Sons, and for the benefit of those who treasure history and keep records of old inscriptions, etc., I send the following. Few people will recollect that of the ten bells forming the peal in St. Mary's Church two were for a number of years in St. John's Church, Moulsham. They were placed there when that building was erected in 1838, but were restored to Chelmsford Parish Church in 1883. The present bell at Moulsham was brought from Rettendon, when the ring in that parish was altered thirty years ago. Chelmsford seems to have been rather fond of swapping church bells. In the eighteenth century, St. Mary's had a peal of eight, but in or about 1770 the parishioners gave two of them to Writtle in exchange for their chimes which were brought to the county town. According to Morant, there used to be "a ring of six bells and a clock," and Moulman notes "a ring of six bells, a clock, and a set of chimes." Another point of general interest about Chelmsford Church bells is that eight of the ring of ten were the first cast by the famous bell founder, William Mears, when he set up business for himself in the year 1777. One of his little peculiarities was a fondness for poetical inscriptions on his bells, and this he indulged in when casting the peal for St. Mary's. The inscriptions run as follows (No. 1 and 2 bear the date 1820, and were presumably cast by Thomas Mears, grandson of William. The remaining eight bells bear the name of William Mears and Co., London, fecit 1777):—

- Treble.—The gift of T. Clapham, Wm. Dobson, Downham, Norfolk.
2. The gift of T. Clapham, Wm. Smith, Wm. Baker, and Jno. Saltmarsh, Churchwardens.
3. Tho' much against us may be said,
To speak for ourselves we are not afraid.



CHELMSFORD OLD BELLS IN THE CHURCHYARD.

4. If you have a judicious ear
You'll own my voice is sweet and clear.
5. At proper times our voices we will raise
In sounding to our Benefactor's praise.
6. To Honour both of God and King.
Our voices shall in concert ring.
7. Thos. Clapham, B. Clapham, and R. Shoobridge Bes.
8. Peace and good neighbourhood.
9. Ye ringers all that prize your health and happiness,
Be sober, merry, wise and you'll the same possess.
Tenor. The Rev. Jno. Morgan, Rector; Messrs. Geo. Simpson, Jno. Ward and Matw. Joyce, Churchwardens, 1777.
In wedlock bands all ye who join
With hands your hearts unite.
So shall our tuneful tongues combine
To laud the nuptial Rite.

The inscriptions on the bells at Chelmsford are also found on those in the towers at Walthamstow, Hornchurch and Great Baddow.

The illustration shows the bells in the Churchyard ready for the removal to the foundry, and is from a photograph by Mr. Breach, of Chelmsford. While in the Churchyard the bells and frame proved of great interest to the public, especially the decayed beams, several of which had only been held in position by the floor boards.

"Ye Olde Chelmsforde Fete," in aid of the fund for the restoration of the bells, which opened at the Corn Exchange on Saturday, was one of the most interesting and attractive events that have been held in Chelmsford for a very long time. The opening ceremony was performed at 2.30 by Lady Beatrice Pretymann, the High Sheriff of Essex (Mr. Charles Round) being the chairman. Among the speakers was the Bishop of Barking, Lord Kenyon, and Mr. E. G. Pretymann, M.P. It was announced that "on ye entrance of ye Lady Beatrice Pretymann ye Boreham Handbell Ringers will strike a merrie peale."

Three pageant episodes of Chelmsford of "ye olde daies" were given in "ye playhouse." These episodes formed an attractive feature of the fete. During Saturday afternoon there was a lantern

lecture by Mr. Robert Warner, of Messrs. John Warner and Sons, the bell founders, of Spitalfields, London, on "Bell founding." This was particularly appropriate, as it is to meet the expense of recasting the bells, as well as the cost of cleaning the clock, that the fete had been arranged.

The following "Ode to ye bells" was circulated, and the treble bell of the old eight, having been kept behind and stood mouth upwards for the public to throw coins in, quite a useful sum was collected in this way:—

Once some British Workmen came from London town,
With pulley blocks and tackle to take the 10 bells down.
Possibly you'll wonder why this thing was done,
Those who know will tell you it wasn't done for fun.
Our frame was rather shaky, and tone we seemed to lack,
We also thought it likely that some of us might crack.
Our gudgeon pins were worn, sir, and what is really more,
The beams were found defective when they opened up the floor.
Our "friendly neighbour" in the Tower refused to stay alone,
And if you cast your eyes aloft his face is only stone.
So 9 have gone to London Town and left me here to say,
Our restoration much depends on what our friends will pay.
The Fete is for this object, so kindly gather round,
And help us just a tiny bit to make £1,000.
For if you take the clapper and strike me once or twice,
You'll find my note, "E flat," is really rather nice.

RINGERS' PRESENTATION TO RECTOR. HALESWORTH AND CHEDISTON SOCIETIES AT DINNER.

The Halesworth and Chediston (Suffolk) Ringers' Societies were entertained to dinner at the Swan Hotel by their President, the Rev. A. R. Upcher, who took the chair. The Rector was supported by Mr. H. A. Mullens, churchwarden, Miss M. de B. Upcher, Miss A. Burton, Messrs. F. C. Lambert (secretary), Jas. Howard (treasurer), W. Baker (assistant secretary), S. Cady (tower keeper), Chediston, and the full strength of the local company, 25 in all, including honorary members from Southwold, Sibton, Henham, Westhall, Rumburgh, and Wissett.

At the conclusion of the dinner the usual loyal toasts were honoured, and "The Churchwardens" was next given, and cordially received.—Mr. Mullens, in response, testified to the interest taken by the ringers as Church workers, and the pleasure it gave him to be present with them that evening. They were sorry this would be the last time their Rector would be with them as their president, and he felt sure he was voicing the feelings of all in wishing him long life, health and happiness.

A GIFT FOR THE RECTOR.

During the evening, Mr. F. C. Lambert, on behalf of the Halesworth Society, asked the Rector to accept a small token of their esteem and regard for him, in the shape of a case of silver-mounted briar-root pipes with amber mouthpiece, inscribed on a silver shield: "Presented to Rev. A. R. Upcher, M.A., by the Halesworth Society of Ringers, 1913." He hoped he would long be spared to use them, and that they would remind him of the happy gatherings they had had together in the past.—The reverend gentleman, in thanking the company for their present, said he should always have a warm place in his heart for the ringers of his old parish, and hoped they would go on and prosper, and accord the same loyal support to the new Rector as he had himself received from them. In conclusion, he cordially invited them to come over to Stradbroke and attempt a peal on the fine bells there.

The Secretary's report was then read, which showed that the ringing for Sunday services had been well maintained, the practices kept up regularly, and that members had taken part in 21 peals during the past year at various towers in the district. A fresh method (Stedman Triples) had been practised, and they were successful with the kind help of their friend, Mr. H. Barton, in getting a good peal on the Southwold bells on Easter Monday. The addition of a new treble at Chediston Church had been a great help to them in their six bell practice, and he was pleased to report that a farewell peal to their Rector had been rung there on the Monday evening previous. Taking things all round, this had been their most successful year as a society.—The treasurer, Mr. Jas. Howard, read a statement of accounts, showing a balance in hand.

The election of officers was next proceeded with, the Rev. A. Comp-ton Moore, M.A., being chosen President of the Society.—The Rev. A. R. Upcher's name was added to the list of vice-presidents, and the secretary and treasurer were re-elected with thanks for past services.—Courses of Grandsire Caters and Stedman Triples were rung on the handbells, and several good songs given by members during the evening.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the President at the close of the proceedings for his attendance and kind entertainment.

THANKS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—I should very much like to thank the members of the Surrey Association, through the medium of "The Ringing World," for the handsome sum which the committee decided to give me for writing the peals in the Association Peal Book, the sum mentioned being upwards of eleven pounds. The members live too far and wide for me to thank them without your help.—Yours truly,
Banstead.

JOHN BEAMS.

NOTICES.

The charge for notices under this heading is at the rate of 2d. per line (average nine words), with a minimum of 1s. Three insertions at double the charge for single insertion (minimum 2s.).

THE ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY will hold their annual meeting to-morrow, Saturday, April 26th, at the Parish Church, Ashton. Bells available from 4 o'clock p.m. Business meeting at 7 o'clock p.m. All ringers invited.—Charles Bower, Honorary Secretary, 25, Chadwick Street.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on April 29th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 29th. 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 MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Hornsey, on Saturday, April 26th, by kind permission of the Rector (Rev. B. Spink). Bells available from 3.30. Short service at 5.15, to which all ringers are earnestly invited. Tea in St. Mary's Hall, Brook Road, at 6 o'clock, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Putney on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available from 4 o'clock. Tea at 6 at a small charge.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Church Road, Heston, Hounslow.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, April 26th. Tower open at 3.30. Tea in the Mission Hall at 5.30. — F. Bennett, Honorary Secretary, 3, Hart's Lane, New Cross, S.E.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM (Established 1755).—A quarterly meeting will be held at Solihull on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (10) available from 3.30. Tea at Mason's Arms Hotel, 5.30, 9d. per head, followed by business meeting. — A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD. — The annual meeting of the above Guild will be held at Dudley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30. Service in church at 5 o'clock, conducted by the Rev. A. Gray Maitland (President), with an address by the Rev. J. A. Price, M.A., Vicar of Coseley. Business meeting afterwards. Subscriptions are due at this meeting.—Herbert Sheppard, Honorary Secretary, 66, Himley Road, Dudley.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Chippenham on Saturday, April 26th. The bells of St. Paul (8) will be available till 4.15 and from 7 to 8 in the evening. Meeting at the Church Hall, near the Parish Church, at 4.30 p.m. Service at the Parish Church at 5.30 p.m. —W. A. Cave, Honorary Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A quarterly meeting will be held at the Parish Church, Sutton Coldfield, on Saturday, April 26th. Bells (8) available from 3.30 p.m. Tea will be arranged if sufficient members let me know by April 21st. — Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shottery.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—The next quarterly meeting of this district will be held at Chislehurst on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m. Service, with address by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), at 5 p.m. Tea and business meeting to follow. All outstanding subscriptions should be paid now, so that a true report can be read at the annual meeting. — T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Ripley on Saturday, April 26th. Bells ready at 3 p.m. All ringers and friends invited. — Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 68, Douglas Street, Derby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Evensong in the Cathedral at 4 o'clock punctually, with address by the Dean. Tea in Co-operative Hall, Free School Lane, at 5.30. Meeting after tea. It is hoped that ringers will make a special effort to attend the service in the Cathedral. Ringing at St. Peter-at-Arches, St. Peter-at-Gowts and St. Botolph's in the afternoon.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Southern Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Lincoln on Saturday, April 26th. Service in the Cathedral at 4 p.m. Tea in the Co-operative Hall at 5.30, meeting following. Bells available: St. Peter-at-Arches and St. Peter-at-Gowts 2.30 to 3.30, St. Botolph's 2.30 to 3.15 and 8 to 9 p.m. Those intending to be present kindly notify me by April 21st.—S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Northern Branch.—The annual meeting of the above will take place in the Co-operative Hall, Lincoln, on Saturday, April 26th, 1913. Tea at 5.30 p.m., to be followed by meeting. For further particulars see circular.—J. W. Seamer.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Southern Branch.—A meeting for practice will take place at Little Comberton on Saturday, April 26th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Methods: Grandsire and Bob Doubles and Minor.—J. Hemming, Branch Secretary, 10, Church Bank, Hampton, Evesham.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Tower opened from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will all those who intend being present kindly let me know by Tuesday, April 29th, and will secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting. — E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF SALOP. — The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m., meeting 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury 2.18 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Ranmoor, Sheffield. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., except during the business meeting. A committee meeting will be held in the schools at 5.30 p.m. to settle the fixtures for the ensuing 12 months. General meeting at 6 p.m. at the same place. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is particularly requested. Tea will be provided free to members only in the Schools at about 5 p.m. Committeemen are particularly requested to notify me not later than April 29th of the approximate number from their respective companies likely to require tea. Visitors should take a Fulwood car from the City terminus, as these pass the church.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Have-lock Street, Sheffield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a maximum of 2s.—will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares. Those intending being present should notify same to me not later than Wednesday, the 30th inst. — G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, May 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, cordially invited.—I. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Binsted, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Bells (6) available 3 p.m. Service, 5.30, the Vicar will address the ringers; tea, 6.15, in the Institute. Tea tickets, members 6d., visitors 1s.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock, tea, at usual price, at 5.30, business meeting after tea. Will members intending to be present at tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, April 30th. — H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch. — The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, The Cottage, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting will be held at Shipley on May 3rd, at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 7 p.m. at the Sun Hotel, Shipley. — F. Hopwood, Secretary, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmshore, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Lockerly and Tytherly. The bells of both towers available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar of Lockerly has kindly invited members to tea at the Vicarage at 5.15. Members intending to be present will oblige by letting me know by Wednesday, April 30th. — James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, May 3rd.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's (6 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided at the Crown Inn, Capel, at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Newdigate 3 to 4.30 p.m., Capel 6.15 p.m. Short service, with an address, at Capel Parish Church at 5 p.m. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—Rev. L. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Dorking.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Application for tea tickets must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than Thursday, May 8th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 12th. The bells of Thrapston and Islip will be at liberty for ringing from 10 a.m. to 11.45, and from 3 to 7.30. Service at the Parish Church, Thrapston, at 12 noon. Luncheon, with meeting to follow, at the White Hart Hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each. Non-members 2s. each.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the above will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Divine service will be held in the Parish Church, with an address by the Vicar of Barking at 11.30. Business meeting at 12.30. Dinner at 1.30. The following towers will be open: Bow, Leytonstone, Wanstead, Woodford, Barking Road, St. Mary's and St. Saviour's, Walthamstow, and West Ham. Members requiring dinner please send notice, without fail, to the honorary secretary before Wednesday, May 7th.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham Vicarage, Witham.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting of the above Guild will be held at Birmingham on Whit-Monday, May 12th. It is hoped that all members will endeavour to be present. Further particulars later.—Edith K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. Francis E. Dawe has removed to Woodcote, Kingsway, Woking.—Mr. John Jaggar, late of Bee Hive, Langley Green, has removed to The Wrexham (opposite Parish Church), Oldbury. Wines and spirits of the finest quality.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—Mr. W. Clayton, 9, Lodge Road, Wallington, has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Mary's Church, and to him all communications should be addressed.

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CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

A fairly well attended meeting was held at Raunds on Saturday, when touches of Double Norwich and Bob Major, Stedman and Grand-sire Triples and Bob Minor were rung by members from Thrapstone, Woodford, Addington, Denford, Higham Ferrers, Irthlingborough, and the local band. Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, also took part in most of the ringing.—Tea was provided in the Church Institute.—Afterwards, a short business meeting was held, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. C. C. Aldred), supported by the curate (the Rev. C. N. Daybell), and Mr. F. Stubbs (district secretary). Woodford was chosen for the next meeting, on July 19th. The Vicar was made an hon. member, and one new member from Thrapstone was also elected.

Mr. J. Nickerson proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to the local ringers, and to the ladies for so ably waiting on them at the tea, remarking that they always had a hearty welcome at Raunds.—The Vicar, in reply, said he was very pleased to welcome the Association, and hoped they would soon come again. He also thanked them for making him an hon. member. The members afterwards visited the tower, and further touches were rung.

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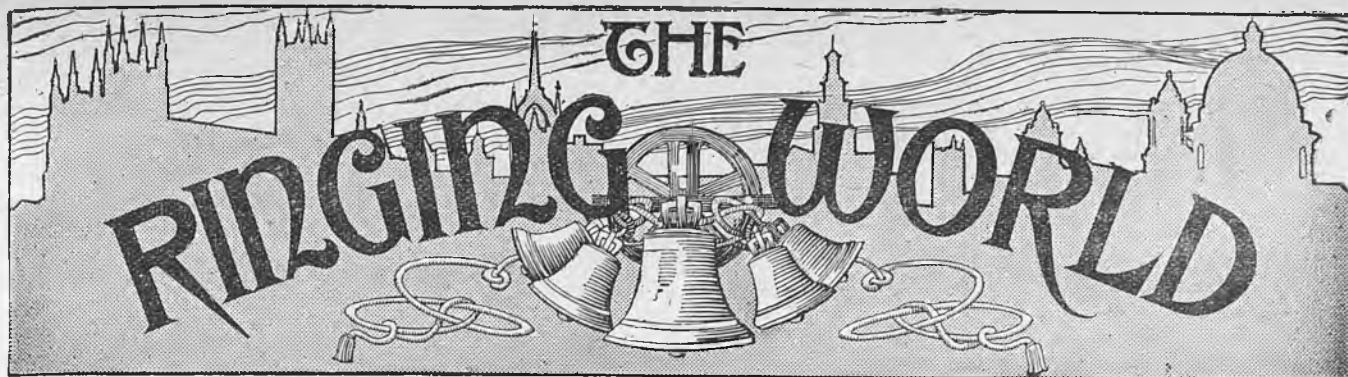
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MODERN WORK.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

The arrangements made for the meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle are published in this issue, and it is obvious that the Durham and Newcastle Association intend to make the visit a social success. It cannot be expected that there will be so large a gathering as that which assembled in London last year, for this journey "farthest north" is a rather formidable one for the members from the south. Nevertheless, we expect to find the meeting a representative one.

The agenda is not a heavy one, on paper, although the subjects may well lead to considerable and interesting debate. We are not surprised to see put down for discussion: "The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell-ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung." This is a matter which, despite all that may be said to the contrary, is of increasing importance to us as church bell-ringers. The motion, which has been placed on the agenda, is in very general terms, and will afford the fullest opportunity for the ventilation of every point of view, and, because from a multitude of counsellors we may expect wisdom, as the outcome of this discussion we hope to find some practical advice given. The step necessary to avoid a growth of hostile public opinion need not necessarily be confined to a reduction of peal ringing. There is the important alternative of the structural arrangements in the tower, which, with comparatively small expenditure, can be made very effectually to reduce the cause of annoyance which a sensitive public may experience. If the influence of the Council can be brought to bear successfully in this direction it will accomplish a great and valuable work in strengthening the position of our Art.

In another resolution which is to be proposed, the Council are to be asked to say that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major. This is a question for the theoretical experts, and while it is necessary that these disputed questions should be definitely and authoritatively settled, it is a matter in which the merely practical men of the Exercise can take little interest, particularly as Superlative Royal is a method which is not rung.

The proposal to admit the Ladies' Guild to representation is only the natural sequel to the establishment of an organisation among the fair sex, and although they do not at present possess a membership (75) which would entitle them to representation, it will not be long before that position will be reached, so rapidly are their ranks increasing. The only other resolution on the agenda is that calling renewed attention to a previous decision of the Council that seven days' notice of any attempt for a peal record should be given.

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WILLIAM GOODMAN	2	HARRY GOODMAN	7
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JOHN GOODMAN, Senr. ...	5	CHARLES FAULTS	Tenor

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This peal was rung as a farewell to Harry Goodman, a much respected member of the Dudley band, who set sail for Canada on April 26th. At the conclusion of the peal the ringers expressed their regret in losing such a capable ringer and wished him God-speed and every success in his new sphere of labour.

WALSALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

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THOMAS HUGHES	3	*THOMAS HILL	8
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ...	4	BENJAMIN GOUGH	9
*THOMAS BLOORE	5	THOMAS J. ELTON	Tenor

Composed by CHRISTOPHER WALLATER, and
Conducted by THOMAS J. ELTON.

* First peal of Royal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

CANTERBURY, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5107 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

†JAMES TULETT	Treble	REV. F. J. O. HELMORE... ..	6
*REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ...	2	CHARLES W. BRETT	7
WILLIAM HAIGH	3	ARTHUR A. ANDREWS	8
EDWIN G. BUESDEN... ..	4	†EDWARD A. G. ALLEN ...	9
FREDERICK G. BRETT	5	WILLIAM J. WALKER	Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESDEN.

* First peal of Stedman Caters on tower bells. † First peal of Caters.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, March 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

HENRY TURNER	Treble	JAMES MOTTS	5
RICHARD LAST	2	CHARLES CATCHPOLE ...	6
WILLIAM CLOVER	3	FREDERICK DAY	7
EDGAR PEMBERTON	4	GEORGE W. MOSS	Tenor

Composed by A. KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by J. MOTTS.

FRESSINGFIELD, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 12, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt., in F.

LEONARD P. BAILEY Treble	FREDERICK R. BORRETT... .. 5
JAMES M. BAILEY 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
EDGAR H. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY Tenor

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

First peal of Cambridge on the bells.

BRAINTREE.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs., in F sharp.

WALTER SADLER... .. Treble	ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM .. 5
GEORGE F. WILLIAMS 2	EDWARD CLAYDON 6
HARRY P. EMERY 3	WILLIAM GRIMWADE 7
GEORGE MELBOURNE... .. 4	ERNEST NEWMAN Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

TODMORDEN.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, April 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,

AT THE UNITARIAN CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

ERNEST SUTCLIFFE Treble	*JOHN NASH... .. 5
†JAMES WHITEHEAD 2	HARRY WHITEHEAD... .. 6
HARRY GREENWOOD 3	HERBERT DEVONPORT 7
*GILL SUTCLIFFE 4	FRANK FIELDEN Tenor

Conducted by JAMES WHITEHEAD.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

WILLIAM OSTLER... .. Treble	JOHN C. SELF 5
STANLEY BONNEY 2	HOBART E. SMITH 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	*A. WATSON 7
WILLIAM FLORY 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by J. J. BRIERLEY, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal. Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

BECKINGTON.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GREGORY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 17 cwt.

*WILLIAM TYLER... .. Treble	ARTHUR W. ANGEL 5
HORACE TAYLOR 2	†ARTHUR J. WEST 6
GEORGE H. ARCHARD 3	WALTER S. BURBIDGE 7
ROBERT H. LEGG 4	ERNEST C. RODFORD Tenor

Conducted by ARTHUR J. WEST.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal by the Melksham band.

ROMSEY, HANTS.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,

AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. MARY AND ETHELFLEDA,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 25 cwt. 0 qr. 8 lbs., in D.

GEORGE WILLIAMS Treble	HENRY W. WILKES 5
JAMES ELCOMBE 2	FREDERICK PRECEY 6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	ROBERT P. KNIGHT... .. 7
LEONARD HARRIS 4	GIDEON WEBB Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of St. George's Day.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR CHAPLIN Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
GEORGE H. JAYE 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS 6
GEORGE R. PYE 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
WILLIAM MILLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

This was the conductor's gooth peal.

MARGATE.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S COMPANY.)

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART. Tenor 22 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.

*GEORGE ENDERBY Treble	FRANK REEVES 5
ARCHIBALD C. KAY... .. 2	ARTHUR H. SAXBY 6
EDWARD E. FOREMAN 3	CHARLES W. PLAYER 7
ERNEST L. BURGESS 4	HERBERT LADE Tenor

Conducted by C. W. PLAYER.

* First peal away from tenor. Rung as a wedding peal for Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Saxby.

NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

†FRANK JOHNSON... .. Treble	FREDERICK S. PRICE 5
*ALBERT COPPOCK 2	J. CHARLES DICKEN... .. 6
WILLIAM CLIFFORD, Senr. 3	†WALTER AYRE 7
ARTHUR LOWE 4	PERCIVAL PRICE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

* 50th peal. † First peal in the method. First Surprise peal on the bells and the first ever rung in Nottingham by a local band. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of 2nd, 3rd, 5th and 8th, and also to William Clifford, Junr., all the birthdays occurring in April.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	ARTHUR N. HARDY 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	EDWIN F. PIKE... .. 6
HAROLD BURTON... .. 3	JAMES HUNT 7
FRANK BENNETT... .. 4	JAMES E. DAVIS Tenor

Composed by W. WILLSON, and

Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

GEORGE GATLAND Treble	ALBERT HARMAN 5
JOHN CAPP 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	WILLIAM C. HART 7
ERNEST GOWER 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by NATHAN PITSTOW, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

FARNHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, April 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

Tenor 21 cwt.

ALFRED J. LECLERCQ ... Treble	FREDRICK A. BARNETT ... 5
*HUBERT CHAFFEY 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	GEORGE UPSHALL 7
†ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal of Major. † First peal on eight bells. Rung as a
welcome home to the Rector and Mrs. Campbell Crum.

HENLEY, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES ;

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

GEORGE WHITING Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON ... 2	GEORGE ABLITT 6
ERNEST E. LANHAM 3	THOMAS W. LAST 7
DAVID LEGGETT 4	SYDNEY W. PILGRIM ... Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM SOTTANSTALL, and
Conducted by THOMAS W. LAST.

* First peal and first attempt.

SOUTHLEIGH, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... Treble	JOHN MONK 5
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN ... 2	THOMAS BULL 6
ALBERT BROOKS 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
EDGAR HUMFRY 4	GEORGE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Rung on the occasion of the meeting of the Witney and Woodstock
Deaneries Branch at Woodstock.

BENHILTON, SUTTON.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

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

JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... Treble	ALBERT CALVER 5
JAMES D. DREWETT 2	THOMAS STEERS 6
FRANK HOLDER 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD ... 7
BENJAMIN MORRIS 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by DR. A. B. CARPENTER, and
Conducted by JOSEPH A. LAMBERT.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 15½ cwt.

FRANK MORRIS Treble	JOHN NUTTAL 5
JOHN DAVIES 2	GEORGE PINCOTT 6
THOMAS WORSLEY 3	RICHARD P. HEALD ... 7
*THOMAS BRATBY 4	*ARTHUR SEWART Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by THOMAS WORSLEY.

* First peal.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

JOSEPH FAULKNER ... Treble	WALTER PRESTIDGE ... 5
ALBERT PRESTIDGE 2	ALFRED DAVIES 6
RICHARD ROUND 3	*EDWARD J. GARRATT ... 7
†HARRY HUBLE 4	JOHN MASSEY Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED DAVIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Grandsire on an inside bell. Rung on
the occasion of a successful bazaar to raise funds for the restoration of
the tower, etc.

WEST TOFTS, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 13 lbs.

CHARLES CARTER ... Treble	FREDERICK SALTER ... 5
ALFRED MARES 2	ALFRED NEWSON 6
FREDERICK BOULSON 3	WILLIAM MEARS 7
THOMAS FITZJOHN 4	FREDERICK C. BURROWS Tenor

Composed by GEORGE CROSS, and
Conducted F. C. BURROWS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. James, Clerkenwell,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES ;

Tenor 22 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NUDDS ... Treble	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. 5
ALFRED W. GRIMES 2	JAMES HUNT 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
REUBEN SANDERS 4	WILLIAM PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

The above is I. G. Shade's rooth peal. The composition, now
rung for the first time, is the author's No. 69.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE ... Treble	WILLIAM C. HART ... 5
ARTHUR W. GRAVETT 2	BERT CHALLEN 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH ... 3	KEITH HART 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	TRAYTON JEFFREY ... Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

EWELL, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES ;

WILLIAM MESSAM Treble	WILLIAM H. CORBETT ... 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 2	CHARLES E. READ 6
JOHN WYATT 3	*RICHARD KENDALL 7
*EDWARD T. GROVE 4	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by A. DEAN.

* First peal of Major.

BRISTOL.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

Tenor 18 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
FREDERICK W. WADE 2	GILBERT WILTSHIRE 6
JOHN H. B. HESSE 3	FRED G. MAY 7
ALFRED E. REEVES 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

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

Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor, whose 50th peal it was; also to the ringer of the 5th's little son, Eric, aged 5 years.

ORMESBY.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

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

Tenor 18 cwt.

*WILLIAM HOLMES Treble	JOHN GEORGE HALL ... 5
FREDERICK LAVERICK 2	THOMAS LANCASTER... .. 6
CYRIL POLLARD 3	THOMAS METCALFE 7
WILLIAM POLLARD 4	JOHN HENRY JONES... .. Tenor

Composed by J. H. BLAKISTON, and
Conducted by JOHN HENRY JONES.

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

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

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES ;

Tenor 13 cwt.

*PERCY E. JONES Treble	HENRY H. CHANDLER ... 5
*GEORGE E. HARBOUR 2	*EDGAR HANCOX 6
JOSEPH J. PRATT 3	ARTHUR HARDING 7
WILLIAM LAWRENCE... .. 4	WILLIAM WELLING Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by W. WELLING.

* First peal in the method.

BURNHAM, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	CHARLES SMITH 5
ARTHUR MARTIN 2	HERBERT COX 6
GEORGE MARTIN 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
WILLIAM WELLING 4	JESSE ELDRIDGE Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur Martin.

WHITBY, YORKSHIRE.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine 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.

*MERVYN DUCK Treble	GEORGE F. ALEXANDER ... 5
WILLIAM A. BRECKON 2	ALBERT COATES 6
ARTHUR HUGHES 3	†JOHN W. LOWTHER... .. 7
FRANK S. HODGSON... .. 4	JOHN T. WATERS Tenor

Conducted by W. A. BRECKON.

* First peal in the method. † First peal in the method away from the tenor. Mr. A. Hughes, of London, was elected a member of the above Association previous to starting for the peal.

WITNEY, OXON.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(WITNEY AND WOODSTOCK DEANERIES BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES ;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt. 1 qr.

HERBERT LONG Treble	GEORGE BROOKS 5
ALBERT BROOKS 2	JOHN MONK 6
ERNEST BROWN 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
THOMAS BULL 4	JESSE BROOKS Tenor

Conducted by JOHN MONK.

SIX BELL PEALS.

HOPTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

FREDERICK CHAPLYN Treble	ALFRED NEWSON 4
SOLOMON MOULE... .. 2	WILLIAM MEARS 5
HORACE HAYLETT 3	FREDERICK C. BURROWS Tenor

Conducted by F. C. BURROWS.

MILTON-NEXT-GRAVESEND, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Duke of York, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and 360 each of Double and Single Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Grandsire Minor and Plain Bob.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

GEORGE C. COLLINS Treble	JACK BURLS 4
GEORGE A. JONES 2	FREDERICK HAYES 5
GUY R. AMBROSE 3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

First peal in ten Minor methods by the Association and by all the band, and rung at the first attempt. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss Coralie E. B. Knowles, eldest daughter of Mr. E. E. Knowles, for many years one of the sidesmen of the above church, and Mr. Leonard Freeborn, of Tilbury, Essex.

SLINFOLD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES ;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Warnham Court Bob, Canterbury, Oxford and Single Bob, and two 720's of Plain Bob, called differently.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM J. RAPLEY... .. Treble	†JAMES BURDFIELD 4
WILLIAM SHORT 2	†WILLIAM DENYER 5
†RAYMOND WOODS 3	†WILLIAM STANFORD... .. Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STANFORD.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. ‡ First peal in more than one method. First peal as conductor. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Miss Kate Child, a highly respected lady of the parish, who passed away a few days previously.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At 3, HART'S LANE, NEW CROSS,*

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Size 16, in B flat.

MISS ELSIE L. BENNETT	1—2	FRANK I. HAIRS	...	5—6
WALTER S. WISE	...	FRANK BENNETT	...	7—8
HENRY L. GARFATH	...	9—10	...	

Composed by WILLIAM T. ELSON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

Umpire: MR. A. FLUCK.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS.

THE ELY ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. JAMES SOCIETY.

*On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
IN THE BELL CHAMBER OF THE NORMAN TOWER,*

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

A. ELY	...	1—2	*T. SPARROW	...	5—6
H. TURNER	...	3—4	E. HUND	...	7—8

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by T. SPARROW.

Umpire: W. GOODSHIP.

* First peal as conductor.

HINTON, EVESHAM.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

*On Sunday, April 27, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF MR. F. J. JOHNSON,*

A PEAL OF DOUBLES 5040 CHANCES;

Being eight Six-Scores each of Plain Bob and Canterbury Pleasure,
sixteen of St. Dunstan's and ten of Grandsire.

*MISS ELLEN M. JOHNSON	1—2	JOSEPH D. JOHNSON	...	3—4
MISS RUTH JOHNSON	...	5—6	...	

Conducted by MISS E. M. JOHNSON.

Umpire: F. J. JOHNSON.

Witness: MRS. JANE LAMPITT.

* First peal as conductor. Rung on the anniversary of their parents' wedding day. Miss Ellen Johnson is the first lady to conduct a peal for the Worcestershire Association.

**DEATH OF MR. S. STRATFORD, HUGHENDEN.
A PROMISING YOUNG RINGER.**

By the demise of Mr. Sidney Stratford at the early age of 18 years, the Hughenden ringers have lost a much-esteemed member, one who will be sadly missed, and whose place in the belfry will not easily be filled.

The deceased took up ringing some two or three years ago, and made rapid strides in the art, but heart trouble compelled him to abandon his favourite recreation for some time. On recovering somewhat, he again commenced ringing, and became a thoroughly good and reliable ringer, and rarely, if ever, missed either a practice or service. He had committed to memory over twenty methods, and practically all his spare time was spent in reading ringing literature or writing out touches. In fact, almost his last words were to ask for his "Ringing World," to which he looked eagerly forward each week. He was taken ill with inflammation of the brain about a fortnight ago, and became unconscious on the following Sunday morning, and although he received every attention at the hospital to which he was taken, he never rallied, and passed away on Wednesday, April 23rd.

The funeral took place on Saturday last at Hughenden, four of his fellow ringers acting as bearers, while every member of the belfry was present to pay their last respect, besides ringers from High Wycombe tower, where the deceased was a regular attendant at the practices. The service was fully choral, Mr. Stratford being an old member of the choir. Both Hughenden and High Wycombe ringers sent wreaths.

In the evening touches were rung with the bells fully muffled, and on Sunday muffled ringing took place all day, in the evening a quarter-peal of Stedman being rung by: John Evans 1, Fred Hayes 2, W. Goodchild 3, A. G. Jones 4, R. M. Hawes 5, F. G. Biggs 6, R. H. Biggs (conductor) 7, Jos. Evans 8.

A quarter-peal of Stedman Caters was also rung at High Wycombe on Sunday evening, with the bells half-muffled, under the conductorship of Mr. J. W. Wilkins.

MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

THE INSTRUCTION OF BEGINNERS.

For the first time in the history of the Middlesex Association, a meeting of the North and East District was held at Hornsey and Wood Green on Saturday. It was attended by nearly 50 members and friends, the following towers being represented: Barnet, Edmonton, Finchley, Hadley, Hornsey, St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Southgate, Stamford Hill, Tottenham, Clapton, Wood Green and Walthamstow. The bells of St. Mary's, Hornsey, had been placed at the disposal of the members from 3.30, but owing to the serious illness of a parishioner, ringing had to be curtailed, and very little was done. However, as the bells of St. Michael's, Wood Green, were available for ringing from 7 p.m., the disappointment of not being able to ring at Hornsey was greatly lessened.

To save time, so that full use could be made of the period allowed for ringing at Wood Green, the programme was altered, and the business meeting held first, presided over by Mr. F. A. Milne, vice-president. Ten new members were elected, including three of the local band, and one of the Wood Green band.—Votes of thanks were passed to the Rector of Hornsey (the Rev. B. Spink) and the Vicar of Wood Green (the Rev. G. C. Midwinter) for the use of the bells at their respective churches, and also to the local ringers for their exceedingly kind welcome.—Reports were received from the Master (Mr. J. Armstrong) and Mr. H. Reeves, of the state of the bands at Barnet and Hadley, where instruction was being given, and in each case the report was considered quite satisfactory.—A hearty vote of thanks was passed to these two gentlemen for their services, and also to Mr. N. A. Tomlinson and other members of the Southgate band, for their assistance at Barnet, at which tower great progress had been made during the last few weeks.—The Hon. Secretary stated that instruction was now being given to four bands affiliated to the society, and that arrangements would be made for an instructor to any band belonging to the Association on application being made.

Following the meeting, a short service was held in St. Mary's Church, conducted by the senior curate (the Rev. E. F. Blenken), who took for the lesson, St. Luke xix. from the 12th verse, upon which was also based his subsequent very instructive address.

Tea was served in the Parish Hall, presided over by the Rev. E. F. Blenken, who, on behalf of the Rector, welcomed the Association to Hornsey. He said how sorry he was that they had been disappointed in not being able to ring the bells, but hoped that when they came again they would be more fortunate.—Mr. F. A. Milne replied, thanking Mr. Blenken for his interesting address at the service, and also for presiding at tea. Thanks were also given to the ladies who had so kindly undertaken the catering.

The whole of the company then adjourned to Wood Green, where the bells were rung to various methods, including Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, College Single, and Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Much satisfaction was expressed at the "go" of the bells, which have recently been rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Members and friends of the Association are welcome on Monday evenings, when practice is held at eight o'clock, and also at Hornsey on alternate Tuesdays from May 13th.

The next meeting of the district has been arranged to be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, on the 31st May.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT TO CHELMSFORD CHURCH.

A very successful meeting of the North Western district was held at Saffron Walden on Saturday week, about 38 members being present from Saffron Walden, Stansted, Wenden, Rickling, Bishop Stortford, Cambridge, Ickleton, Braintree, Great Totham, and Coggeshall.—Tea and the business meeting were held in the Parish Room.—The District Master (Mr. F. Pitstow) presided, and was supported by the district secretary (Mr. W. Watts), the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (hon. secretary of the Association), and Mr. C. H. Howard (Master of the Association). Mr. Richard Goddard, of Wenden, was elected a ringing member.—Harlow St. Mary's and Waltham Abbey were both proposed for the next meeting, and on being put to the vote, Harlow St. Mary's was selected.—It was decided that a bye-meeting be held at Elmdon some time before the next district meeting.

The Master of the Association (Mr. C. H. Howard) introduced the subject of the proposed gift by the Association of a bell to Chelmsford, and gave an interesting account of the proceedings up to the present on behalf of that object.—Mr. J. F. Penning supported the suggestion, and proposed that "this meeting approves the proposal to present one bell to Chelmsford, and that the cost should be defrayed from the reserve fund of the Association."—This was seconded by Mr. H. Little, and carried unanimously.

The meeting terminated with votes of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and of the parish room, and also to the Saffron Walden company for their help towards providing the tea.

Touches in the following methods were rung: London, Cambridge, Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Duffield and Treble Bob Major, Stedman and Grandsire Triples.

STOKE NEWINGTON. — On Easter Day, at St. Ann's Church, for evensong, 720 Grandsire Doubles: H. Stubbs 1, F. Nunn 2, E. Davidson 3, F. A. Gerken 4, F. E. Ringrose (conductor) 5, C. Davidson 6.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS AND AGENDA FOR THE NEWCASTLE MEETING.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913, at 11 a.m. punctually, in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

N.B.—The Mining Institute is situate in Neville Street, at the corner of Orchard Street, midway between the railway station and the Cathedral, being distant about two minutes' walk from either.

AGENDA 1913.

1. Minutes of the last Meeting.
2. Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
3. Election of Honorary Members.
4. Introduction of New Members to the President.
5. Report as to the Resolution passed last year against the Welsh Church Bill.
6. To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:
 - (a) Peal Collection.
 - (b) Literature.
 - (c) Legitimate Methods.
 - (d) Peals: Analysis.
 - (e) Towers and Belfries.
 To discuss the following:—
7. The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung.
8. That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major.
9. That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.
10. To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.
11. To fix the place of meeting for next year.
12. Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, announces the following arrangements, which he has most kindly made with a view to furthering the comfort and enjoyment of those attending the Council. Anyone needing further help or information is requested to communicate with him.

On Monday, May 12th, a room has been reserved in the County Hotel, facing the Central Station, from 7 p.m., for the reception and entertainment of representatives and friends on their arrival. Visitors should ask at the hotel office for the "Prince of Wales' Room." There will be handbells and music.

Visitors able to be present at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields and Whitley Bay will be heartily welcomed and entertained by the members. Formal notice of this meeting appears in the columns of this paper.

Arrangements will be made for a Central Council peal on the ten bells at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, May 12th, at 5.30 p.m. Tenor 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Peals will be arranged for those spending the week-end in the district if they will kindly send in their names in good time.

Previous to the soiree and conversazione, which will be held as usual from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday evening, at the County Hotel, there will be a smoking concert at 7.30 p.m. in the same hotel, to which all visitors and friends are invited.

Endeavours will be made to obtain rooms (private or hotel) for those writing in advance for them.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

Solihull has ever been a favourite rendezvous of Birmingham ringers, mainly, of course, because the church boasts an excellent ring of ten with a full-breathed tenor of about 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt., and partly because it is an exceedingly pretty old-world town, standing only about 7 miles from Birmingham, and well served by the G.W.R.

Here, then, it was decided to hold the first quarterly meeting of the year, and members foregathered for that purpose on Saturday last, when the clerk of the weather served up one of the most disagreeable days it is possible to experience in this month of April, and only four days from the end, too. However, as one member pointed out, it did not rain in the belfry, nor yet in the Mason's Arms Hotel, where tea was arranged, so there was at least something to be thankful for.

A framed record in the belfry brings home to one the lengthy connection that has obtained between the St. Martin's Guild and Solihull bells. It records the fact that on October 8th, 1786, a "Compleat peal of Bob Major" was rung by the St. Martin's "Youths," in 3 hrs. 10 mins. (5184 changes). The band stood as follows: John Haycock treble, Ed. Harcourt 2, Wm. Bennett 3, John Barton 4, John Black 5, Wm. Coton 6, John Mackenzie 7, Saml. Lawrence tenor. Composed and called by Saml. Lawrence.

The last-named "Youth" turned the scales at something over 20 stone, and it would be interesting to know how long it took him to walk to the station. On second thoughts, we are inclined to believe that the railway did not run to Solihull in 1786, although it is alleged that some of the rolling stock was built in that year!

A substantial tea was provided by Host Walker, and it was noticed that two or three of the company were evidently under the impression that, although they were not so heavy as Sam Lawrence when they sat down, they might, with a little perseverance, be quite as heavy when they got up!

The business meeting followed, when the tower elections of six new members were duly ratified, and Yardley was decided upon as the place of the next meeting. Other routine business being disposed of, the belfry was again visited, the bells being kept going in various methods till about 9.30.

BELLS REHUNG AT SOUTHAM.

At the invitation of the Rev. J. Hart Davies (the Rector) and Mr. John Oldham (churchwarden), six members of the St. Michael's Society, Stoke Coventry, visited Southam on Saturday week to take part in the re-opening of the bells, which have been rehung by Messrs. Taylor and Co., at the expense of the Oldham family, as a memorial to a deceased sister. Provision has been made in the iron frame for two trebles, and Messrs. Taylor are to be congratulated upon the way in which the restoration has been carried out.

The Stoke Coventry men, taking advantage of the gloriously fine weather, made the 13 miles journey upon their iron steeds, and after a pleasant ride, rang a six-score of Grandsire Doubles prior to the dedication service. Immediately after the service an attempt was made for a peal of Minor in three methods, but a shift course occurred after eighteen minutes' ringing. Nothing daunted, another start was made, and this time success attended the efforts of the band, the peal being rung, as recorded last week, in 2 hrs. 57 mins.—Subsequently the band were entertained by Mr. Oldham to a sumptuous repast.

A REIGATE RINGER'S DEATH.

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of Mr. Henry Reeves, of Reigate, after a long illness, at the age of 44 years. Deceased joined the Reigate Borough Police Force and the Parish Church Ringing Society about 19 years ago, having previously served eight years in the Grenadier Guards, in which he rose to the rank of sergeant, being at the time of his discharge, signalling instructor to the battalion.

The funeral took place at Reigate Parish Church, and was attended by a large number of friends and members of the police force. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. F. J. Cutts, and the choir, of which deceased's son is a member, was present, the hymn, "Now the labourer's task is o'er," being sung. There were a number of beautiful wreaths, among them one with a hanging purple bell in the centre, inscribed, "With deep sympathy from his brother ringers of the Parish Church." The bells were rung, muffled, 270 Grandsire Caters, composed by deceased, being rung after the funeral.

Mr. Reeves was a keen ringer and conductor, and had rung about 80 peals from Doubles to Royal. He will be greatly missed in the Southern Branch of the Surrey Association.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

COUNTY CRICKETER AND BELLRINGER.

Among the Exercise there are many men who excel in other things besides ringing, but Mr. George C. Collins, whose photograph we publish this week, holds the distinction of being, perhaps, the only first class cricketer who is a bellringer in this country. In cricket he is engaged as a professional for the county of Kent, and, as a ringer, he is a member of the Kent Association, being attached to the Milton-next-Gravesend Tower, which possesses a fine peal of six.

Mr. Collins was born at Gravesend in 1890, his father being Mr. Chris. Collins, once the famous cricketer for Kent, now the well known athletic outfitter of Gravesend,



MR. GEORGE COLLINS.

and for many years the groundsman at the famous "Bat and Ball" County Ground in that town. Young George was thus practically born into cricket, and from his young days evinced a desire for that pastime. At the early age of 16 he was engaged by the Kent authorities, and soon proved a "worthy son of a worthy sire." By his consistent form he retained his place in the county 2nd XI, and developed into a first class batsman. Now 23 years of age, he is a fine specimen of an athlete, weighing over 14 stones, yet as nimble as the proverbial kitten, a left-handed batsman, and generally sent to take first "knock" at the bowling.

With such an array of talent at the disposal of the Kent Club George Collins did not get much chance to shine as a member of the 1st XI, but last year was undoubtedly his

best, in spite of it being such a wet season. Singularly enough his first appearance on Kentish soil last year in first class matches was at his home, at the "Bat and Ball," against Essex, but he did not fulfil local expectations, undoubtedly owing to nervousness. He also played against Essex at Leyton, and scored 59, and at Dudley v. Worcester he scored 45. Although failing against Yorkshire and Gloucester, he accomplished his finest performance of the season against Northants, when, in the second innings, he stayed almost through the innings, and by defensive play scored 80 out of 180. In first team matches he was eighth on the list, his analysis being :—

7 matches, 9 innings, 213 runs, average 23.66.

In the 2nd XI matches Mr. Collins was easily top for county matches with an analysis of :—

9 matches, 370 runs, 107 highest score, average 41.11.

Mr. Collins started his ringing career four years ago in company with two of the members of the present Milton band, and in 1910 rang a peal of Grandsire Doubles. He did very little ringing until the close of last cricket season, although he made an occasional appearance in the belfry during the winter months of 1911-12, when he joined the Kent Association. When he returned to his native hearth in October of last year he took seriously to ringing again, and rang his first peal of Minor, in four methods, at the end of November. On Easter Monday he piloted the treble through a peal in seven methods, this being the first by a local band in seven methods, and on Primrose Day, as recorded in another column, he also rang the treble to a peal in ten methods, this being the first credited to the Kent Association in that number of methods. In addition to these three peals he has rung 30 720's in ten different methods since the beginning of November, thus proving he can "handle the rope" as well as "wield the willow." Mr. Collins is this week leaving Milton to again fight his way into the Kent eleven. We are sure that every ringer will be proud to see the cricketer-ringer gain a permanent position in the team, and that he will be assured of a hearty welcome in the belfry of any town to which his cricketing duties may carry him during the summer months. An interesting coincidence in Mr. Collins' cricket career last season is worth recording. While completing his best performance of the year, mentioned above, at Northampton, he heard the bells ringing merrily, and on turning to the back numbers of "The Ringing World" we find that on that very day, Tuesday, June 11th, the Northants band were ringing a peal of Superlative Surprise. In spite of George's splendid effort Northants scored a win over Kent.

ODD CHANGES.

Members of the Central Council who are in the north on Whit-Monday will receive a cordial welcome at the Durham and Newcastle Association meeting at North Shields, and at the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association's meeting at Ripon.

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The mention, in our illustration, of the fact that Mr. George Collins, of Milton-next-Gravesend, is probably the only bellringer who is also a county cricketer, recalls the fact that one great cricketer, no less a celebrity than M. A. Noble, the Australian captain, was a ringer, and received a welcome in many a tower in this country during one of his tours in England.

A correspondent inquires for instances (if any) in the Midlands or South of bells hung with iron stocks and with cannons on. If there are any such cases perhaps our readers will forward particulars.

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There was some splendid ringing at St. Paul's Cathedral last Saturday, when an attempt was made for a peal of Cambridge Surprise Maximus on this noble ring of bells. Unfortunately the peal came to grief after about two hours.

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Mr. W. McCaffrey, who has just completed 56 years as a ringer at Trowbridge Parish Church, has been presented with a handsome marble clock by his fellow-ringers and friends. The presentation took place on his 70th birthday.

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Hearty congratulations to that veteran, Mr. Isaac Geo. Shade, of Greenwich, who on Saturday rang his 1,000th peal. Mr. Shade is one of the links with a past generation of great ringers, but he is as keen and as enthusiastic as ever. Despite advancing years he is still game for a record length, and in several of the records which stand today he took part. He was one of the company that rang the clock round at Loughborough four years ago, and only last Whit-Monday was one of the band that accomplished the 15000 of Bristol at Hornchurch.

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Only two ringers had previously reached four figures in peals, namely, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson and Mr. Wm. Pye. We wonder whether at some future date it will be possible to get together for a peal a band all of whom have rung a thousand peals? It may be; for there are several men well on the way.

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The new 2nd bell at St. Martin's Church, Birmingham, is to be dedicated on Saturday, May 10th.

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Mr. Frederick Dench, the well known composer, has removed to Chesterton, Cambridge, after residing for 17 years in London.

A STAFFORD CYCLE RUN.

Norton Canes, situated two miles from Cannock, and just off the Watling Street, was the venue for the first cycling run of the year in connection with the society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford. Unfortunately, the wind and rain caused all but two—from Bloxwich and Rushall towers—to forego their intention of taking part in the run. Many more cyclists, proceeding along the level against the wind, were pushing rather than riding their machines. After some waiting at the tower three of the Cannock ringers arrived on foot, and, the small party of visitors being augmented by two of the local men, the bells were raised. After nearly half-an-hour's ringing, the tenor clapper, which had been "attended to" by the local blacksmith, came to grief, and thus terminated a very brief meeting. Lest the meeting should be considered more or less of a failure, the writer would like to mention that the names of two probationers from Cannock were handed in for election at the next quarterly meeting, and the leader of the Norton Canes band announced that he was of opinion that he and his band would now like to rejoin the society, seeing that the society had begun to take some interest in them by organising "runs" to their tower. The next run takes place to Rugeley on May 17th.

SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Eastern Division was held at Waldron on Saturday week. Members turned up from the various towers in the county, and good practice was had in the standard methods during the afternoon and evening. The ringers attended shortened evensong in the church, the Rev. W. J. Humble-Crofts (the Rector) officiating. The Rector also presided at the tea and meeting, which followed in the Foxhunt Hall Institute. A hearty vote of thanks, on the proposition of Councillor Hill (of St. Leonards-on-Sea), was accorded Mr. Humble-Crofts for the use of the bells, arranging the service, and for providing such an excellent tea.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

DATE OF ANNUAL MEETING CHANGED.

A quarterly meeting was held at Sutton Coldfield last Saturday, and a very wet day no doubt kept many members away. However, about twenty-four members sat down to tea in the Church House, representing the following places: Rugby, Coventry, Allesley, Nuneaton, Boldmere, Erdington, Sutton Coldfield and Stratford-on-Avon. Evensong was held in the church at 5.0 p.m., conducted by the Rector, who also gave a short address.

The business meeting was held after tea, presided over by the Rector. After the election of members had been proceeded with, it was decided to hold a meeting at Dunchurch—where the bells have just been rehung—in May, and at Wolvey in June.

The Hon. Secretary mentioned that there would be difficulties in the way of his attending the annual meeting, if held in July, and suggested that it might be transferred to June this year, as the rule allowed it. The members agreed to this, and June 28th was selected as the date, other things being equal. The meeting proposed for Wolvey in June was in that case to be carried over to July.

Mr. T. Bloore proposed that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded Canon Barnard for his kind permission to ring, and, not least, for his welcome and hospitality to the Guild, which were much appreciated. This was carried with acclamation, and Canon Barnard briefly replied.

The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening. Stedman Triples, Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, and Double Norwich Major.

THE CUMBERLANDS AT WEST HAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at All Saints', West Ham, on Saturday, and was well attended by members and friends of the district. The bells were raised at 3.30, and touches of Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, Treble Ten, and a course of Cambridge and Superlative Major were brought round before the tea interval. An adjournment was then made to the Meeson Hall, where twenty sat down to a capital tea. The Master (Mr. J. Parker) presided at the meeting which followed, when the election of the following members was ratified: Mr. T. H. Hawkins, of Deptford, and Mr. A. H. Winch, of Leatherhead.—Mr. G. Paice proposed that the next meeting be held at Loughton, but it having been stated that the bells were not in a satisfactory condition, Hillingdon and Heston were proposed, and on being put to the meeting, Hillingdon was carried.—Mr. Neale then proposed that the officers be empowered to remove the society's property from the Bedford Head, as soon as a convenient place could be decided on, and this was carried.

The Master then proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar, churchwardens, and Mr. Doran for the use of the bells. A return was made to the tower, and the bells kept going till 8 o'clock, the final touch being a well-struck course of Cambridge Surprise Royal—the first ever attempted by ten members of the society.

THE PEAL AT MARGATE.

On Thursday week, past and present members of St. John's Society, Margate, met to attempt a peal on the fine ring of bells in the tower of the Parish Church to celebrate the wedding and home-coming of Mr. Arthur H. Saxby, the genial captain of the local band since its formation in 1901, when the bells were so well rehung by Messrs. Taylor. The wedding, as previously recorded, took place at St. John's Church on April 2nd, and the peal was postponed until the return of the bride and bridegroom from their honeymoon motor tour. The company met at three o'clock, and after just under three hours' good ringing had the satisfaction of hearing the bells run round. The formal record will be found in our peal columns.

Subsequently a reception was held by Mr. and Mrs. Saxby in their new home, the ringers and some personal friends being invited to dinner. The evening was afterwards devoted to harmony, the music being interspersed by some happy speeches. Mr. Saxby alluded to the kind feeling that had always existed among the ringers, and had prompted them to give him and Mrs. Saxby such a handsome present (a silver-mounted rose bowl), a gift which they would always value very highly. They were both very pleased that the ringers should have scored such a good peal in honour of their wedding.—Thanks were accorded Mr. and Mrs. Saxby for their kindness, and wishes were expressed for their long life and happiness.

SURREY ASSOCIATION.

A quarterly meeting of the Southern Branch was held at Betchworth on Saturday week, 33 members being present from: Buckland, Burstow, Horley, Nutfield, Redhill and Reigate, and the local band. Service was held in the church, and a capital address was given by the Rev. T. G. Longley. Tea was partaken in the Church Room, followed by the business meeting.—Eleven members were elected to the branch, including the Vicar of Betchworth as an honorary member.—Burstow was proposed for the next quarterly meeting.—A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his able address, and for presiding at the meeting.—The Rev. T. G. Longley suitably responded.—Several touches of Grandsire, Stedman, Treble Bob and Double Norwich were rung, and Buckland bells were also available during the evening.

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NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AT RETFORD.

The 26th annual meeting of the North Notts Association was held at East Retford on Saturday week. The towers of East Retford and Ordsall were opened for ringing all day by the kind permission of the incumbents of each parish, but West Retford bells were closed on account of the unsafe condition of the spire and tower. A representative gathering of members attended from Anston, Blyth, Everton, Harthill, Misson, East Markham, East Retford, Ordsall, Worksop, Gainsborough, East Stockwith, and Doncaster. At the East Retford tower, touches were rung on six, eight, and ten bells, including Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob Minor, and Major, Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman Triples and Caters, whilst at Ordsall the six bell ringers rang a variety of touches in Treble Bob methods. Upwards of 50 assembled at Howard's Hotel for tea, and at the meeting, which followed, the Rev. J. T. Mumford presided, supported by the Rev. Canon Gray (West Retford), the Rev. R. D. Foster (Ordsall), Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney (Harworth), Rev. A. Rose (Everton), and Mr. H. Haigh (hon. sec.).

The Chairman explained that the meeting was being held at East Retford instead of West Retford. It was the turn of West Retford, but the change was owing to the contemplated restoration to the spire and tower. The parish had to face a considerable expense in connection with this work, and he thought it would be a graceful act if a resolution of sympathy was passed with the Rector, whom they were pleased to see present. He was told that help was coming in slowly but well, and they hoped that this liability would speedily be removed.—Mr. Haigh seconded, and said the Rector was always glad to welcome the Association in alternate years, and they were always favoured by his presence. Canon Gray was one of the best vice-presidents. The members sympathised very much with the Rector, and regretted they were not able to ring the bells.—Canon Gray responded. He remarked that two engineers expressed the opinion that there was no reason why they should not ring the bells, but the advice of the architect had to be followed.

THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The committee, in their report, congratulated the members upon the steady progress that had been made during the year. They had added to the list of vice-presidents the names of the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney (Vicar of Harworth), the Rev. A. Rose (Vicar of Everton), the Rev. W. Smith (Vicar of Tuxford), the Rev. F. W. Keene (Vicar of Misson), and the Rev. A. L. Phillips (Vicar of Blyth). The committee regretted very much to have to record the resignation as secretary of the Rev. B. Darley (Rector of Harthill), who succeeded the late Rev. H. T. Slodden, Worksop, and for 17 years was hon. secretary of the Association. This office he continued to discharge with zeal and success until the annual meeting on May 4th, 1912, when he declined re-election owing to pressure of work in his own parish. He is still a vice-president, and takes a lively interest in the welfare of the Association, and the members owe him a debt of gratitude for his services that is not to be measured in terms. The committee also regretted to record the loss, by death, of Mr. Robert Pindar, of Misson, a good, consistent, and highly esteemed member. The standard of ringing at all the quarterly meetings was above the average. The Everton ringers, after a lapse of almost 13 years, had re-joined, along with their Vicar, the Rev. A. Rose, so the tower was again at the disposal of the Association, and the Vicar desired an early meeting in 1913 to be held at that place. The list of new non-resident members include Miss Dorothy D. Steel, of Bedford; Rev. C. J. Sturton, Vicar of Orston; Rev. W. P. Wright, Vicar of Hemingborough, and President of the North Yorkshire and Cleveland Association; and also a number of performing members.

NO TOWER BELL PEALS.

The summary of performances for the year by individual companies was again meagre, not a single 5040 being rung on tower bells. Anston once more headed the list by achieving the distinction of ringing 720's in one hundred different Treble Bob Minor methods, including all the Surprise methods, and had never missed ringing for two services each Sunday for several years. They had had the good fortune to keep the same members together, with one exception, for 20 years, and their last addition had been with them 10 years. This was a proof of what could be done by constant practice with the same company. They had also broken their own record by ringing in 1912 over 80 complete 720's in 54 different methods. The Worksop company rang nine quarter-peals, viz., five of Grandsire Triples, two of Union Triples, one of Bob Major, and one of College Single Major, the two latter being their first quarter-peals in the methods, and the last named the first by the Association. Two attempts for a 5040 of Bob Major unfortunately came to grief after ringing 2 hrs. and 32 mins. and 2 hrs. and 57 mins. respectively. Two of the quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were the first in which Miss Evelyn and Miss Dorothy Steel took part on extreme bells. The Ordsall company were successful in ringing a date touch of 1912 changes in two plain methods.

For individual performances, that brilliant young ringer, Mr. John Segar, junr., a member of the Ordsall tower, headed the list by two wonderful performances tapped on handbells in three and five different methods respectively. He had also, since the close of the year, outstripped these performances by tapping a 5040 in seven methods and

a 7200 in ten methods. Suffice it to say that the physical and mental strain required in tapping peals of this kind is enormous. The hope was expressed that the new church in St. Anne's parish, Worksop, the gift of Sir John Robinson, would soon be endowed with a suitable ring, and that the tower would become affiliated to the Association.

The membership roll up to the date of the last quarterly meeting contained the names of 17 honorary members and 129 performing members, total 146, a gain of 16 on the year. The financial statement for the year, ending December 31st, 1912, notwithstanding the fact that expense had been heavy, shows a credit balance of £8 19s. 5d. — In moving the adoption of the report, Canon Gray congratulated the hon. secretary upon the way in which he had drawn it up.—Mr. G. R. Winter seconded, and it was unanimously passed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Bishop of Southwell was re-elected President; Mr. Haigh was re-elected hon. secretary; and Mr. Bailey, of the Worksop Savings Bank, was appointed hon. treasurer.

The appointment of a working committee was left to the different towers to send in the names of their representatives; and Mr. Haigh was empowered to appoint an assistant secretary to act for him in his enforced absence from meetings. He urged upon committee members to do their utmost to attend the meetings, and in case of absence to send a deputy. H. Hurst (Ordsall) and J. Booth (East Markham) were elected members of the Association.—The summer meeting was fixed to be held at Everton.

The thanks of the Association were passed to the incumbents for the use of the bells, and to the Vicar for presiding and the loan of the room.—Mr. Haigh proposed, and Mr. Stenton seconded, a vote of thanks to the vice-presidents, and Canon Gray responded.

A service followed in church. The Vicar conducted, and the Rev. F. d'Arblay Burney preached a practical sermon from the text, "For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself to the battle?" (1 Corinthians, xiv. 8). — A vote of thanks was passed at the tea to the preacher.

THE DUDLEY AND DISTRICT GUILD.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Dudley and District Guild was held at Dudley on Saturday. Although the weather was cold, miserably wet and windy, over seventy members found their way into St. Thomas' Church to the service, which was held at five o'clock, and conducted by the President of the Guild (the Rev. A. Gray Maitland, Vicar of Dudley), who gave a very interesting address in the absence, through the illness of his wife, of the Rev. J. A. Price, Vicar of Coseley.

At the tea, which was held in the schoolroom, over 80 members were present, representing Blakenhall, Bradley, Brierley Hill, Bilston, Coseley, Dudley, Netherton, Oldbury, Old Hill, Rowley, Sedgley, Tipton, Smethwick, West Bromwich, Wolverhampton, Wednesbury, Walsall, Wood Green, and other churches in union, within a radius of ten miles from St. Thomas'. Mrs. A. Gray Maitland and Miss Ruby Maitland assisted at the tables, the wives, sweethearts, and other lady friends of the local ringers, who had been busy during the afternoon in preparing a bountiful supply of good things, brightening the scene by their presence to attend to the wants of the visitors.

An interesting business meeting followed, with the President in the chair.—Letters of apology were read from Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., the Rev. H. H. Dibben, Rector of Brierley Hill, and Mr. Harry Mason, of Old Hill.

GENERAL PROGRESS.

The report of the year's work showed a great advance over last year in the membership, financially, and in the peals accomplished by the members of the Guild. The balance sheet showed an enlarged balance in hand.—The whole of the officers were re-elected, viz.: President, the Rev. A. Gray Maitland; vice-presidents, Col. Sir A. G. Boscawen, M.P., the Rev. H. H. Dibben, the Rev. S. J. Marriott, M.A., R.D., Vicar of Netherton, and Mr. Harry Mason, the Vicar of Coseley, the Rev. J. A. Price being added; Ringing Master, Mr. S. Spittle; hon. secretary, Mr. Herbert Sheppard; hon. treasurer, Mr. W. Rock Small; auditors, Mr. J. Smith, Tipton, and Mr. B. Gough, Coseley. A large number of new members were added to the roll. The place selected for the next quarterly meeting is the pretty village of Wombourne.

An animated discussion ensued upon the scheme for awarding the President's prize, given to the band in union with the Guild which makes the highest percentage of attendances for ringing at the Sunday services, morning and evening. The matter was ultimately referred to a committee consisting of one member from each company to decide, and report to next quarterly meeting.—Votes of thanks, to the Vicar for presiding and conducting the service, to the organist, the ladies, and the donors of the tea, and all who had assisted to make the meeting a happy one, brought another very successful meeting to a close. The bells were rung during the afternoon, but after the meeting, a request was sent to the belfry to stop ringing on account of sickness near the church, and was promptly complied with.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—On March 29th, in 25 mins., 720 Bob Minor: *J. Taylor 1, H. Hastings 2, A. Roberts 3, *R. Green 4, H. Kettle 5, J. H. White (conductor) 6. *First 720.—On March 29th, 720 in the same method, with M. Harris 3.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT CHIPPENHAM.

The annual meeting of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Chippenham on Saturday last, when about forty ringers put in an appearance, chiefly from Bristol and Swindon. The attendance of members from the Gloucester Diocese was practically nil, which was not altogether surprising when one takes into consideration the inaccessibility of Chippenham from a railway travelling point of view. In this connection may be mentioned the case of the worthy Master, the Rev. C. D. P. Davies, who, in order to get back to Stonehouse by 9 o'clock, had to leave Chippenham at 5.40, and then wait an hour-and-a-half at Swindon. Then again these meetings are looked forward to as a day or half-day's outing, and when one is travelling for pleasure he has a rooted objection to paying full fare, but this he has to do unless he can get seven others to travel with him, when he can claim to travel for three-quarter fare. The Central Council must again endeavour to persuade the Railway Clearing House to re-classify church bell ringers. At present they are classed with brass bands, who, when they travel take their instruments and music stands with them, carriage free. The classification is, therefore, obviously unfair. The weather turned out wet, and this kept away those cyclists who had to come from any considerable distance. Mr. W. Hale, of Painswick, being one, but two from Marshfield who braved the elements, were welcomed, and it is hoped they arrived safe home without any ill-effects.

The meeting itself passed off very smoothly. The Master took the chair, and gave a brief report of the peals for the past year, the number being three more than in 1911, viz., 26, including the first peal of Superlative Surprise Major ever rung by eight clergymen, and the first peal of Bristol Surprise Major by the Association. The peal of bells at Cheltenham had been increased from 10 to 12, and on the preceding Saturday he paid a visit to Tewkesbury to attempt the last peal on the bells before they are increased to 10.

The Treasurer (Rev. H. A. Cockey) presented the balance sheet, but before doing so said he would like to thank all the branch secs. for the work they had done during the past year, and also for the improved way in which the accounts were sent in. It certainly seemed that the Association had now turned the corner, and that they were beginning to get the benefit of the reforms instituted a year or two ago. The balance in hand had increased from £24 to £38.—Mr. C. H. Gordon proposed the adoption of the balance sheet, which was seconded by Mr. C. H. Tomkins, and carried.

The officers were re-elected en bloc, on the proposition of Mr. R. J. Wilkins, seconded by Mr. H. Howell.

A total of 47 members were elected or had their elections confirmed. After the meeting, the members attended service at the Parish Church, conducted by the Rev. Canon Smith.—Tea followed at the Vaults, near the church, after which there was ringing at St. Paul's, by kind permission of the Rev. David B. Barclay, and at the Parish Church, where the bells have just been rehung by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, everyone expressing satisfaction as to the "go." Among the many touches rung may be mentioned one each of Cambridge and London Surprise Major.

The wet weather caused many to start for home earlier than they otherwise would, but on the whole it was an enjoyable meeting, chiefly noticeable for the brotherly feeling displayed by all.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Luton district was held at Woburn on Saturday, when there were present 23 members from Bedford, Luton, Dunstable, Husbome Crawley, Oakley and Aspley Guise. The ringers had the pleasure of meeting the new Vicar, the Rev. R. H. Moss, who was given a hearty welcome, and thanked for the use of the bells. He said how pleased he was to be amongst them, and that he hoped in the near future to be one of their members. Other members present were: Mr. Charles Herbert, the pioneer of change ringing in Bedfordshire; the Rev. A. Rush (hon. sec.), and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, President of the Association. The following methods were rung during the afternoon and evening: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Double Oxford Major, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich and Superlative Surprise Major.

A short business meeting was held, the President being in the chair. Two new members were elected, Messrs. W. Peacock and C. Sinfield, of Husbome Crawley. Four members were elected for this district on the general committee: Mr. C. Herbert (Woburn), Mr. M. Lane (Aspley Guise), Mr. G. Healey (Dunstable), Mr. F. Nicholls (Leighton Buzzard).—It was proposed to hold a joint meeting with the Bedford district at Maulden, on May 24th.—A vote of thanks to the chairman terminated one of the most successful meetings held in this district.

HOLY TRINITY, GUILDFORD.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Will you grant me space in the "Ringing World" to inform ringing friends, who frequently make the trip to Guildford to have a ring, that ringing at Holy Trinity is for a time suspended.—Yours truly,
B. CHORLEY, Hon. Sec.

NOTICES.

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KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—The annual meeting will be held at Ospringe on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Tower opened from 3 till 9 p.m. Divine service at 5 p.m., with an address by the Vicar. Tea provided at 5.30 p.m. in the Parish Room, Water Lane. Business meeting after tea. The Faversham bells will also be available from 6.30 p.m. Will secretaries of bands kindly see that all subscriptions are paid before the meeting.—E. Trendell, Honorary District Secretary, Boughton, Faversham.

GUILD OF CHANGE RINGERS FOR THE ARCH-DEACONRY OF SALOP.—The next meeting of the above Guild will be held at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing at 3 p.m., meeting 5 p.m. Tea 5.30 p.m. Train leaves Shrewsbury 2.18 p.m.—H. B. Beckwith, Honorary Secretary, Ridgemount, Shrewsbury.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Yorktown District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Farnborough on Saturday, May 3rd. The bells will be available from 3 p.m. Tea in the Jubilee Hall at 5.30. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—G. B. Edser, 170, Gipsy Road, West Norwood.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBY-SHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The annual meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Ranmoor, Sheffield. Church of St. John the Evangelist, 8 bells (tenor 15 cwt.), available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., except during the business meeting. A committee meeting will be held in the schools at 5.30 p.m. to settle the fixtures for the ensuing 12 months. General meeting at 6 p.m. at the same place. The business will include election of officers for the ensuing year, presentation of balance sheet, secretary's report, etc., and a good attendance is particularly requested. Tea will be provided free to members only in the Schools at about 5 p.m. Visitors should take a Fulwood car from the City terminus, as these pass the church.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at the Bear Hotel, Lewes, on Saturday, May 3rd. Luncheon at one o'clock. Members' tickets 1s. 6d. each. The Lord Bishop of Chichester will preside, and also at the business meeting to follow. Further particulars as to service and times for ringing will be announced later on through the post. Half fares—with a maximum of 2s.—will be allowed members attending, but they are requested to avail themselves as far as possible of the cheap fares.—G. Watson, Honorary Secretary, Vale Road, St. Leonards.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery.—The annual meeting at Midsomer Norton, May 3rd. Bells available 2 p.m. Evensong 4.15 p.m. Tea and business 5 p.m. All ringers, whether members or not, cordially invited.—I. B. Holmyard, Honorary Secretary, Midsomer Norton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Western Division.—Next meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Chigwell, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Ringing will commence at 3 o'clock, tea, at usual price, at 5.30, business meeting after tea.—H. Rumens, Honorary Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow, N.E.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch. — The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION.—Bridgwater Deanery Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Chedzoy on Saturday, May 3rd. Service 4 p.m., tea and meeting following. Bells available from 2 p.m.—W. G. Sellick, Branch Secretary, The Cottage, Huntspill, Bridgwater.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, May 3rd. Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Victoria Street, Ashton-under-Lyne.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rossendale Branch.—The next branch meeting will be held at St. Thomas', Helmsshore, on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. A good attendance is earnestly requested. — J. H. Haydock, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Winchester District.—A quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, May 3rd, at Lockerly and Tytherly. The bells of both towers available from 2.30 p.m. The Vicar of Lockerly has kindly invited members to tea at the Vicarage at 5.15.—James W. Elkins, District Secretary, 20, Culver Villas, Winchester.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bedford District.—The next meeting will be held at Renhold on Saturday, May 3rd.—John W. Barker, District Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at St. Bartholomew's (6 bells) on Saturday, May 3rd, at 6 o'clock. Meeting 7.30.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Dorking and Leatherhead District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Newdigate on Saturday, May 3rd. Tea will be provided at the Crown Inn, Capel, at 5.30 p.m. Bells available: Newdigate 3 to 4.30 p.m., Capel 6.15 p.m. Short service, with an address, at Capel Parish Church at 5 p.m. All ringers will be gladly welcomed.—Rev. L. E. Burgess, Honorary Secretary, Dorking.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—Castle Cary Branch. — The next meeting of the above named branch will be held at Marston Magna on Saturday, May 3rd, 1913. Service in the Parish Church 4.15 p.m. Tea at the Red Lion Hotel 5 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Marston Magna bells will be available from 2.30 to 9 p.m., also Queen Camel (finest peal of six in Somerset) same time.—T. G. Vincent, Wraxall, Shepton Mallet.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 8th and 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 13th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 27th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, all the others 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A service for the dedication of the new second bell will be held at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, May 10th, at 4 o'clock. The Rector kindly offers to provide tea for those subscribers only who notify their intention of being present not later than Tuesday, May 6th, to A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore Church on Saturday, May 10th, 1913 (instead of Walsden, as selected). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitechurch on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Hall 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley, Basingstoke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Framworth on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m. Application for tea tickets must be sent to the honorary secretary not later than Thursday, May 8th.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 12th. The bells of Thrapston and Islip will be at liberty for ringing from 10 a.m. to 11.45, and from 3 to 7.30. Service at the Parish Church, Thrapston, at 12 noon. Luncheon, with meeting to follow, at the White Hart Hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each. Non-members 2s. each.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Birmingham on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Tea and meeting at Harborne at 4.30. St. Martin's (12) bells will be available at 12.30, and Selly Oak and Harborne (8) during the afternoon and evening. Gentlemen cordially invited. Will all wishing to be present at tea kindly notify me by Wednesday, May 7th.—E. K. Parker, Hon. Sec., 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Walsoken on Whitsun-Monday, May 12th. Bells of Walsoken (6) and Wisbech (10) available all day. Dinner at the Bell, Walsoken, at 1.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Non-members of the Association are cordially invited. Those intending to be present at dinner must send me notice by May 6th.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Service at the Parish Church at 11.30. Business meeting at Mason Hall at 12.30. Dinner in the same place at 1.30. Members wishing for dinner must let the honorary secretary know not later than the previous Wednesday. Ringers desirous of using the adjacent towers either before or after dinner, had better apply to Mr. G. Black, Mayfield, Grand Avenue, Woodford Green.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Alfreton District.—A meeting will be held at Crich on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., 6d. each. All ringers and friends invited.—Fred Watkinson, District Secretary, 13, Park Street, Alfreton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 12th, 1913. The bells at the Cathedral are available for ringing 11 to 12.30 a.m., 2.30 to 5, and 6 to 9 p.m., and the Parish Church bells, Sharow, from 10.15 a.m. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 11.30 a.m. Dinner will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 12.30, members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Ringers attending the Central Council meeting to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne that can make it convenient to call at Ripon will receive a very hearty welcome to this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields. Christ Church bells available all day except between 11.15 and 12 a.m. Committee meeting will be held at the Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, at 1 p.m. Dinner 1.30 p.m. All visitors will be heartily welcomed and entertained to dinner if they will kindly send word to the secretary before May 6th that they are likely to be present. — R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. John Jagger, late of Bee Hive, Langley Green, has removed to The Wrexham (opposite Parish Church), Oldbury. Wines and spirits of the finest quality.—Mr. F. Dench has removed to 7, Trafalgar Street, Chesterton, Cambridge.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY. — Mr. W. Clayton, 9, Lodge Road, Wallington, has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Mary's Church, and to him all communications should be addressed.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

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

GREAT LINFORD, RUCKS.—Oxford Guild.—On March 30th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 43 mins.: W. H. Inwood 1, F. C. Tompkins (conductor) 2, J. W. Unwin 3, E. Lathall 4, W. F. Smith 5, F. C. Mapley 6.

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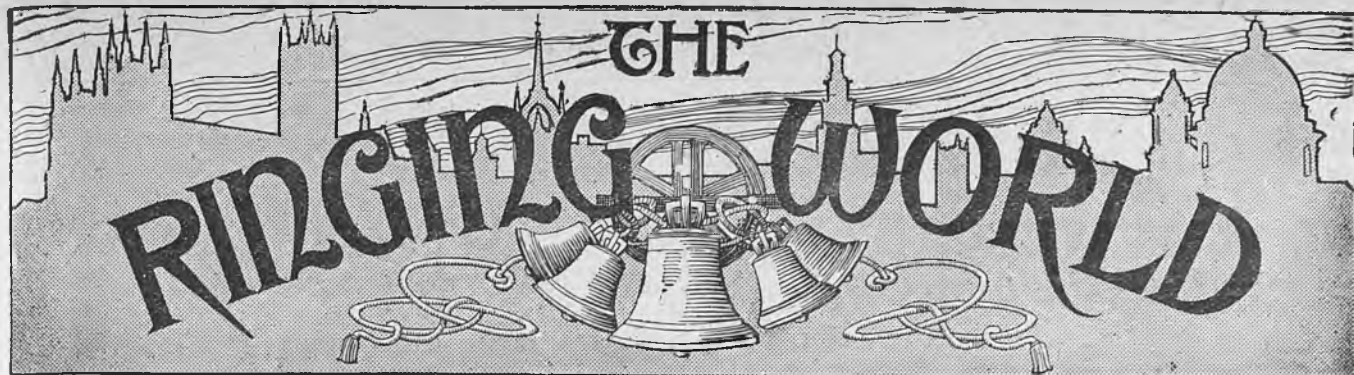
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Gentlemen,

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.

RINGERS AND RAILWAY FACILITIES.

In the report of the Gloucester and Bristol Association meeting last week a suggestion was made that the Central Council should again endeavour to persuade the Railway Clearing House to re-classify bell ringers so that they may travel at reduced fares when engaged in the pursuit of ringing. This is a matter which we should much like to see the Council take up once more, and, if they did, we should hope with greater success than attended their efforts some years ago. There was a time when a few of the railway companies extended to members of associations on their systems the privilege of travelling singly, as well as in parties, at reduced fares, upon production of a voucher. In the hope that the practice would be generally adopted the Central Council approached the Railway Clearing House, but the powers that be decided against them, and those who, up to that time had had the privilege, lost it. Ringers can now get reduced fares only if they travel in parties of ten—as any other persons may do upon making the necessary application.

We cannot see, however, why ringers cannot be placed in the same class as golfers and anglers, who, on production of certificate of membership, signed by their club secretary, can, with certain limitations, obtain cheap tickets. So far as the railway companies are concerned there can be no possible difference in the category of such folk as golfers, anglers and bell ringers, although as ringers we place our art intellectually far above the pastime of the golfer or the fisherman. All the while the two last named are qualified to travel at reduced fares, there is no logical reason for keeping ringers outside the privileged class.

It is, however, a considerable time since the Central Council made an effort to get the railway companies to see the reasonableness of this view, and we should like to see the Council try again in the interests of the Exercise. If it is too late for the matter to be dealt with at the meeting at Newcastle next Tuesday, could not the Standing Committee do something to set the ball rolling, so that by the time the Council meet again, they may be prepared with all the necessary facts to go straight ahead? It is worth the effort, for if only the privilege could be obtained, it would prove of great advantage to ringers. It would make a more frequent interchange of visits possible; it would encourage members to gain wider experience by the greater facilities that would be then within reach of the frequently slender purse, and we feel sure that, in the long run, the railway companies would benefit. We hope that something will be done to reopen the question.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.	
GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	JOHN C. DICKEN 6
GEORGE R. BASSON 2	*JOHN R. BROOKES 7
*FRED DAVIES 3	SAMUEL WESLEY 8
WILLIAM G. CHRISTIAN 4	ARTHUR KNIGHTS 9
FRED E. SMITH 5	WILLIAM J. THYNG Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by GEORGE HOLLIS.

* First peal in the method.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.	
JAMES W. TRAPPITT Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT 2	JOHN WHITE 7
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	ROBERT GRIMWOOD 8
FRANK HOLDER 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH 9
DAVID WRIGHT 5	ARTHUR DEAN Tenor

Composed by F. BENNETT, and
Conducted by ARTHUR DEAN.

First peal of Royal as conductor and first peal of Bob Royal by all except the ringers of 3rd and tenor.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION,
YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 27 cwt.	
CHARLES BOWER Treble	BENJAMIN GILL 6
THOMAS JAKEMAN 2	SAMUEL BOOTH 7
JOSEPH MELLOR 3	SAMUEL WOOD 8
TOM WILDE 4	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
WALTER WOLSTENCROFT 5	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by the late JAMES WOOD, and
Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

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

Tenor 32 cwt.	
*ROBERT H. HAYWARD Treble	*CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE 6
EDGAR PEMBERTON 2	WILLIAM P. GARRETT 7
*CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 3	JAMES MOTTS 8
WILLIAM MOTTS 4	EDWARD EVANS 9
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE 5	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Royal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

STEYNING, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.	
E. BRISTOW Treble	ALFRED CRIPPS 5
HORACE TULETT 2	GEORGE J. NORISS 6
ARTHUR HUTCHINGS 3	EDMUND H. LINDUP 7
GEORGE GATLAND 4	ERNEST STURT Tenor

Conducted by E. H. LINDUP.

Horace Tulett has now rung eight peals of Stedman out of eleven attempts.

DUNSTABLE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE PRIORY CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

DAVID JANES Treble	*F. W. BALDOCK 5
*GEORGE W. HELEY 2	†HORACE SMITH... .. 6
ERNEST HERBERT 3	REV. W. W. C. BAKER ... 7
†JOHN W. CHANCE 4	STANLEY B. DOBBIE ... Tenor

Composed by SIR ARTHUR HEYWOOD, BART., and
Conducted by REV. W. W. C. BAKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. This is the first peal in the Association conducted by a Rural Dean.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.
THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, April 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

SIDNEY HILLIER Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 5
HARRIS TAYLOR 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
JESSE FRANCES 3	S. J. HECTOR 7
JOHN S. RUMMING 4	W. R. BAXTER Tenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING.

Rung in honour of the 70th birthday of Mr. W. McCaffrey, the steeplekeeper. Quickest peal on the bells.

PLYMOUTH.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, April 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 35 cwt.

*FREDERICK LOVIS Treble	WILLIAM HAMLYN 5
†JOHN GLUYAS 2	WILLIAM SHEARS 6
†ALFRED MITCHELMORE ... 3	G. HARRY MYERS 7
GEORGE PARR 4	THOMAS LINNELL Tenor

Conducted by G. H. MYERS.

* First peal. † First peal of Triples. † First peal of Triples with an inside bell. This is the first peal of Triples on the bells, and the first by the St. Andrew's Society, of which all the above are members.

LAVENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-One Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	*FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 5
ARTHUR SYMONDS 2	*CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 6
WALTER RADLEY 3	WM. R. JOHN POULSON... 7
GEORGE LAMBERT 4	THOMAS PRYKE... .. Tenor

Composed by E. WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung to celebrate the birthdays of the conductor and W. Dent, which were on the 20th and 25th respectively. Unfortunately Mr. Dent was too unwell to stand in. The ringers of 3rd, 5th and 6th are of St. James' Company, Bury St. Edmunds.

ERDINGTON, BIRMINGHAM.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S NO. 33.

Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

JAMES JONES Treble	JOHN CARTER 5
MORRIS J. MORRIS 2	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 6
WILLIAM J. MEARS 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7
*JOHN CORRIGAN... .. 4	WILLIAM DAVIES Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

* First peal of Stedman Triples.

SHTHEAD, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, April 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART.

Tenor 14 cwt.

JAMES WYATT Treble	GEORGE A. COOK 5
WILLIAM H. COREETT ... 2	JOHN CRAWFORD 6
JOHN WYATT 3	RICHARD KENDALL 7
JOHN HOYLE... .. 4	WILLIAM COOK Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. CORBETT.

Rung in honour of the silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. William Cook; also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. John Wyatt.

WILLENHALL, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

E. HORTIN Treble	J. ADAMS 5
J. A. BROWN 2	R. BAKER 6
F. WARD 3	C. WALLATER 7
*D. APPLEBY 4	A. E. REED Tenor

Conducted by C. WALLATER.

* First peal.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

WILLIAM HUGHES Treble	*THOMAS H. ASHLEY ... 5
EDWARD W. DUTTON ... 2	JOHN GREASLEY 6
DAVID HUGHES 3	THOMAS MURRAY 7
JAMES R. GRIFFIN 4	ALBERT WOOSNAM Tenor

Composed by T. MORRIS, and
Conducted by THOMAS MURRAY.

* First peal. Rung in honour of the wedding of Miss M. I. Hannay and Mr. J. A. Newton.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... 3	*GEORGE H. CROSS 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	WILLIAM STEELE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by G. H. CROSS.

* First peal in the method as conductor. This peal was rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

GEORGE GUTTRIDGE... .. Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
*ALFRED BATEMAN 2	†HARRY BARTON 6
JOSEPH J. PARKER 3	GEORGE ALLDER 7
JOSEPH J. PRATT 4	WILLIAM CLARKE Tenor

Composed and Conducted by J. J. PARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First attempt in the method. Rung on Ascension Day for evening service.

SHENSTONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt.

JOSEPH W. TIMMS Treble	GEORGE PARSONS 5
FREDERICK J. COPE 2	THOMAS BLOORE 6
CHARLES WATHMAN 3	GEORGE ROBERTS 7
JOHN JENNINGS 4	JAMES H. GALLIMORE ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS BLOORE.

Rung by special request of the Vicar (Rev. Eben. Molloy, M.A.),
in honour of Ascension Day. The ringers wish to thank him for his
kindness and hospitality on this and other occasions.

HURST, BERKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

WILLIAM A. GARRAWAY ... Treble	GEORGE MARTIN 5
HARRY BARTON 2	JESSE ELDRIDGE 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 3	ERNEST C. LAMBERT ... 7
HARRY BUNGAY 4	WILLIAM WELLING ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE MARTIN.

First peal in the method on the bells.

HORLEY, SURREY.
THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

HENRY F. EWINS Treble	OSCAR GILBEY 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	WILLIAM CHEESEMAN ... 6
WILLIAM WENBAM 3	GEORGE F. HOAD 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	FREDERICK W. RICE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by OLIVER SIPPETTS.

BURTON-ON-TRENT, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. PAUL'S SOCIETY, BURTON-ON-TRENT.
On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 1.

Tenor 28½ cwt.

WILLIAM E. WHITE ... Treble	ALGERNON P. G. STONE 5
*CHARLES SANDERS 2	JOHN H. SWINFELD ... 6
REGINALD G. STONE 3	ALBERT P. WAKLEY ... 7
EDWARD I. STONE 4	GEORGE BULL Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT P. WAKLEY.

* First peal of Triples.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON 5
JOHN SANDERS 2	GEORGE F. SWANN 6
GEORGE GARRISON 3	WILLIAM J. MEERS 7
JONATHAN PRESTON 4	WILLIAM G. ANKER ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

First peal in the method as conductor and rung on the eve of the
conductor's birthday. First peal on the bells in which a lady has
taken part.

TURVEY, BEDFORDSHIRE.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*WILFRED SHARP Treble	JAMES HOUGHTON 5
HENRY BLUNDELL 2	HERBERT RAINBOW 6
FRED HOPPER 3	JOHN T. HENSMAN 7
JOSEPH S. WHITE 4	WILLIAM J. ALLEN ... Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. ALLEN.

* First peal in the method. The ringers take this opportunity of
thanking the Rev. F. W. Fulford for so readily granting permission to
ring, and also for his kind hospitality after the peal.

EDMONTON.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF NEW CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... Treble	*ALBERT A. HUGHES ... 5
GEORGE RADLEY 2	GEORGE A. CARD 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
FRANK BENNETT 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and
Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

* First peal in the method.

WITHYCOMBE RALEIGH, DEVON.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 18 cwt.

EDWARD G. STOCKER ... Treble	REGINALD B. SNOW ... 5
EDWIN SHEPHERD 2	ADOLPHUS H. SNOW ... 6
FREDERICK DIMOND 3	J. HOWARD R. FREEBORN 7
JOHN R. HAYMAN 4	JAMES CHUDLEY ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN R. HAYMAN.

Quickest peal on the bells.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

WALTER S. WISE Treble	WALTER SMITH 5
EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
EDWIN F. PIKE 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
REGINALD BROUGH 4	*THOMAS JONES, Senr. ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Senr.

* First peal.

GODALMING, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

REV. G. F. COLERIDGE ... Treble	CHARLES GILES 5
*ALFRED T. REEVES 2	FRANK BLONDELL 6
THOMAS W. RADFORD 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN ... 7
ALBERT E. REEVES 4	ALFRED H. PULLING ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Major. First peal of Superlative on the bells.

LYDNEY, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN W. DAVIS Treble	ALBERT GOULDING 5
JOHN W. JONES 2	JOHN AUSTIN 6
GEORGE CONDICK, Senr. ... 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	*GEORGE CHARLES Tenor

Conducted by JOHN AUSTIN.

* First peal. Rung after meeting one short for Treble Bob.

LONDON.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
At St. John's, DEPTFORD, S.E.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 14 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs., in F.

GEORGE H. DAYNES ... Treble	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 5
JOSEPH LAW 2	FREDK. WM. RICHARDSON ... 6
*JIM HURRELL 3	†ERNEST B. CROWDER ... 7
*THOMAS A. EASTERBY ... 4	ALFRED G. BENNINGTON Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST B. CROWDER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
At the Church of St. Nicolas,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 23 cwt., in E.

*EDWARD A. ETHERIDGE ... Treble	CHARLES HAZELDEN ... 5
HENRY HUTTON 2	SYDNEY G. STEER 6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3	FRANK BLONDELL 7
MAURICE SMITHER 4	EDWARD RADDON Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the anniversary of the King's Accession, also as a birthday compliment to S. G. Steer's son.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

THORNHAM MAGNA, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES:

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

Tenor 10 cwt.

CHARLES BAILEY Treble	GEORGE BAILEY 4
WILLIAM CLOVER 2	WILLIAM ROSE 5
ALPHAUS BERRY... .. 3	FREDERICK WATLING ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROSE.

Messrs. Bailey hail from Rickingham and F. Watling from Saxmundham.

BRIXWORTH.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

JAMES SLARKE Treble	ALFRED H. MARTIN... .. 3
FRED HOPPER 2	HARRY CLARKE... .. 4
FRED WILFORD Tenor	

Conducted by FRED HOPPER.

First peal on the bells. The ringer of the treble is 72 years of age. The ringers, together with the local men, were entertained to tea by the Rector.

PENTLOW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being twelve Six-Scores each of Grandsire, St. Simon, and Plain Bob, and six Six-Scores of Canterbury.

*WILLIAM WIFFEN Treble	JOHN HARRINGTON 3
ARCHIE IVES 2	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 4
†GEORGE E. PANNELL ... Tenor	

Conducted by W. WIFFEN.

* First peal and first attempt; elected a member before starting.
† First peal of Doubles.

WILLESDEN, MIDDLESEX.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Carlisle Surprise, Oxford, Cambridge Surprise, Kent, Woodbine, College Bob IV, and Old Oxford Modernised.

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 25 lbs.

*FRANK BARRETT Treble	HARRY KILBY 4
GEORGE M. KILBY 2	THOMAS LANGDON 5
GABRIEL CHALKLEY 3	†FREDERICK J. HARDY ... Tenor

Conducted by THOMAS LANGDON.

* First peal. † First peal on six bells.

KEYMER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
At the Church of SS. COSMOS AND DAMIAN,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*MAURICE KILICK Treble	JOHN FEIST 4
†WILLIAM H. HORNEY ... 2	*GEORGE J. KILICK 5
ERNEST E. BISH 3	JAMES PARSONS... .. Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST E. BISH.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. All the ringers belong to the Ditchling Branch. Rung on the eve of the Festival of the Ascension. First peal on the bells.

WHITCHURCH, OXON.

THE LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 6 lbs.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE ... Treble	JOHN BOWER 4
GEORGE PARSONS... .. 2	JAMES ABERY 5
MISS MARY CHILLINGWORTH 3	GEORGE ABERY... .. Tenor

Conducted by JAMES ABERY.

First peal on the bells. Rung to celebrate the marriage of Miss Annie Aldridge (niece to the ringer of the treble) of Beech Farm, Whitchurch, to Mr. John Bucknell, of Coley Park Farm, Reading. Miss Chillingworth is from Bradfield, Berks, and Messrs. Parsons and Abery from Theale, Berks; Bower from Goring, Oxon, and Lawrence from St. Stephen's, West Ealing.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

EDWIN LAMBERT... .. Treble	ALBERT RELFE 4
GEORGE FULLER... .. 2	ALBERT HENLEY 5
HARRY PRICE 3	WALTER MARSHALL... Tenor

Conducted by W. MARSHALL.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Henley; also to the conductor's daughter.

EAST HARLING, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM DUNCAN Treble	*WILLIAM EAGLING 4
JAMES FULCHER 2	ALFRED NEWSON 5
HORACE HAYLETT 3	†OLIVER BULLMAN Tenor

Conducted by OLIVER BULLMAN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor.

GISBURN, YORKSHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(BLACKBURN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5760 CHANCES;

Being 720 Bob Minor, four 720's Oxford Treble Bob, and three of Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 9 cwt.

THOMAS WILSON Treble	WILLIAM E. WILSON 4
ALFRED BROOK 2	WILLIAM MALLINSON 5
ARTHUR TOMLINSON 3	JOHN WATSON Tenor

Conducted by W. MALLINSON.

This is the first peal on the bells, which were hung in 1818. First peal of Minor by all except the ringer of the 5th.

MARTLEY, WORCESTERSHIRE,
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(WESTERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

A PEAL OF CRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 14 cwt., in E.

*ALLEN TYLER Treble	SAMUEL J. EATON 4
THOMAS BULLOCK 2	REV. JAMES F. HASTINGS 5
ERNEST GIBBS 3	WILLIAM RANFORD Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST GIBBS.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in honour of the Feast of the Ascension.

THORPE MALSOR, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Leonard,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently.

Tenor 6 cwt. 3 qr. 19 lbs.

PERCY J. LENTON Treble	ARTHUR E. SHARMAN 4
GEORGE HOLLAND 2	ALBERT E. WYKES 5
GEORGE FOSTER 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN Tenor

Conducted by H. W. SHARMAN.

First peal by the ringer of the 4th, who was elected a member before starting for the peal.

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

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Oxford and four 720's of Kent, each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

†HARRY THORPE Treble	†ALBERT C. DARNELL 4
†WILLIAM G. THORPE 2	†SIDNEY PROCTOR 5
†REV. C. J. SIURTON 3	*BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS Tenor

Conducted by BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Treble Bob Minor. First peal on the bells. Rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. W. G. Thorpe and A. Taylor, members of the Grantham band.

PENARTH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Augustine,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

DAVID THOMAS Treble	FRED CHAMBERLAIN 4
WILLIAM B. BISS 2	*DR. ARTHUR J. H. BOYTON 5
FRANK J. BAILEY 3	SIDNEY DAWE Tenor

Conducted by D. THOMAS.

* First peal in the method.

ASPLEY GUISE, BEDS.
THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. Botolph,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London Scholars' Pleasure, College Exercise, Violet, Woodbine, and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10½ cwt.

MARK LANE Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON 4
JOHN COOKE 2	CHARLES A. ROBINSON 5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE 3	WILLIAM STAPLETON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM STAPLETON.

BURLEAGE, BUXTON.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At Christ Church,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of three 720's of Kent and four of Oxford, called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

*J. W. HAMPSON Treble	†F. P. WALWYN 4
†SYDNEY KIRK 2	HENRY KIRK 5
W. LONGDEN 3	J. R. BACKHOUSE Tenor

Conducted by HENRY KIRK.

* First peal and first attempt. † First peal inside and first attempt. † First peal of Minor and first attempt. First peal as conductor. Rung on the occasion of the wedding of Mr. Ernest H. Nall, choir-master and organist of St. James' Church, Harper's Hill, in Burleage parish, to Miss L. Appleton, of Buxton.

LIVERPOOL.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary, Grassendale,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of York, London, Beverley, and Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11½ cwt.

THOMAS MURRAY Treble	EDWARD CAUNCE 4
THOMAS JENNION 2	JOHN TURNER 5
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	JOHN ALLEN Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

Rung to celebrate the 91st birthday of Mr. P. F. Garnett, the father of the esteemed Vicar's warden.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, April 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the George IV., Brunswick Street,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY ... 1-2	*REV. E. BANKES JAMES ... 5-6
WILLIAM PYE 3-4	ERNEST PYE 7-8
ALFRED W. GRIMES 9-10	

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpires: J. PARRY and H. C. ALFORD.

* First peal in the method in hand.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, April 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5151 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2 | REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4 | MAURICE SMITHER ... 7—8
THOMAS W. RADFORD ... 9—10

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Size 21 in D.

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 1—2 | ALFRED H. PULLING ... 5—6
WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 3—4 | FRANK BLONDELL ... 7—8

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: REV. E. BANKES JAMES.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Size 18 in G.

ALFRED H. PULLING ... 1—2 | *REV. E. BANKES JAMES 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4 | WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman Triples on handbells.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Sunday, May 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Five Minutes,
AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 1—2 | *FREDERICK BARKER ... 5—6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4 | †F. PHILIP CHEETHAM ... 7—8

Composed by GEORGE WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal with an inside pair. † First peal of Major.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANCES;

REV. B. H. TYRWHITT-DRAKE 1—2 | GEORGE D. COLEMAN ... 5—6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN ... 3—4 | EDMUND C. CHASTY ... 7—8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by GEORGE D. COLEMAN.

The peal at Fressingfield, recorded last week, was rung on April 26th not 12th as sent in.

LONG PEAL ATTEMPT.

An attempt upon the Treble Bob Royal record is to be made at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday week. The honorary secretary of the Ashton-under-Lyne Society has sent us notice for publication in the following terms:—

In the tower of St. Michael and All Angels', on Whit-Saturday, May 17th, 1913, an attempt will be made to exceed the standing record of Kent Treble Bob Royal, ringing to commence at 8 o'clock a.m.

LATE PEAL.

FELTHAM, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 11 cwt. 2 qr. 19 lbs.

GEORGE SPENCER ... Treble | JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 5
*ADOLPHUS H. J. DENFORD 2 | HARRY BARTON ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3 | WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 7
HENRY C. CHANDLER ... 4 | ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells.
A. W. Grimes's 250th peal.

NINE HUNDRED PEALS.

MR. ERNEST PYE'S RECORD.

The fourth ringer to accomplish the feat, Mr. Ernest Pye, has reached his 900th peal, and by a remarkable coincidence it was his 100th peal of London Surprise. It was rung at Romford, and it is noteworthy that it was the first peal of London which he has called, although probably no ringer is better able to conduct a peal in this intricate method. Appended is his list of peals:—

	On Tower Bells.	Handbells.
	Rung. Condt'd.	Rung. Condt'd.
On six bells	1	
Grandsire Triples	8	5 1
Grandsire Caters	3	
Grandsire Cinques	1	
Stedman Triples	123	5 34* 2
Stedman Caters	112	34
Stedman Cinques	49a	14
Bob Major	5	
Double Norwich Major	60b	4
Double Oxford Major	1	
Duffield Major	1	
Kent Treble Bob Major	12c	7
Oxford Treble Bob Major	2	
Kent Treble Bob Royal	26	5
Kent Treble Bob Maximus	8	1
Oxford Treble Bob Royal	2	
Superlative Surprise Major	141	2 7* 1
New Cumberland Major	1	
Cambridge Surprise Major	23	3
New Cambridge Surprise Major	21	
London Surprise Major	100d	1 5
Bristol Surprise Major	65e	3
New Cambridge Surprise Royal... ..	3	
Cambridge Surprise Royal	9	
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
Total	778	8 122 4

A, including 11,111 record; B, including 15,072; C, including 10,464; D, including 14,112 record; E, including 15,264 record; * including one non-conducted. Rung in 274 different towers, in 44 different counties in England, Wales, Ireland and Scotland, and one on the Irish Sea.

SALISBURY GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Trowbridge on Saturday. The bells of St. James' Church were available at three o'clock, and although the weather was very unfavourable, a good number of ringers from various towers soon assembled.—Tea was served in the Vestry Room by Mr. Elloway, of the Fore Street Refreshment Rooms, 27 sitting down.

The business meeting followed, at which, owing to the absence of the Rev. J. A. Sturton (chairman), the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett kindly took the chair, and was supported by Mr. H. Brownlee West (hon. sec.), the Rev. P. A. Nash, Rector of Trowbridge, and ringing members from Keevil, Egham, Devizes St. Mary, Urchfont, Southbroom, Bradford, Devizes St. John, Trowbridge, Westbury, Holt, Bath, Melksham, and Beechingstoke.—Mr. S. Hector, of Trowbridge, was elected a life ringing member, and six new "hands" were elected as members of the Guild, viz., Messrs. P. J. Herrington and H. Taylor from Melksham; R. Toomer and W. Kent from Fittleton; F. K. Greenland from Bradford-on-Avon, and Geo. Derham from Holt.

The three next meeting places were then discussed, and after some little conversation, were decided upon thusly: June 7th, at Enford; July 5th, at Holt; August 9th, at Melksham.

A hearty vote of thanks was then passed to the Rector of Trowbridge for the use of the church bells, and also the use of the Vestry Room, to which he responded in a short, but very kind speech, saying how pleased he was to meet the ringers of the Guild at Trowbridge, for the first time during his incumbency there.

The ringers then returned to the tower, where more ringing was indulged in, and thus a very pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

CHRIST CHURCH BELLS, BOSTON, U.S.A. ENGLISH RINGERS ASSIST AT THE RE-OPENING.

Christ Church bells, being the first ring shipped from England, are well known in America by reason of their purity of tone, long vibration and carrying power, a characteristic of the products of the Rudhall foundry at about the middle of the eighteenth century, as illustrated in the peal of All Saints', Fulham, St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and many others still preserved.

Situated in a remote section of Boston, abandoned to Italians, Russian Jews and Portugese, the edifice had been for many years neglected, while its bells had become unringable; when, fortunately, the parish came under the control of Bishop Lawrence, through whose exertions an extensive restoration has at length been effected.

Although it was found necessary to renew headstocks, wheels, stays, and even clappers, the bells were in perfect order; and when quarter-turned and re-hung, under the supervision of Mr. Gibbons, of the Whitechapel foundry, could be managed with the least appreciable effort, and with corresponding improvement in tone.

The eve of April 19th, the anniversary of a holiday known in Massachusetts as Patriots' Day, was selected for the opening, and after a brief service, conducted by the Bishop, and display of lanterns from the steeple, the bells burst out in touches of Grandsire to the satisfaction of a heterogeneous multitude which thronged the adjacent streets. And if one were to judge by the sympathetic cheers, which at times overpowered the music of the bells, there is evidence that change ringing may at length in this locality at least be received with favour. The bells, eight in number, with tenor of 15 cwt., were cast in 1744, and are now as perfect as when sent across the water from Bristol.

Noticeable in the ringing chamber for their graceful handling of the ropes were our earliest recruits, George Moore, of Maidstone, Kent; William Bashford, of Nutfield, Surrey; and Philip J. Alfrey, of Brighton, the latter having reported most opportunely on the very day of the celebration. We are expecting to welcome as the next instalment of volunteers Richard Newton, of Manchester, and S. J. Perkins, of Tunbridge Wells, while several other helpers are arranging to join us in the month of June.

55, Mount Vernon Street, Boston, U.S.A.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

RINGING FOR CHURCH FESTIVALS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—On looking through the list of peals in last week's "Ringing World," I found there were 19 peals rung on tower bells on Saturday, April 19th, St. Alphege's Day, but in only two instances is there any mention that the peal was rung in honour of that day. Probably the reason why St. Alphege's Day wasn't mentioned in the remaining 17 instances was that the ringers didn't think or didn't know it was St. Alphege's Day, and I am of opinion this is the case with regard to many other Saints' Days, etc. The ringers, unless they have a good almanac handy, or some other means, do not always know when these Saints' Days occur, and it has struck me that it would not be a bad idea if a list, with dates, of all Saints' Days, Church Festivals, Anniversaries, etc., was printed in "The Ringing World."

In several cases peal records have been printed with a footnote that the peal was rung in honour of the birth of a son or a daughter to one of the ringers, or in honour of one of the ringers' birthdays. In my opinion, such a footnote would be far better left out. In the first place, the bells belong to and are part of the church, and, therefore, should be used in the service of the church. Such a footnote as I have just mentioned makes it look as if the church was only a secondary consideration.

Secondly, it is well known that many people would like to see ringing abolished, and there is no doubt the promoters of a Bill in Parliament with such an object in view would examine the ringing papers to see what they could get hold of to support their case, and I fancy they would pick out these footnotes and point out that peals were not rung in honour of the church, etc. If all the peals possible contained a footnote that they were rung in honour of a Festival of the Church or a Saints' Day, ringers would have a much better case, and the publication of a list such as I have indicated would, I think, result in this being brought about.

I should be glad to have your opinion, and also of any other ringers on this matter.—Yours faithfully,
Stapleford, Cambs.

ALBERT E. AUSTIN.

The idea that more notice should be taken of the Church Festivals by ringers has been several times advocated in these columns, and there is an increasing tendency to ring peals on these occasions. With a view to reminding ringers of the Festivals, we hope in future to give a monthly list. We begin with those which occur in this month and June:—

May 11, Whitsun Day.
„ 18, Trinity Sunday.

June 11, St. Barnabas.
„ 24, St. John the Baptist.
„ 29, St. Peter.

TWYFORD, HANTS.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—On Easter Sunday morning, at St. Mary's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), in 44 mins.: S. Stratton (first quarter-peal) 1, F. Oxenbury 2, W. Carter 3, E. Wateridge 4, T. Spratt 5, W. Young 6, L. Lampard (conductor) 7, J. Penton 8.

BATH AND WELLS ASSOCIATION. SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT MIDSOMER NORTON.

The annual meeting of the Frome and Midsomer Norton Deanery branch was held at Midsomer Norton on Saturday, and, although the weather was not at all pleasant, a goodly number of members attended, thus encouraging the hon. secretary, who had been feeling rather despondent. The bells, a beautiful ring of eight, were set going soon after 3 p.m., and at 4.15 p.m. evensong was conducted by the Rev. J. Pitkin (curate-in-charge), assisted by the Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill (President of the branch). Tea and business followed in the school. The usual items of business, including the admission of new members and the selection of place for next meeting, having been transacted, the officers for the ensuing year were elected. The Rev. J. E. W. Honnywill was re-elected as Deanery President, and Mr. I. B. Holmyard as hon. secretary. Mr. A. M. G. Daniel, of Frome, was elected as the representative of the branch on the General Committee of the Association.—Hearty votes of thanks were passed to all who had contributed towards the success of the meeting, these including the President, the Rev. J. Pitkin, the churchwardens, the choir, Mrs. Holmyard (who provided an excellent tea), and the honorary secretary.

A very gratifying feature of the meeting was the presence of two such well-known ringers as Messrs. W. A. Cave and F. Price (both of Bristol), whose skill in the tower greatly assisted in the production of some very pretty touches of Stedman and Grandsire Triples.—The President and hon. secretary wish to thank these gentlemen for their kindness in attending the meeting, and they hope to see them frequently at future gatherings. The towers represented included Frome (St. John's), Leigh-on-Mendip, Camerton, Paulton, Iligh Littleton, and Midsomer Norton. Ringing was continued till nearly 9 p.m., everyone agreeing that the meeting had been most enjoyable in every way.

CASTLE CARY DEANERY BRANCH.

A meeting of the Castle Cary branch was held at Marston Magna on Saturday last, and a very wet day no doubt kept a good many from attending the meeting. However, between 30 and 40 were present, representing Batcombe, Evercreech, Ditchat, Castle Cary, Templecombe, West Lyaford, Queen Camel, Birmingham (St. Mary's), Marston Magna and Mudford.—A short service was held in the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. G. F. C. Peppin) delivered a very instructive address, in the course of which he pointed out how totally different belfries were conducted at the present day, compared with the days gone by, and all praise was due to the splendid association of change ringers. The young beginners who were amongst them on that occasion must not be down-hearted if they found they were unable to do as much with the bells as the older hands, but if they persevered they would some day be skilled ringers. He was delighted to see so many young men present, and hoped they might be spared to ring to the Glory of God for many years to come.

After the service, tea was partaken of at the Red Lion Hotel, and the business meeting followed, the Rev. G. F. C. Peppin being unanimously voted to the chair. Two honorary and eight performing members were elected.—Castle Cary was chosen for the next meeting, in October.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. F. C. Peppin for presiding, for the use of the bells and for the interesting address given at the service.—The Vicar having responded, a move was made to the tower, where the bells were kept going to various methods.—A good many of the ringers paid a visit to the Queen Camel tower, where the finest peal of six in Somerset were kept going until after 9 p.m.

BRIDGWATER BRANCH.

A quarterly meeting of the Bridgwater branch was held at Chedzoy on Saturday last. Service was held in the church, conducted by the Rev. G. R. Mullens, and attended by members, representing Bridgwater, Huntspill, Chedzoy, Wembdon and Enmore.—Tea was partaken at the Manor House Hotel, followed by the business meeting.—Eleven members were elected to the branch, including two hon. members, and North Petherton was decided upon for the next quarterly meeting.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rev. G. R. Mullens for the use of the bells, and for his able address; also to the organist, and to the Rev. D. G. Samuel (branch chairman) for presiding over the meeting.—A return was made to the tower, when various methods kept the bells rolling for the remainder of the evening.

PRESENTATION TO MISS MARGERY SAMPSON.

On Saturday, at Boldmere, at the conclusion of the peal of Stedman Triples, published on another page, Mr. J. Preston, secretary of the Erdington branch of the St. Martin's Guild of Birmingham, presented, on behalf of the members of Erdington, a framed peal card and photo of Erdington Church, and a photo of the Erdington ringers to Miss Margery F. Sampson, of Tamworth. In making the presentation, Mr. Preston said he hoped that Miss Sampson would accept the small gift as a mark of friendship, and as a fitting tribute on ringing her first peal for St. Martin's Society, and the pleasant time she spent with the ringers of Erdington.—Miss Sampson, who was completely taken by surprise, said the gift would always remind her of the many friends she had made in Erdington, and the joyous time she had spent with them. She was pleased to have rung two peals with them, and asked them to accept her very best thanks and warm appreciation for their kindness.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

A quarterly meeting of the Winchester District was held on Saturday at Lockerley and Tytherley. Both towers being some distance from any railway station, the Winchester party decided to motor down and picked up en route members from Twyford, Owslebury, and Hursley, among them being the curate of Hursley (the Rev. E. W. Stuart). The party were met at Lockerley by the Vicar (the Rev. J. P. May), who gave them a hearty welcome, and conducted them to the belfry, where some touches of Bob Minor, Stedman and Grandsire Doubles were brought round. Members were also present from Eastleigh, North Stoneham and Upham.—A move was then made to Tytherley, where there are eight bells, and on which touches in standard methods were rung.

By the kind invitation of the Vicar of Lockerley, members were most hospitably entertained in the Church Room at 5.15.—The Rev. W. E. Colchester, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Vicar, said it added very much to the pleasure of these meetings when members received such a warm welcome from the clergy of the parishes which they visited.—The Vicar, in responding, said it gave him great pleasure to meet the ringers, and hoped they would on some future occasion pay him another visit, and that by that time his own band might have become members of the Guild.—The Vicar of Tytherley (the Rev. I. Bourdillon) was also thanked for the use of his bells.

The Bishop of Southampton, in a conversation with the district secretary (Mr. J. W. Elkins), expressed a wish to again entertain the Guild at his residence during the summer, and it was left in the hands of the district secretary to arrange a date convenient to his lordship, a Saturday early in July being suggested as a suitable time for members.

Seven new members of the Barton Stacey band were admitted to the Guild, and Mr. Wilfred Andrews was appointed to give them a course of instruction.—Both towers were afterwards visited, and although the weather was not all that could be desired, all agreed that the meeting had been a very enjoyable one.

YORKTOWN DISTRICT.

The second quarterly meeting of the Yorktown district was held at Farnborough on Saturday last, but owing to the damp weather, and to the fact that Farnborough has only five bells, it was not well attended. Only 17 ringers put in an appearance, representing Streatham (St. Leonards), Kingston, Sunbury, Woking, Bagshot, Yorktown, and Yateley. After ringing in the afternoon, the members attended service, and sat down to tea in the Jubilee Hall, where the business meeting was afterwards held.—The Rector (the Rev. B. C. Jackson) presided, and gave the members a hearty welcome to his parish.—Mr. Marsh, of Plymouth, was elected a member of the Guild.—The Ringing Master (Mr. W. Shepherd), who, through pressure of business, was prevented from attending the meeting, sent a letter to the secretary giving a general survey of the quarter's work. This was read and adopted as the Ringing Master's report for the quarter.—It was decided to visit Hersham, Oatlands Park, and Chertsey, for the all-day meeting on August Bank Holiday.—A vote of thanks, accorded the Rector for his hospitality, concluded the meeting. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in, the methods rung being Grandsire Doubles, Plain Bob and Stedman Doubles on tower bells, and Grandsire Doubles and Triples on handbells.

A meeting of the Guildford district was held at Binsted on Saturday, and was attended by ringers from Froyle, Cranleigh, Frensham, Shalford, Blackmoor, Farnham, Aldershot, and Guildford. There is no doubt that the hearty welcome extended to them will linger in the memories of those present for a long time to come, one member declaring publicly that the service alone was worth cycling 50 miles for. It was most impressive, the ringers being met by the clergy and choir in procession, while the Guild's service has certainly never been more heartily rendered than in the grand old parish church.

Tea was held in the Institute, and the caretaker left nothing undone for the comfort of the visitors.—Eleven new members were elected, also two hon. members—the Rev. Campbell Crum, Rector of Farnham, and Mr. Geo. Gunner Chalcraft, Churchwarden, of Binsted.—It was decided to hold the next district meeting at Puttenham on May 31st, and the next combined practice at Shere on June 14th, to have the pleasure of meeting the Mitcham ringers there. The pretty peal of six were kept going in various methods, and the time for parting came all too soon.

CHELMSFORD BELLS.

MONEY RAISED FOR RECASTING.

The fete in aid of the restoration of the bells and clock of Chelmsford Church (the future Cathedral of Essex) proved a great financial success, and the money required (£1,300) has been more than realised. The fete itself, which extended over four days, produced £1,338 11s. 7d. To this amount has to be added subscriptions already received, £294 0s. 6d.; subscriptions promised, £33; gift of treble bell by Essex ringers, £25; gift of tenor bell by Col. and Mrs. Arkwright, £290; total, £1,900 12s. 1d. The expenses amount to about £400.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

CANTERBURY DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of the Canterbury District was held at Ospringe, on Saturday, about 50 members attending. The bells were rung during the afternoon, and service was conducted by the Rev. F. J. O. Helmore.—The Vicar gave an address, welcoming the members of the district to the parish, and, taking as a text the words of St. James, "Draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh to thee," he spoke of the assistance which the laity, and especially the ringers, had given to the clergy in the many parishes in which he had laboured and placed on record his own appreciation of their work.—Unfortunately the Vicar was suffering from a weak throat, and this caused his address to be very short, and also necessitated his absence from the tea and business meeting which followed, much to the regret of all.—The Rev. R. Wyllie, however, ably took his place, and spoke of the pleasure he derived from the ringing of the bells. This was especially gratifying to the members present, as he lives near to the church, and while this condition of things prevails the ringers need fear no complaint.

The District Secretary reported that 23 towers in the district were in union, representing a gain of four over last year—that 49 members of the district had taken part in the 15 peals rung during the year, 14 members having rung their first peal, and one had rung and conducted his first peal. The hope was expressed that more local peals would be rung, and that some of the so-called higher methods would be attempted.—Four new members were elected, and three elections were confirmed.—The Secretary and representative on the Central Committee were re-elected.

Deal and Walmor were chosen for the next annual meeting, Chilham for the autumn, and Birchington for the spring.—The Rev. F. J. O. Helmore proposed thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, arranging for the service, etc., and granting the use of the parish room; also to Mr. C. H. Drake for presiding at the organ.—This was seconded by Mr. Foreman, and carried.—Mr. E. G. Buesden and friends then gave a short touch of Stedman Triples on the handbells, and the members dispersed to the towers of Ospringe and Faversham.

LEWISHAM DISTRICT.

The quarterly meeting of the Lewisham district was held at Chislehurst on Saturday week. About 50 were present at the service, which was conducted by the Rev. J. E. Dawson (Rector), and the address was given by the Rev. J. Drew Roberts on "Bells, their inscriptions and meanings."—A bountiful tea was provided in the Village Hall by the Rector and Mr. A. F. Nussey (one of the churchwardens), to which 58 sat down.

The business meeting followed, the Rev. Basil F. W. French (curate) presiding till the return of the Rector from another service.—The election of two members in towers was confirmed. Farningham was chosen as the place of the next quarterly meeting on the third Saturday in July. It was also decided to hold a meeting at Downe, on the first Saturday in June, if it could be arranged.

Mr. A. F. Nussey then gave the Association a hearty welcome. It had, he said, given him great pleasure to listen to the bells that day, because it brought back happy recollections, it being the 43rd anniversary of his wedding day (applause).—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Rector for the use of the bells and arranging the service, to the Rector and Mr. A. F. Nussey for providing the tea, to the Rev. J. D. Roberts for his address, and to the Rev. B. French for so kindly meeting them.—The Rector, in replying, said it had given them all great pleasure, and he hoped they would come again on some future occasion.—The tower was again visited, and various touches brought round.

THE PEAL AT WHITCHURCH.

A very pretty ceremony was performed by the Rev. Canon Trotter (Rector) in the Parish Church of Whitchurch, on Wednesday of last week, when Miss Annie Aldridge, only daughter of the late Mr. Chas. Aldridge, of Beech Farm, Whitchurch, was married to Mr. John Bucknell, of Coley Park Farm, Reading.—Following the ceremony in the church, a reception attended by over fifty guests, was held at the home of the bride, and as the bridal party left, some excellent call changes were rung on the bells by the local band. In the evening, by the kind permission of the Rector—who, by-the-way, met the band at the entrance to the belfry, gave them a hearty welcome, and wished them success—a peal of 5040 changes was rung by members of the Oxford Guild, a record of which appears in the usual columns. Messrs. C. Excell and A. Green, two of the local band, sat in the belfry during the whole of the peal, which is the first on the bells, a musical ring recast and rehung in December of last year by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, of Cradon.

FAREWELL PEAL LOST.

On Monday week, at the Church of St. Luke, Liverpool, a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major was attempted, and lost, only two leads from home, after 3 hrs. 6 mins. ringing, owing to the heavy going of the tenor, caused through the chiming apparatus becoming disconnected during the ringing. The peal had been arranged as a farewell to Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, on the eve of his departure from Liverpool to Boston, U.S.A. He sailed the next day with the best wishes of his ringing friends in Liverpool and district, among whom he has always been held in high esteem. The band who attempted the peal were: F. Murray 1, T. Jennion 2, G. Woodhall 3, E. Breeze 4, E. Caunce 5, G. R. Newton (conductor) 6, Richard Newton 7, J. Turner 8.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— CARLISLE.

By J. R. JERRAM.

The central tower of Carlisle Cathedral contains a peal of six bells, tenor about 14 cwt. note F.

These bells have not been rung for more than 100 years. None of them have had perfect wheels within the memory of anyone now living, though in the accounts of 1652 we find an item "Payed for the belles wheeles and their re-paring as also for the gaites of the Churchyard making and reparing 05 17 10."

Fifth.

+ I : H : C + IN : VOCE : SUM : MUNDA : MARIA :
SONANDO : SECUNDA + I : B.

(This inscription is in Lombardic capitals).

Tenor.

I WARNE YOV HOW YOVR TIME DOTH PASS
AWAY.

SERVE GOD THERFOR WHIL LIFE DOTH LAST
AND SAY

GLORIE IN AXCELSIS DEO (sic) ANNO DOMINI
1657.

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CARLISLE CATHEDRAL.

The inscriptions are as follows :—

Treble.

I w L. 1659.

Second.

GEORE (sic). FLEMING.DD.DECANVS.GLORIA
IN ALTISSIMIS DEO. 1728 ♂ (E. Seller) ♂
Eber

Third.

+ IESVS BE OVR SPEED. GEOR. LEES EDMVND
WRIGHT BELFOVNDERS. WILL. ORBEL L.M.
1608.

(This inscription is in Lombardic capitals).

Fourth.

THOMAS MEARS FOUNDER, LONDON, 1845.

There is a tradition that these bells were rung on November 17th, 1745, when the Pretender entered Carlisle, and that for this they were condemned not to be rung again for 100 years. However this may be, it is stated that they were chimed with ropes on the clappers at the news of the victory at the Battle of Waterloo, and thus the old fourth bell was cracked. She was then taken down, and remained in the Cathedral till 1845, when she was recast by Mears, as the inscription records. The old bell is said to have borne the following inscription : " This ring was made six tuneable bells at the charge of the Lord Howard and other gentree of the countie and citie and officers of the garisson by the advice of Mager Jeremiah Tolhurst, governor of the garisson 1658."

ODD CHANGES.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker is the first Rural Dean to conduct a peal for the Beds Association, of which he is the Master. How many more of the ringing clergy, we wonder, hold the office of Rural Dean. We know of one—the Rev. G. F. Coleridge.

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An attempt was made for a peal upon Exeter Cathedral

bells on Saturday week, but it unfortunately came to grief after 3,000 changes had been rung in 2 hrs. 32 mins. Attempts for peals upon these magnificent bells are few and far between, and it is a pity that this one was not successful. The ringers were : E. Shepherd (conductor) 1, G. W. Challice 2, A. W. Searle 3, A. Monkley 4, F. J. Davey 5, W. Richardson 6, E. Sargent 7, J. Moss 8, J. R. H. Freeborn 9, A. G. Betts and W. Vickery 10 (tenor 72 cwt.).

Overcoats and umbrellas are very scarce at Grantham, so say the band who scored the first peal on Denton bells on Saturday last. Having finished ringing, they took refuge in the local hostelry, hoping for the rain to cease, but at "turning out" time they had to face a four miles' walk in a drenching downpour without any of the aforementioned articles, and arrived at Grantham at 11.30 p.m. "soaked to the skin." Better luck after your next peal of Minor, Benjamin!

Two interesting cuttings, reproduced from the "Norfolk Chronicle" of a century ago, have reached us. The issue of April 17th, 1813, contained the following:—

Thursday last, were rung on St. Giles' (Norwich) musical peal of eight bells (6272 changes) of that intricate method of Treble Bob, in 4 hrs. 7 mins. The peal was conducted by Mr. R. Chesnutt, and being rung by that ingenious company, the St. Peter's ringers, we have no doubt of its being a masterly performance; the Bobs were called in six places, and not in the usual method of that extensive peal.

In the following issue the acceptance of a remarkable challenge was announced:—

Mr. Samuel Thurston having challenged any man in England to ring with him for one hundred pounds, the company of ringers belonging to St. Peter's, of Mancroft, Norwich, in order to prevent any person from being imposed upon by fallacious pretences, feel it incumbent on them to accept the challenge, although, at first, they were inclined to pass it with the silent contempt it merits. They, therefore, announce to Mr. Thurston that they have appointed one of their company to meet him at any twelve-bell steeple, not less than one hundred miles from Norwich; and, in order to secure the utmost impartiality, they propose that eleven men shall be selected from London to ring with each party, and to decide on their respective merits. All expenses to be paid by the losing party, in addition to the wager.

We wonder what the outcome of this wager was!

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ARRANGEMENTS AND AGENDA FOR THE NEWCASTLE MEETING.

The Second Session of the Eighth Council (23rd annual meeting) will be held on Whitsun Tuesday, May 13th, 1913, at 11 a.m. punctually, in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute of Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The morning sitting will be adjourned from 1 p.m. till 2.30 p.m., from which hour the Council will sit, if necessary, until 5.30 p.m.

The Standing Committee will meet previously at 9.45 a.m. in the same room.

N.B.—The Mining Institute is situate in Neville Street, at the corner of Orchard Street, midway between the railway station and the Cathedral, being distant about two minutes' walk from either.

AGENDA 1913.

- Minutes of the last Meeting.
- Statement of Accounts and of Sales of Publications.
- Election of Honorary Members.
- Introduction of New Members to the President.
- Report as to the Resolution passed last year against the Welsh Church Bill.
- To receive and discuss the Reports of the following Committees:
 - Peal Collection.
 - Literature.
 - Legitimate Methods.
 - Peals Analysis.
 - Towers and Belfries.
 To discuss the following:—
- The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung.
- That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major.

- That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject.
- To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal.
- To fix the place of meeting for next year
- Other business, if any.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

The President of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, Mr. C. L. Routledge, of 62, Jesmond Road, Newcastle-on-Tyne, announces the following arrangements, which he has most kindly made with a view to furthering the comfort and enjoyment of those attending the Council. Anyone needing further help or information is requested to communicate with him.

On Monday, May 12th, a room has been reserved in the County Hotel, facing the Central Station, from 7 p.m., for the reception and entertainment of representatives and friends on their arrival. Visitors should ask at the hotel office for the "Prince of Wales' Room." There will be handbells and music.

Visitors able to be present at the Whitsuntide meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Association at North Shields and Whitley Bay will be heartily welcomed and entertained by the members. Formal notice of this meeting appears in the columns of this paper.

Arrangements will be made for a Central Council peal on the ten bells at Newcastle Cathedral on Monday, May 12th, at 5.30 p.m. Tenor 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

Peals will be arranged for those spending the week-end in the district if they will kindly send in their names in good time.

Previous to the soiree and conversazione, which will be held as usual from 9 to 11 p.m. on Tuesday evening, at the County Hotel, there will be a smoking concert at 7.30 p.m. in the same hotel, to which all visitors and friends are invited.

Endeavours will be made to obtain rooms (private or hotel) for those writing in advance for them.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—Should any Central Council members be in Newcastle on Whit-Sunday they will find a welcome at the Cathedral. Time of service ringing 6 and 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.—E. Ferry, Honorary Secretary.

FIGURES FOR COUNCILLORS TO STUDY.

The following figures relate to a motion on the agenda:—

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21645387	2164538709	2164538709ba	2164538709badc
26143578	2615437890	2614357890ab	2615437890abcd
62415387	6251348709	6241538709ba	6251348709badc
26145837	2615384079	26145380769a	26153840769dac
62418573	6251830497	6241850367a9	6251830467d9ca
26481537	2658103479	26481053769a	26581034769dac
	6285014397	6284013567a9	6285014367d9ca
	6825104937	682410365a79	682510463d7c9a
	8652019473	86420163a597	86520164d3c7a9
	6850291437	6840261a3579	6850261d437c9a
			860562d13c7a9
			8066521d3c4a79
			086625d11c3a497
			80662d5c1a3479

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THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL MEETING AT LEWES.

EXCELLENT START FOR BENEVOLENT FUND.

For the first time in its history, the Sussex County Association held its annual meeting in the county town of Lewes on Saturday, but strange to relate, the attendance fell below the average. Nevertheless, the gathering was in every other way highly successful. True, there are not the outside entertainments which are to be found at those seaside resorts for which Sussex is famous, but from the ringers' point of view, Lewes has its attractions. In Southover Church, which is of Norman origin and is the burying place of Gundrada, a daughter of William the Conqueror, and her husband, William de Warrenne, there is a very tuneful peal of ten bells (one of the only two peals of ten in the county), while the tower has many interesting associations with the past doings of the county ringing organisation. The bells were available during the morning, and ringers began to gather early in the day. A company, numbering about fifty, sat down to dinner at the Bear Hotel, the Bishop of Lewes, in the unavoidable absence of the Bishop of Chichester, through indisposition, presiding. He was supported by the Master (Mr. F. B. Tompkins), the Hon. Sec. (Mr. George Watson), Miss Humble-Crofts, and Miss M. Humble-Crofts, of Waldron, the only two resident lady ringers in the association; the Rev. T. H. Windle, Rector of Southover; the Rev. Crosswell Gee, Rector of Twineham; Mr. R. C. Ford (hon. treasurer), and Councillor C. Hill (Hastings).

After dinner the loyal toast was honoured, and the Master then proposed "The Church and State." He deprecated any attempt to divorce the one from the other, and said if it came to pass it must do serious harm to both. He welcomed the presence of ladies at that gathering, for the first time in the history of the association.

The Bishop of Lewes, in responding, said the presence of ladies at that meeting was a sign of what they were coming to. In Sussex they had fourteen lady churchwardens, and now they had got some lady bell ringers. The Sussex Association was thus thoroughly up to date (hear, hear). Proceeding, he apologised for the absence of the Bishop of Chichester, who wished him to say how sorry he was he could not be with them, because there was no one who more appreciated the work which the ringers were doing than he did. He (the speaker) was glad to have the opportunity of responding to the toast, because he nearly always had a warm welcome from the ringers wherever he went. Ringers were getting higher and higher ideals in recognising that their work was church work, and that was a source of great gratification. He would not venture into the question of the relations between the Church and State, except to say that the State was in a very peculiar state just now (laughter and applause).—Councillor Hill also replied to the toast in a brief speech.

OFFICERS RE-ELECTED.

The business meeting was then held, and the hon. secretary read a telegram of good wishes and regret for absence from a former secretary, Mr. S. Saker.

The Bishop of Chichester was re-elected President, and the whole of the vice-presidents were also re-elected.—Mr. F. B. Tompkins was re-elected Master, and, in acknowledging the election, referred to the fact that during the last year the association had been able to establish a benevolent fund. A subject, he continued, which was coming to the fore very seriously, and which had been mentioned in "The Ringing World" several times, was the question of peal ringing in populous centres. It was undoubtedly a fact that people living near towers in towns did find fault with peal ringing, and he would not say that some of them did not have cause for complaint. If there was any illness near a tower, ringers were always ready to desist, but others were now finding fault. He hoped the members belonging to churches where there was any real cause for complaint would impress upon the responsible authorities that there were means of getting rid of any nuisance. There were three general methods which might be adopted, the partial bricking up of the louvres, glazing, or the erection of shutters. By adopting one of those methods there would be no difference in the effect in the tower, but those living near would not be annoyed in the least.

Mr. G. Watson was re-elected general secretary, and Mr. R. C. Ford, hon. treasurer. The following district secretaries were also elected: Eastern division, Mr. G. H. Howse; Central, Mr. A. D. Stone; Western, Mr. H. Evans. Messrs. White and Harfey were elected auditors, and Mr. A. Gravett, peal secretary. The Bishop of Lewes was elected a life-member, and the following were added to the membership roll: From Blacklands tower, 3; Waldron, 4 (including Miss M. Humble-Crofts, the Rector's daughter); Twineham, 1; Southover, 2; and the whole of the Barcombe band of 11 members.

SATISFACTORY FINANCES.

The following report for 1912 was presented:—

The committee again are able to report most favourably upon the financial state of the Association—a profit of nearly £20 having been made upon the year's work. Notwithstanding the fact that the general fund was depleted to the extent of £18 at the beginning of the year in order to make the reserve fund up to £50, it is now in a position to be able to augment the benevolent fund. It is hoped that the new

year may start with a balance in this fund of £25. A proposal having this object will be submitted to the annual meeting and, if carried, the committee will be able to make small donations to necessitous ringers. For the first time in the history of the association the number of peals rung during the past year has topped the century, Mr. Keith Hart—as in several previous years—appearing most prominently as a conductor. The challenge bell was won by St. Peter's, Brighton, Heene tower being but a very few points behind. Mr. Penfold, who for some years has prepared the peals' analysis, is unfortunately suffering from ill-health, and has felt himself compelled to relinquish this work. For all his past services, the committee desire to thank him, and at the same time to wish him a speedy restoration to health. Mr. A. Gravett has kindly consented to fill his place for at least a year. Eleven district meetings have been held during the year, most of them having been well attended. To those clergy who offered members so hearty a welcome—generous hospitality also having in several cases been shown—the thanks of the committee are gratefully accorded. St. Clement's, Hastings, tower (8 bells) and Twineham tower (5 bells) have become affiliated to the Association during the past year. In the latter tower, one bell has been recast, two new ones added, and a new frame and fittings supplied by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. The same firm rehung the four trebles at East Grinstead. Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, are adding two new trebles at Mayfield, the work being now nearly completed, and they have secured the contract to recast the Henfield tenor and make various repairs to the other bells and frame.

The financial statement showed that the year began with a balance in hand of £43 8s. 8d., and after meeting the expenses (£59 9s. 2d.), transferring £18 to the reserve fund and £7 7s. 7d. to the benevolent fund, there remained in hand on the general fund £36 12s. 7d. The balance to the credit of the reserve fund was £50, and in the benevolent fund £8 5s. 1d.

The report and balance sheet, which were considered very satisfactory, were adopted.

THE BENEVOLENT FUND.

The Hon. Secretary then moved that the benevolent fund be raised to £25 by taking the necessary balance from the general fund. He said last year they dipped into their general fund to raise the reserve fund to £50. They had made a profit of nearly £20 on the year's working, and he thought they might very well dip into the fund again to the extent of some £17, in order to start a fresh year with a benevolent fund of £25, which would enable them to meet any case of emergency. He thought they might congratulate themselves upon having done so well in the matter of finance in the last two years (hear, hear).—Mr. K. Hart seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The rules for the administration of the benevolent fund were next considered, and after slight amendment were adopted in the following form:—

1. No benefactions shall be paid unless there is money in hand in the benevolent fund.
2. All applications shall be made in writing setting out the reasons for the application and must be supported by the secretary of the local band if the applicant is an ordinary member, and if an independent member by someone of local standing who shall testify that the applicant has been for five years and is then a member of the Association, and as to whether the application is a deserving one.
3. Applications shall be forwarded to the general secretary, who shall at once submit them to a sub-committee and obtain their opinion thereon through the post. The sub-committee shall consist of the general secretary, the treasurer, the divisional secretary and the members of the committee of the division in which the applicant resides.
4. Benefactions will be paid to the applicant direct by the treasurer, who shall act on the written authority of a majority of the sub-committee.
5. No alteration in or addition to the above rules shall be made except in accordance with rule XVI of the Association.

A RECORD YEAR OF PEALS.

At the request of Mr. Gravett, the peals secretary, it was resolved that in future, for the purpose of analysis, any new resident member ringing a peal, or any old member transferring to another tower, shall notify the peal secretary or divisional secretary as to which tower he belongs, and for which he wishes his peal points to count.

The following resolution was also passed: "That the committee be requested to consider and report upon the advisability of an alteration to rule III, to enable each division in future to elect annually its own district secretary and its representatives on the committee."

It was decided by a large majority to hold the next meeting at Brighton, an amendment in favour of East Grinstead being defeated.

On the motion of Mr. G. H. Howse, it was resolved to place on record the Association's appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. Keith Hart, and its congratulations to him upon having rung 500 peals for the Association.

The Master announced that the number of peals rung by the Association last year was 107, which was a record (applause). They had never topped the century before. What their position would be among other Associations he did not know. He proposed a vote of thanks to the Bishop for presiding, and for the sermon he was going to preach later; to the Rector of Southover for the use of the bells, and to the

choir for their services.—The Hon. Secretary, in seconding, said they were especially grateful to the Rector of Southover for the trouble he had taken and the interest he had shown in connection with that meeting.—The motion was unanimously carried, and this terminated the business.

THE BISHOP'S ADDRESS.

A service at Southover Church followed, there being a large congregation, including many parishioners. The singing was led by the choir, and the specially appointed service was conducted by the Rector. The Bishop of Lewes preached from the text, "He that soundeth the trumpet say by me" (Nehemiah iv, 18). He said there were many ways of approaching the subject of ringing church bells. It might be approached, and rightly approached, from the point of view of the science of bell ringing. They might also approach it as an art, for it was one of the most delicate and difficult of arts; one which was capable of great perfection, which entailed an immense amount of practice, and which a man could not get really good at unless he devoted considerable time to it. He wanted, however, to turn their thoughts that afternoon to the ringing of bells, from a church point of view, and his text, he thought, expressed very much what a band of bell ringers ought to be in any parish. Having explained the biblical reference to the who sounded the trumpet, the Bishop went on to say that in parochial life, the duty of the bell ringers was to be in close touch with the Vicar, and, when the time came for public worship, to give forth in no uncertain note upon the bells, the intimation to the people to concentrate within the church. If they did their duty, and the people who heard the bells did their duty, God would do the rest, and there would be no fear that the parish would not be a faithful witness for Christ. He could not help saying in closing that he thought they might take even a higher line and say that they all desired that the bell ringers of that great county should so bear witness in their lives to the truth which they believed, and to the church to which they belonged, they should sound their trumpet so clearly, that when Christ claimed them, as he would claim them all, and they came into His presence He would be able to say of every bell ringer, "He that soundeth the trumpet is by Me."

Subsequently a variety of touches were rung on the bells, and some useful practice obtained by those whose opportunities of ringing upon ten bells is very limited.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

A SATISFACTORY YEAR.

The Essex Association, according to the report for 1912, which has just been issued, has had a most gratifying year. It has been, says the report, one of the most prosperous and encouraging in the whole of the Association's existence. Although the income had not been quite sufficient to meet all liabilities, the total worth of £106 1s. 6½d., against £106 6s. 1½d. for 1911 showed only a shrinkage of 4s. 7d. The large attendance at the annual meeting and the efforts during the summer months to reach outlying towers accounted for the extra expenditure. The missionary expeditions were most successful. Whole companies joined at Foxearth, Weden Ambo, Orsett, Stanford-le-Hope, Shenfield and Ingatestone. They were met at most of the towers by the incumbent and ringers, and heartily welcomed. The newly formed bands at All Saints', Colchester, Pentlow and Great Waltham were among the latest recruits. With a net increase of 73 for the year, and a grand total of 846, the association was within measurable distance of the coveted position of a membership of 1,000. Peal ringing showed an improvement—66 against 49 the year previous. Although not a record, it was a very satisfactory list, both in quality and variety. Forty-nine peals were rung upon tower bells and seven upon hand-bells. To attain this result 175 members took part, and 27 shared the conducting.

The adding of a treble and the recasting and rehangings in an iron frame the old ring of five at Sible Hedingham appeared to be the only belfry improvement during the year. Here again, a band had been formed, and was making excellent progress under the able tuition of Mr. Lewis Wiseman. The selection of Kelvedon for the first movable annual meeting proved a great success, and the large attendances at the district meetings was ample proof of the increased interest taken by the members generally in promoting the welfare of the Association. The report, which is signed by the Master (Mr. C. H. Howard), concludes with reference to the energy displayed by the hon. secretary, auditors, and district officers in carrying out their respective duties, and adds that so long as the Association has among its ranks such members ready to place their services at its disposal, its continued success is assured.

A bye-meeting of the South Western Division was held at St. Mary's, Chigwell, on Saturday, and was attended by about 30 members. Various methods were rung during the afternoon and evening, and tea and business meeting was held at the School House. The following new members were elected: Messrs. A. Stroud, J. Weaver, and J. Horwood, of Little Heath; and Messrs. R. E. Pellatt, H. J. Sudell, C. Gray, S. N. R. Cooper, G. N. Orford, of St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, non-resident ringing members.—Votes of thanks were accorded the Vicar of Chigwell for the use of the bells, and to the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness, and for making arrangements for the tea

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

RINGING MEETING AT RIPLEY.

A monthly meeting of the Derby District was held at Ripley on Saturday week, and owing to the inclemency of the weather, there was only a small attendance. Members were present from Alfreton, Darley Dale, Denby, Derby, and the local company.—The Rev. G. D. Smith presided at the meeting, held in the belfry, and welcomed the Association once more to Ripley.

The next meeting will be held at Duffield in May, on a date to be arranged by the hon. secretary.

Ringings were kept up during the afternoon and evening, the following methods being rung: Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Kent Treble Bob Major, Double Norwich Major, and Superlative Surprise Major.

It is to be regretted that the cycling members were prevented from coming owing to heavy rain all the afternoon, and it is hoped they will come to the Duffield meeting in large numbers, seeing that this is one of the very few opportunities of having a meeting in a ten-bell tower.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Manchester branch was held at St. Anne's, Denton, on Saturday, when only a poor response was made to the invitation, three visitors only turning up, after the local company had done their best to make the members comfortable, and getting the use of the choir vestry for the meeting. But what was lacking in numbers was made up for in ringing, for touches brought round included Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob, 720 Kent and 360 Woodbine, and the visitors got an introduction to Killamarsh, rung by the local company. Ringing ceased about 9 o'clock, when the party were grumbled at, not for going on so long, but for stopping too soon.

Some excuse for non-attendance was a peal attempt on the one side, and a committee meeting in Cheshire on the other, St. Anne's parish being partly in Cheshire, and the company members of the Chester Guild. On leaving, a pressing invitation was extended to the branch to come again, and in larger numbers.

The monthly meeting of the Bolton branch was held at St. Bartholomew's, on Saturday, when ten members were present. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Newchurch.

SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE.

By CHARLES HENRY HATTERSLEY.

No. 1	5056					No. 2	5056				
	23456	B	M	W	H		23456	B	M	W	H
	45236			—	—		42356				—
	24536			—	—		65324	—	—	—	—
	32546			—	—		36524				—
	54326			—	—		23564				—
	35426			—	—		62534				—
	43526			—	—		53624				—
	62534	—	—	—	—		25634				—
	56234			—	—		63254				—
	35264			—	—		26354				—
	63254			—	—		32654				—
	25634			—	—		46253	—	—	—	—
	32654			—	—		24653				—
	65324	—	—	—	—		62453				—
	36524			—	—		35426				—
	53624			—	—		45623				—
	63425	—	—	—	—		45236	x			—
	52436	—	—	—	—		24536				—
	64235	—	—	—	—		52436				—
	26435			—	—		43526				—
	42635			—	—		54326				—
	42356	x		—	—		25346				—
	34256			—	—		34256				—
	23456			—	—		23456				—

These two peals, which are as one in composition, have reversed course-ends, with 4th and 6th in 5-6 without recourse to bobs "Before," and with 3rd and 5th extent in fifth's with all the 8-3-7's and 8-5-7's respectively; also, without 2nd or 3rd being in sixth's place in peal No. 1. Each of these has the 4th and 6th their extent in sixth's on this plan. It should be understood that bobs "Before" cut out two of the best leads in a course, viz., the Middles and the Wrongs. Therefore, the less use of such calls the better it is for the musical value of a composition. These two peals are productive of a large number of variations, with 4th, 5th and 6th exclusively in sixth's place, and also with 5th and 6th reversed course-ends. The key-note to this class of compositions is mainly due to the skeleton calling as at foot, and was first applied to a peal in this method by C. H. H. in 1887, and published March 10th, 1888.

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PRESENTATION AT TROWBRIDGE. GIFT TO THE "FATHER OF THE BELFRY."

As we briefly announced last week, Mr. W. McCaffrey, "the father of the belfry," at Trowbridge, who has been a ringer at the Parish Church for 56 years, has been presented with a handsome clock, in recognition of his services. The interesting event took place at the Rectory on Mr. McCaffrey's 70th birthday, the presentation being made by the Rector, who said that for the last 56 years at least Mr. McCaffrey had been an active member of the band of ringers, and even before that he knew he had some part in the ringing—from the time he was 12 years of age. During that time he had seen many changes in and around the church, and if Mr. McCaffrey chose to look round the walls of that room he would see the portraits of eight different Rectors he had served under. He (the speaker) was the last Rector, but he was most glad to have the opportunity and privilege of voicing what he felt all his predecessors would have expressed, their real gratitude for all the help given them in the belfry. Since Mr. McCaffrey started ringing there had been changes in the bells. They had been restored and improved twice, and they now had a band of ringers equal, if not superior, to any they had had in the past. All the ringers present would agree with him that much of the credit for that was due to Mr. McCaffrey, who was in a sense the father of the belfry. He had trained many of those who had rung with him, and it was the wish of all to mark in some way their sense of gratitude and affection for him. So the ringers and some other friends who had joined with them asked if he would accept at their hands that clock. It was but a little token of all the debt of gratitude he felt sure they all realised they owed to him.

A massive marble clock, with best French movement, was then handed by the Rector to Mr. McCaffrey with best wishes for his continued good health. A plate on the clock is inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Mr. William McCaffrey by his fellow ringers and other friends at the Parish Church, Trowbridge, on his completing 56 years' faithful service in the belfry. April 22nd, 1913."

HOW MR. McCAFFREY BEGAN TO RING.

Mr. McCaffrey, in reply, said he felt that it was very kind of the Rector to voice the kindly words he had for his humble services. He had always had great pleasure in ringing, and had been fascinated with it from a boy. He had plenty of facility himself for doing a little ringing, because the bells frequently were going. There was the school bell, five minutes previous to school-time, and lads had the advantage of ringing this. On Sunday mornings there were the prayer bells, at eight o'clock, although there was no service, and at a quarter to nine when they went to school on Sunday morning. A prayer bell, too, went in the week, on Thursday night, at five o'clock. So that he was not lacking opportunity to practice. He expected no such thing as that beautiful present, and he supposed no one ever had such a thing in Trowbridge belfry before. He thought Mr. Hector had had a hand in this. Anyhow, he thanked both him and all the other ringers and subscribers to the present.

Mr. S. J. Hector said how grateful they all felt to Mr. McCaffrey for the trouble he had taken with them. He was sure they had a very good band, and it was Mr. McCaffrey who had got them on. It had been a lot of trouble for him to do so, but he was rewarded now. He would be able to walk the streets, and hear the bells in the tower with satisfaction.

Mr. Raison said he was the only one left of the old band, and he remarked what a fine band they had to-day.—Mr. W. Mackay endorsed what the Rector had said.

Refreshments were then handed round by the kindness of the Rector and Mrs. Nash.

A peal recorded elsewhere was rung in honour of Mr. McCaffrey's 70th birthday.

A RUNAWAY CHURCH AND BELL. REMARKABLE INCIDENT OF AMERICAN FLOOD.

At the height of the recent destructive flood in the Western States of America, a wooden church surmounted by a tower was seen, partly submerged, racing down the Ohio river, pitching and tossing like an ocean vessel in a gale. Sailing by cities and towns, its career was finally arrested on the higher part of Blennerhasset Island, two miles from Parkersburg, West Virginia, where it was found stranded upon the subsidence of the waters. This island was bought by Blennerhasset, the gifted Irish lawyer, in 1798, and became the rendezvous for the gathering of arms and the training of volunteers in the conspiracy of 1805.

The structure, thus so unexpectedly landed in their midst, was promptly taken possession of by the enterprising inhabitants, who hauled it by means of rollers and windlass to a central situation where it was secured upon a stable foundation, and will be hereafter utilised for religious worship, as originally intended. In the tower was suspended a bell weighing nearly one-half ton. The building contained nothing to indicate the sect, or denomination, of its former worshippers, nor its point of departure. While it would be impracticable to remove the errant church from the island, it is probable that claimants will appear later to demand the restoration of the bell.

It's an ill-flood that wafts nobody any good.

THE LOUGHBOROUGH FOUNDRY.

MESSRS. TAYLOR AND CO.'S ACTIVITIES.

The Loughborough foundry continues to work at full pressure, and the following work has just been completed:—

WARSOP, Notts.—The treble, 2nd and tenor recast and the peal of four rehung with new fittings in a new framework. Tenor, 7 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.

SOUTHAM, Warwick.—The ring of six rehung with new fittings in a new framework. Dedicated last Saturday fortnight. Two new trebles to complete the octave will be fixed this week. Tenor, 15 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.

KILSBY, Northants.—The three largest bells of the peal of four recast (they were cracked by the fire when the tower was burnt out a few months ago), and the peal rehung with new fittings in a new framework. Dedicated last Tuesday. Tenor, 10 cwt. 1 qr. 3 lbs.

MAYFIELD, Sussex.—Two new trebles added to complete the octave. Weight of these two bells 6 and 6½ cwt.

The following works are now being fixed in the towers, viz.:—
OSWALD TWISTLE, Lancs.—The old peal of six rehung with entirely new fittings in a new iron framework, and two new trebles added to complete the octave. These bells were dedicated on Tuesday last.

LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.—A new peal of eight is being hung to replace the old peal. The new bells are, of course, being supplied with new fittings, and are being hung in a new iron framework, which framework is made to take four more bells to complete a peal of twelve. The two tenors of the old peal are being retained (these two bells date from 1606 to 1593), and will be hung with new fittings and framework, to be used as service bells. New tenor 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. The bells will be dedicated to-morrow (Saturday).

The following will be hung shortly:—

SOUTHPORT, HOLY TRINITY, Lancs.—A single bell, weighing two tons, is nearly ready for fixing.

CREWTON MENDIP, Som.—The old ring of six is being recast into a new peal of eight, tenor about 23 cwt. The new peal will be hung with new fittings and framework.

RAINHAM, Kent.—The peal of six bells are being rehung with new fittings in a new iron framework, the framework being prepared for two new smaller bells to complete the octave.

TREBLE BOB WITH TWIN HUNT.

BY FREDERICK DENCH.

Something entirely new in Treble Bob construction has been sent us for publication by Mr. F. Dench, of the College Youths. It is Kent Treble Bob with a twin hunt, and the following is a lead and peal in the method.

	5088			
	23456	M	W	H
12345678				
21346587				
12435678				
21436587				
24163357	46532	2	2	2
42613875	52364	2	2	2
24168357	64235	2	1	2
42618375	45236	2		2
	34256		2	

Twice repeated.

46281735
64827153
64281735
46827153

48672513
84765231
84672513
48765231

47856321
74583612
74856321
47583612

45738162
54371826
54738162
45371826

43517286
34152763
34517286
43152768

41325678
14235687
41326587
14236587
12463857

Single
14235678

This method is the first produced with a dodging twin hunt. It will run to 10 and 12 bells, the same as ordinary Treble Bob.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

EDGBASTON, BIRMINGHAM.—On recent Sundays, for service, 720 Bob Minor and 720 Oxford Bob: H. Withers (conductor) 1, W. Bryant 2, T. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardner 5, J. Johnson 6. Also 720 Stedman Minor: W. Bryant 1, T. Russam 2, J. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardner 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6; and two 720's Stedman Minor, with T. Bratton 2. 720 Double Court: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryant 2, T. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardner 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. 720 Grandsire Minor: W. Bryant 1, J. Johnson 2, T. Collinson 3, J. Eaton 4, A. Gardner 5, H. Withers (conductor) 6. Also a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles: J. Johnson 1, W. Bryant 2, H. Withers (conductor) 3, J. Collett 4, J. Eaton 5, S. Freemantle (first quarter-peal) 6.

FOLKESTONE.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Sunday, for evening service, 1218 Grandsire Triples, in 44 mins.: G. Millen 1, J. Henley 2, S. Boar 3, G. Foord 4, A. Kedwell 5, F. Nye 6, W. H. Wood (conductor) 7, W. Knight 8. Composed by Mr. S. Barker, in whose honour it was rung in celebration of his 87th birthday. This touch contains Tittums, Queens and Whittingtons.

PORTSEA.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, 504 Stedman Triples: A. S. Beer 1, J. Harris 2, J. Symonds 3, J. Wheeler 4, F. Thornton 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, J. Smith 8.—On March 30th, 504 Stedman: J. Harris 1, J. Symonds 2, C. Groves 3, J. Wheeler 4, W. Witham 5, C. Creasy 6, E. J. Harding (conductor) 7, S. Thomas 8.

STANSTED.—Essex Association.—On Easter Day, for early service, at the Parish Church, 360 Oxford Treble Bob. For morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, H. Little 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, T. Jordan 5, T. J. Watts 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, W. T. Prior 8.—On March 26th, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. T. Prior 2, G. Jordan 3, F. M. Butler 4, H. J. Tucker 5, T. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8. Also 503 Grandsire Triples, H. J. Tucker, conductor.—On March 29th, for morning service, 504 Stedman Triples: G. Gray 1, W. Prior 2, J. Luckey 3, W. T. Prior 4, T. J. Watts 5, G. Jordan 6, W. Watts (conductor) 7, F. Potter 8.

TENBY, SOUTH WALES.—On March 2nd, at the Parish Church, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples (1260 changes), taken from Carter's Twelve-part, in 53 mins.: T. John 1, T. Griffiths 2, P. P. Peacock 3, W. Jenkins 4, L. Jenkins 5, A. Rees 6, R. H. Jenkins (conductor) 7, A. Richards 8. Rung as a compliment to the conductor, who celebrated his 50th birthday on the same day.

WOKING.—At St. Peter's Church, on March 31st, a quarter-peal of Bob Minor, in 47 mins., with the bells half-muffled as a mark of respect to the late Lord Wolsley, on the occasion of his funeral in St. Paul's Cathedral: W. Edwards 1, W. Lee 2, R. Hampton 3, J. Street 4, J. Brackley (conductor) 5, T. Strudwick 6.

HULL.—Yorkshire Association.—On Sunday, March 30th, at Holy Trinity Church, 896 Grandsire Triples: J. Hedges 1, F. Dale 2, C. Jackson (conductor) 3, F. Merrison 4, D. Meadler 5, E. Cutsforth 6, T. Whitfield 7, J. Chamberlain 8. For evening service, 539 Grandsire Caters: F. Dale 1, C. Jackson 2, T. Stockdale 3, E. Cutsforth 4, G. Dowling 5, J. Highfield 6, T. Morton 7, G. T. Miller 8, W. Brown 9, F. Merrison 10.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.—On Easter Day, for early service, 720 and 240 Bob Minor. For morning service, 720 Oxford Treble Bob and 108 Bob Minor. For evening service, 720 and 108 Bob Minor. After evening service, 360 Bob Minor. The following took part: G. Bertram, W. Mellin, F. Naunton, A. J. Naunton, F. W. Naunton, J. Spencer, F. Keeley (Redenhall). The conducting was shared by J. Spencer and F. W. Naunton.

BRIDGEND, GLAMORGAN.—At St. Illtyd's Church, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples: W. Evans 1, T. J. Evans 2, R. Gregory 3, A. J. Stanley 4, W. Smith 5, R. James (conductor) 6, J. Evans 7, B. Toby 8. For evening service, 504 Stedman Triples: *A. J. Stanley 1, T. J. Evans 2, R. Gregory 3, J. Cox 4, W. Smith 5, R. James 6, R. Evans (conductor) 7, A. Hardwick 8. *First 504 Stedman. Rung on the occasion of the dedication of a new pulpit, the gift of Mr. R. K. Pritchard, of Bryntirion.

LEICESTER.—At St. Martin's Church, on Sunday, March 16th, 700 Stedman Caters: G. Pilmore 1, S. Cotton 2, H. G. Jenney 3, A. Pettit (first in the method as conductor) 4, Louis Allen 5, F. H. Dexter (composer) 6, L. Allen 7, C. H. Fowler 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.—On March 29th, at St. Margaret's Church, 609 Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, J. Morris 2, G. Pilmore 3, A. Pettitt 4, C. H. Fowler 5, S. Cotton 6, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 7, E. Morris 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10.—On Sunday, March 30th, at St. Martin's, 831 Stedman Caters: G. Cleal 1, S. Cotton 2, L. E. Allen 3, A. Pettitt 4, J. O. Lancashire 5, E. Morris 6, T. L. Allen 7, F. H. Dexter (conductor) 8, A. Martin 9, T. Taylor 10. Rung on the occasion of a visit by Mr. Geo. Cleal, of Ireland, late of St. Martin's, Leicester.

ISLEWORTH.—On March 30th, for morning service, 504 Grandsire Triples, to celebrate the marriage of Miss J. Beadle, youngest daughter of the local captain. A 504 Grandsire Triples was also rung after the ceremony. Also, for evening service, 504 in the same method. The ringers taking part were: E. Webb, G. Ranson, A. Beckensale, T. Beadle, A. Sheard, F. Goddard, G. Miles, W. New, C. Dell, W. Biggs, G. Spencer.

NEWPORT PAGNELL, BUCKS.—On April 2nd, 518 Grandsire Triples: W. Ellis 1, J. W. Unwin (conductor) 2, W. F. Smith 3, F. C. Mapley (first 500) 4, E. Lathall 5, F. C. Tompkins 6, W. Webb 7, H. Warren (first 500) 8.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.—At St. Michael's Church, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 46 mins.: W. Chapman 1, W. Andrews, junr., 2, F. Norman 3, E. Chapman 4, H. Norman 5, A. J. Andrews 6, R. Scott (first quarter as conductor) 7, R. Chapman 8. Also 168 Grandsire Triples, with A. Tout (first touch), treble. Also recently, 504 Grandsire Triples, in which E. Biffin took part, ringing the treble, it being his first 504 Triples on the treble.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.—On April 1st, a date touch of Minor, in 1 hr., in the following methods: Plain Bob, Double Court, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob: G. Southgate (longest length) 1, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 2, H. Lewis 3, F. White 4, J. Owers 5, A. Appleton 6. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringers of the treble and 3rd.—On April 2nd, 720 Norwich Surprise: G. Southgate 1, H. Lewis 2, J. D. Buckingham (conductor) 3, F. White 4, G. H. Neville 5, A. Appleton 6. First 720 in the method on the bells, and by the local company.

BEEXHILL, SUSSEX.—On April 2nd, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, but, unfortunately, was lost after 40 mins, ringing: G. Richardson 1, E. J. Pannett 2, F. S. Sturt 3, G. H. Sturt 4, G. Billeney 5, A. J. Turner 6, R. J. Dawe 7, C. Errey 8. Afterwards, Mr. C. Errey entertained the party at the Bell Hotel to a substantial repast, for which a hearty vote of thanks were returned to him. Mr. Billeney hails from Rye, Mr. R. J. Dawe from Seaford, the rest belong to Lewes.

MIDDLETON, LANCs.—On March 23rd, for early Communion, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 46 mins.: J. Hollows 1, J. Arrowsmith, senr., 2, T. Oldham 3, T. K. Driver 4, E. B. Shaw (conductor) 5, T. Ogden 6, D. Renshaw 7, T. Wellens 8.

LONDON.—On April 6th, at St. James', Clerkenwell, for evening service, 720 Grandsire Doubles, with 4, 6, 8 covering, in 26 mins., being six 120's each called differently: G. C. Rogers 1, C. J. W. Alderton 2, W. A. Goodman 3, R. J. Hughes 4, G. T. Green 5, R. W. Rixon 6, A. E. Millett (conductor) 7, E. Barber 8. Longest length by all.

CROYDON, SURREY.—On April 6th, for evening service, at St. Peter's Church, 1259 Grandsire Caters, in 48 mins.: *W. Gammon 1, E. Miles 2, *F. Larby 3, W. Ives 4, G. Burt 5, H. Lover 6, F. Bennett (conductor) 7, F. Hairs 8, *C. Kitching 9, D. Wright 10. *First quarter-peal of Grandsire Caters.

OLDHAM.—Lancashire Association.—On April 6th, for men's service, a date touch of Grandsire Caters, at the Parish Church, in 1 hr. 17 mins.: H. Wright 1, S. M. Butterworth 2, A. Clegg 3, S. Stott (conductor) 4, C. Marsland 5, A. Waite 6, J. H. Bastow 7, H. E. Fielding 8, I. Schofield 9, J. Garlich 10. Messrs. A. Clegg and I. Schofield belong to Glodwick; the rest to the local band.

WESTMINSTER.—At St. Margaret's Church, on Sunday, April 6th, for evening service, 1193 Stedman Caters: F. Davis 1, W. Wise 2, E. Gibbs 3, W. Hewett (conductor) 4, F. Perrin 5, A. J. Trollope 6, A. W. Grimes 7, J. E. Davis 8, T. Groombridge, senr., 9, J. Bailey 10.

WALTHAMSTOW.—At St. Saviour's Church, on April 7th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: J. C. Adams 1, C. Hughes 2, G. W. Cooper 3, H. Rumens 4, W. J. Cooper 5, G. B. Lucas (conductor) 6. Also 419 Grandsire Triples: S. E. Townsend 1, H. Rumens (conductor) 2, C. Hughes 3, J. C. Adams 4, H. J. Cantor 5, G. W. Cooper 6, G. B. Lucas 7, O. L. Twist 8. These touches were rung as a farewell to Mr. S. E. Townsend, who was leaving Walthamstow for Ramsgate.

THETFORD.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—On Sunday, April 6th, 1008 Bob Major: T. Staggs 1, L. Dickerson 2, F. J. Poulson 3, A. Macro 4, T. Fitzjohn 5, F. Salter (conductor) 6, W. Everett 7, C. Carter 8. Rung for evening service, and in honour of the conductor's birthday.

PUTNEY.—On April 5th, at the Parish Church, for a wedding, a quarter-peal of Bob Major (1264 changes), in 47 minutes: H. Whanslaw 1, T. Bolton 2, W. Honeyball 3, G. W. Honeyball 4, C. Collis, junr., 5, A. Hubbard (composer and conductor) 6, B. Morris (first quarter in the method) 7, A. Jones 8.

GLASBURY.—For evening service, on Good Friday, with the bells half-muffled, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 53 mins.: B. Jones 1, J. N. Vizer 2, L. Lewis 3, J. P. Hyett 4, E. R. Jones 5, W. James 6.—For early service, Easter morning, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles, in 47 mins.: T. Drew 1, B. Jones (first quarter with a bob bell) 2, J. N. Vizer 3, L. Lewis 4, J. P. Hyett 5, E. R. Jones 6. Both quarters conducted by J. P. Hyett, with 10 different callings.

NORTH WINGFIELD.—East Derbyshire Association.—On Sunday, March 23rd, for service, 1008 Bob Major: W. Waddington 1, W. Barker (longest touch) 2, J. P. Tarlton 3, W. Butler (conductor) 4, J. T. Butler 5, T. Clough 6, R. Hall (Doncaster) 7, W. Wain 8.—On April 4th, 720 Bob Minor: Miss Wain 1, W. Butler 2, J. P. Tarlton 3, A. Butler 4, J. T. Butler (conductor) 5, W. Wain 6. Longest length by Miss Wain, who is to be congratulated on her success, as she only commenced the art a few weeks ago.

WEST GRINSTEAD, SUSSEX.—On March 31st, 720 Cambridge Surprise: J. Howell 1, T. Adams 2, H. Turrell 3, G. Lucas (conductor) 4, W. Denman, junr., 5, W. Denman, senr., 6.—On April 5th, 720 Double Oxford, by the same ringers, conducted by W. Denman, senr. First 720 in the method by all except conductor.

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 May 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 13th and 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 20th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on the 13th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, all the others 8 p.m. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD FOR THE DIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM.—Established 1755.—A service for the dedication of the new second bell will be held at St. Martin's Church on Saturday, May 10th, at 4 o'clock.—A. Paddon Smith, Honorary Secretary, 11, Albert Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting will be held at Shore Church on Saturday, May 10th, 1913 (instead of Walsden, as selected). Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary, 13, Norman Street, North Moor, Oldham.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Basingstoke District.—Quarterly meeting at Whitchurch on Saturday, May 10th. Bells (6) from 4 o'clock. Service 5.30. Tea and business meeting at the Church Hall 6.15.—F. G. Hume, District Secretary, Oakley, Basingstoke.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Widnes and Framworth on Saturday, May 10th. Bells ready at 4. Tea at 5.30. Members intending being present please send word to Walter Hughes, 3, Shrewsbury Place, Garston.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—The annual general meeting will be held at Rochester on Whitsun Monday, May 12th. Service at the Cathedral 4 p.m. Tea at Victoria Hall, Star Hill, 5.30 p.m.—Fred J. O. Helmore, Honorary Secretary, Canterbury.

CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Thrapston on Whit-Monday, May 12th. The bells of Thrapston and Islip will be at liberty for ringing from 10 a.m. to 11.45, and from 3 to 7.30. Service at the Parish Church, Thrapston, at 12 noon. Luncheon, with meeting to follow, at the White Hart Hotel at 1 o'clock. Members 1s. each. Non-members 2s. each.—F. Wilford, General Secretary, 149, Ashburnham Road, Northampton.

LADIES' GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Birmingham on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Tea and meeting at Harborne at 4.30. St. Martin's (12) bells will be available at 12.30, and Selly Oak and Harborne (8) during the afternoon and evening. Gentlemen cordially invited.—E. K. Parker, Honorary Secretary, 97, Edenbridge Road, Bush Hill Park, Enfield.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held on Whit-Monday at West Ham. Service at the Parish Church at 11.30. Business meeting at Mason Hall at 12.30. Dinner in the same place at 1.30. Ringers desirous of using the adjacent towers either before or after dinner, had better apply to Mr. G. Black, Mayfield, Grand Avenue, Woodford Green.—Henry T. W. Eyre, Honorary Secretary, Great Totham, Witham.

NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Walsoken on Whitsun-Monday, May 12th. Bells of Walsoken (6) and Wisbech (10) available all day. Dinner at the Bell, Walsoken, at 1.30 p.m. at 1s. 6d. each. Non-members of the Association are cordially invited.—C. E. Borrett, Secretary, 12, Grove Avenue, Norwich.

EAST DERBYSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Alfreton District.—A meeting will be held at Crich on Whit-Monday, May 12th. Bells (6) ready at 2 p.m. Tea at 4 p.m., 6d. each. All ringers and friends invited.—Fred Watkinson, District Secretary, 13, Park Street, Alfreton.

CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Ripon on Whit-Monday, May 12th, 1913. The bells at the Cathedral are available for ringing 11 to 12.30 a.m., 2.30 to 5, and 6 to 9 p.m., and the Parish Church bells, Sharow, from 10.15 a.m. Committee meeting at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 11.30 a.m. Dinner will be provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, 12.30, members 1s., non-members 2s. 6d. each. Ringers attending the Central Council meeting to be held at Newcastle-on-Tyne that can make it convenient to call at Ripon will receive a very hearty welcome to this meeting.—T. Metcalfe, 26, High Street, North Ormesby, Middlesbrough.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.—The Whit-Monday meeting will be held at North Shields. Christ Church bells available all day except between 11.15 and 12 a.m. Committee meeting will be held at the Bath Hotel, Tynemouth, at 1 p.m. Dinner 1.30 p.m. All visitors will be heartily welcomed and entertained to dinner if they will kindly send word to the secretary before May 6th that they are likely to be present.—R. Stephenson, Joint Honorary Secretary, 2, Cleveland Terrace, West Hartlepool.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A general ringing meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, May 17th, commencing at 5 p.m.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Ecclesfield (8 bells) on Saturday, May 17th, 1913. Tower open at 4 p.m.—J. Evenson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5.30. Business to follow. Members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Thursday, May 15th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Rugeley (6) on Saturday, May 17th. Bells available from 3 p.m.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, May 24th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The next meeting will be held at Queensbury, near Bradford, on May 24th (the fourth Saturday). For full particulars see circular.—Clement Glenn, Honorary Secretary, 11, Fisher Road, Sheffield.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson). Ringing from 4.30, short service at 6. Tea will be provided by the Vicar at 6.30 to those who notify (by May 22nd) Mr. W. Lawrence, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell. — H. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster, on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11.0. Service in the Minster at 12.15. Dinner in Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne Branch. The towers at Cranborne and St. Giles, Poole, Canford, Lytchett Matravers and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, SOUTH WIGSTON.—Mr. Albert H. Bell, 13, Irlam Street, South Wigston, to whom all correspondence concerning the bells should be addressed, has been appointed tower-keeper at the above church.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. John Jagger, late of Bee Hive, Langley Green, has removed to The Wrexham (opposite Parish Church), Oldbury. Wines and spirits of the finest quality.

BEDDINGTON, SURREY.—Mr. A. Clayton, 9, Lodge Road, Wallington, has been appointed steeple-keeper at St. Mary's Church, and to him all communications should be addressed.

GRAND PRIZE RINGING CONTEST, at St. John's Church, Kirkheaton, near Huddersfield, on Whit-Tuesday, May 13th, when prizes to the value of £17 17s. will be given. For further particulars apply to Frank Hardy, Haigh's Buildings, Lepton, near Huddersfield.

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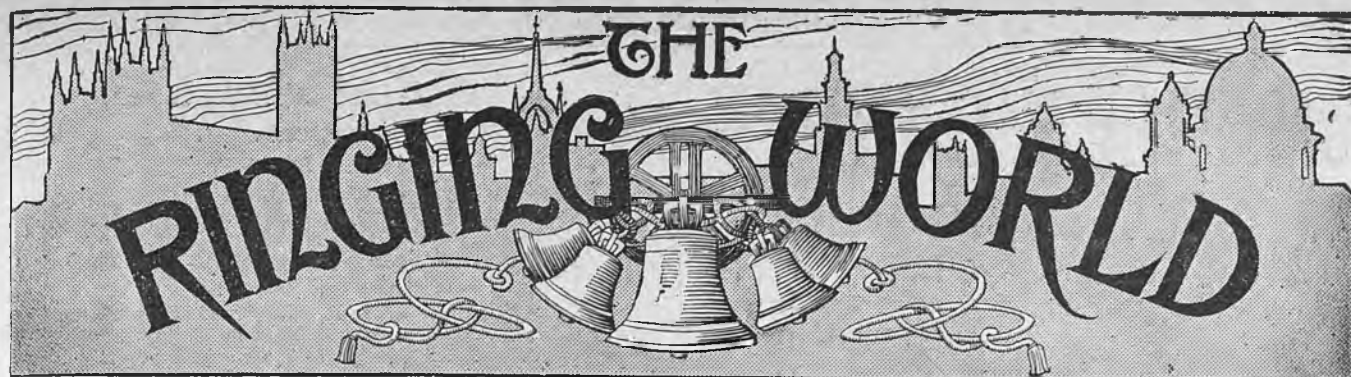
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As will have been seen from the report of the Sussex Association's annual meeting in our last issue, a very admirable foundation has been laid by that organisation for a benevolent fund, and there is now provision to the extent of £25 to assist members who may be in distress. Sussex has the proud distinction of being the first ringing association actually to adopt a scheme for such a fund—although Kent was only a week or two behind—and it is interesting to note, therefore, the basis upon which the fund is established, for it should give the lead to other societies who are still without such a scheme.

The fund in Sussex is to be composed of all life honorary subscriptions, interest from the reserve fund and such sums as shall be from time to time ordered to be paid at any general meeting. Thanks to two years of exceptional financial prosperity, the Association was able at its annual meeting the other day to vote some £17 from the general fund to raise the benevolent fund to £25—and this after voting nearly £20 to the reserve fund in the preceding year. That is how Sussex proposes to raise the money for assisting members in distress. How it proposes to administer the fund will be found in the scheme adopted at the annual meeting. Briefly each application will come before a sub-committee of six members—the general secretary and treasurer, and the divisional secretary and divisional representatives on the general committee. Thus it will have to pass the scrutiny of those best in a position to judge the merits of the case, and it will be noticed that, while proper safeguards have been taken, there is a complete absence of red-tape in the scheme.

In these matters the more simple and the more effective the means of administration the better, and in this respect we think Sussex has set an excellent example. The one omission that is noticeable is the provision of help for a widow or for orphans in the event of a ringer's death in necessitous circumstances. While cases of this kind are clearly within the spirit of the scheme, they have for the moment been excluded by the drafting of the rule, but there is no doubt this technical oversight will be remedied at the first opportunity. The point would, perhaps, hardly have been worth mentioning were it not for the fact that we desired to put on their guard any other societies who might be thinking of taking the Sussex regulations as a basis for a scheme of their own. With the working models which Sussex and Kent now provide we hope it will not be long before the country is covered with a network of these funds always ready to help a brother in need, for we are convinced that there still is and will be opportunity for valuable work to be done by this means.

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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DUNSTAN,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

ERNEST PYE... .. Treble	REUBEN SANDERS ... 6
ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
ISAAC G. SHADE... .. 3	ALBERT W. COLES ... 8
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 4	JOHN R. SHARMAN ... 9
CHARLES T. COLES ... 5	WILLIAM PYE ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

WALTHAMSTOW.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

(WALTHAMSTOW BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5067 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr. ... Treble	JAMES C. ADAMS ... 6
WILLIAM D. SMITH 2	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 7
JOHN H. WILKINS 3	ALBERT A. HUGHES... 8
FREDERICK RUMENS ... 4	FRED C. MAYNARD ... 9
HENRY J. MAYNARD 5	ROBERT MAYNARD, Senr. Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by ROBERT MAYNARD, Junr.

Rung as a birthday compliment to James C. Adams and Henry J. Maynard.

CENTRAL COUNCIL. PEAL.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

PERCY J. JOHNSON Treble	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... 6
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	KEITH HART 7
EDWIN H. LEWIS 3	REV. H. LAW JAMES ... 8
REV. A. T. BEESTON... .. 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 9
REV. H. S. RICHARDSON ... 5	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

These ten ringers represent ten different towers, and nine different associations, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson being an hon. member of the Council.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

BOCKING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

ERNEST NEWMAN... ..Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... 2	WILLIAM GRIMWADE ... 6
JAMES FLEUTY 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS 7
GEORGE MELBOURNE 4	LEONARD W. CROW... ..Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

This was the conductor's 100th peal.

GLADWICK, OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION AND
THE OLDHAM AMALGAMATION.

(ROCKDALE BRANCH.)

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

FRANK WILD... ..Treble	JOSEPH OGDEN 5
FRED CROSLAND 2	JAMES LEES 6
HARRY HAMPSON... .. 3	LUKE HAMPSON... .. 7
SAMUEL STOTT 4	ALBERT CLEGGTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by H. HAMPSON.

First peal by the newly formed Oldham Amalgamation.

NORWICH.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN DE SEPULCHRE,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

JOHN ALDIS, Senn.Treble	ALFRED FUNNELL 5
FRANK H. PHILLIPS 2	FRANK R. COPEMAN ... 6
*ARTHUR C. TYRRELL ... 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
WILLIAM W. GOODBOURN 4	WILLIAM STEELETenor

Composed by the late Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by WM. STEELE.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 6, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

DAVID G. WIGHTMANTreble	WILLIAM BURGESS 5
LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ALFRED T. WIGHTMAN ... 6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN ... 3	GEORGE WIGHTMAN 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	WILLIAM SAWYERTenor

The first peal of St. Clement's Triples by the Association and by all the band, and was rung at the first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 5th's daughter, Edna Burgess, aged 11 years.

ECCLESTON, CHESHIRE.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 3 lbs., in D.

HENRY WOODFINETreble	JAMES MORGAN 5
WILLIAM BIBBY 2	*PERCY H. SMITH 6
*FRANK UNSWORTH 3	EDWIN H. LEWIS 7
†CHARLES E. BOYERS 4	HENRY W. WILDE... ..Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. H. LEWIS.

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

EDENBRIDGE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

JAMES HEASMAN... ..Treble	GEORGE MALYAN 5
GEORGE H. STONESTREET 2	THOMAS WALLIS 6
JOHN W. STEDDY 3	WILLIAM STEED 7
ALBERT BEETON 4	HERBERT MARKWELL ...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES HEASMAN.

Rung for the Festivals of Ascension and Whitsun.

SALLE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 18 cwt., in E flat.

WILLIAM L. DUFFIELD ...Treble	ERNEST F. POPPY 5
REV. WILLIAM C. PEARSON 2	JOHN E. BURTON 6
CHARLES BAKER 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FREDERICK KNIGHTS 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK R. BORRETT.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was W. Steele's 100th peal for the Norwich Association.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PETER INCE'S VARIATION OF TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

PETER INCETreble	JOHN MAKIN 5
GEORGE PINCOTT 2	ROBERT ALLRED 6
PETER NUTTALL 3	WILLIAM PENNINGTON ... 7
JOHN NUTTALL 4	JOSEPH GREGORYTenor

Conducted by PETER INCE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to R. Allred and W. Pennington.

PULHAM.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY GARNHAMTreble	*ERNEST WHITING 5
*EDWIN WHITING 2	*GEORGE SNELLING 6
*JOHN SNELLING 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
*FREDERICK SEAGER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ...Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method in the county by a resident band since the peal at Norwich in 1835—the first rung in the method.

BLEWBURY, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

THOMAS EASTTreble	G. FREDERICK JAMES ... 5
*WILLIAM E. NAPPER 2	RICHARD G. JAMES 6
RICHARD G. RICE 3	JAMES S. NAPPER 7
WILLIAM J. NAPPER... .. 4	ALFRED WOODLEYTenor

Conducted by RICHARD G. RICE.

* First peal on a bob bell.

CHIPPENHAM, WILTS.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 9, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

HERBERT HULBERT Treble	FREDERICK LAMBERT 5
SAMUEL WILTSHIRE 2	FREDERICK PEARCE 6
LEONARD AMBROSE 3	LEONARD TAYLOR 7
WILLIAM HULBERT 4	HENRY POWELL Tenor

Conducted by LEONARD TAYLOR.

* First peal by the ringer of the treble and 5th.

WORSLEY, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(WORSLEY BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VARIATION OF BROOKS' FOUR-PART.

TITUS BARLOW Treble	JOHN BAGUELEY 5
FRED DERBYSHIRE 2	PERCY DERBYSHIRE 6
JOHN WEBSBY 3	JOSEPH RIDYARD 7
JOSEPH HY. RIDYARD, JUNR. 4	WILLIAM GRUNWELL Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH RIDYARD.

This is the conductor's 150th peal. Rung on the 44th birthday of the conductor and on the 73rd birthday of the eldest sister of the ringer of the 3rd, who celebrated her golden wedding at Walkden, the parish adjoining Worsley, three weeks ago.

BEESTON, NOTTS.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(BEESTON SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S VARIATION.

Tenor 19 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt.

JOSEPH WOOLLEY Treble	J. CHARLES DICKEN 5
ALBERT COPPOCK 2	WM. CLIFFORD, JUNR. 6
ARTHUR LOWE 3	PERCIVAL PRICE 7
WM. CLIFFORD, SENR. 4	FREDERICK S. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT COPPOCK.

Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the festival of Whitsuntide.

KEIGHLEY, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSON Treble	*SAM BATEMAN 5
SAMUEL B. NORFOLK 2	FIRTH HOPWOOD 6
ERNEST MORRIS 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
*THOMAS BANCROFT 4	*ROBERT W. JENNISON Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by WILLIAM B. SMITH.

* First peal in the method. Mr. Ernest Morris is a Leicester ringer and was elected a member of the above Association before starting for the peal.

ASHTREAD, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

JOHN WYATT Treble	EDWIN F. PIKE 5
WALTER S. WISE 2	FRANK BENNETT 6
FRANK I. HAIRS 3	DAVID WRIGHT 7
CHARLES DEAN 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

HANDSWORTH, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICKERS'.

Tenor 12 cwt., in F sharp.

EDWIN WOOD Treble	GEORGE GARRISON 5
WILLIAM H. JONES 2	*STEPHEN DANBY 6
JOHN CORRIGAN 3	WILLIAM G. ELLIS 7
WILLIAM G. ANKER 4	THOMAS VERRY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal with a bob bell and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to John Corrigan.

COSELEY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' ONE-PART.

Tenor 11 cwt.

WILLIAM A. COOPER Treble	JESSE SCREEN 5
HERBERT KNIGHT 2	THOMAS HUGHES 6
REUBEN HALL 3	BENJAMIN GOUGH 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 4	EDGAR T. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

Rung on the eve of the Whitsun Festival, also as a birthday compliment to Miss Gough, daughter of the 7th ringer.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt. o qr. 23 lbs.

ERNEST E. FERRY Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT 5
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 2	JOSEPH E. R. KEEN 6
R. ALDER GOFTON 3	KEITH HART 7
THOMAS T. GOFTON 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(DARLEY DALE SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF ST. CLEMENT'S TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

ADAPTED FROM HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

JOHN SIDDALL, JUNR. Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
ALFRED C. WRIGHT 2	EDWIN BLACKWALL 6
HENRY GREGORY 3	HUGH GREGORY 7
WILLIAM TAYLOR 4	JOHN W. DERBYSHIRE Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED C. WRIGHT.

First peal in the method on the bells, by all the band, and by the Association. Rung to commemorate the laying of the foundation stone of the new church at Hackney, on the 3rd instant.

KEYNSHAM, SOMERSET.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 28 cwt.

ALFRED E. REEVES Treble	WILLIAM WHITE 5
WILLIAM STOWELL 2	JOSEPH GOULD 6
ALBERT STOWELL 3	FRED G. MAY 7
HENRY HOWELL 4	URIAH BRAVEN Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

PONTEFRACT.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

BERNARD MOODY Treble	ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 6
JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 3	THOMAS M. BARKER ... 7
ARTHUR HAGUE 4	ARTHUR GILL Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Paul,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

HEYWOOD'S TEN-PART, No. 6.

Tenor 17 cwt. 0 qrs. 23 lbs.

GEORGE H. HOWSE Treble	GEORGE NAYLOR 5
JOHN S. RICHARDSON ... 2	JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 6
JAMES COTTERELL 3	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... 7
FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 4	FREDERICK SALMONS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. BARBER.

First peal of Triples on the bells.

OATLANDS, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

FERRIS SHEPHERD, Senr. ... Treble	CHARLES J. HAMBLIN ... 5
ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 2	JOHN EMERY 6
ALFRED WOODROW 3	FERRIS J. SHEPHERD ... 7
WM. A. WOODROW 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD ... Tenor

Composed by H. W. WILDE, and

Conducted by WM. SHEPHERD.

First peal on the bells. This composition contains 36 long and 12 short courses.

CARSHALTON, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WALTER S. WISE Treble	ALFRED CLAYTON 5
*ACKLAND J. PERKINS ... 2	CHARLES W. R. GRIMWOOD 6
JOSEPH A. LAMBERT ... 3	*ARTHUR DEAN 7
*DAVID WRIGHT 4	WILLIAM S. SMITH ... Tenor

Composed by the late HENRY JOHNSON, and

Conducted by ACKLAND J. PERKINS.

* First peal of Oxford Treble Bob. The conductor, who is 61 years of age, had not rung a tower peal for upwards of seven years, and was heartily congratulated by the rest of the band. It is worthy of note that this is the first occasion on which this peal has been called from a non-observation bell.

GATESHEAD, DURHAM.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

REV. A. T. BERSTON ... Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT ... 5
JOHN S. GOLDSMITH ... 2	BENJAMIN C. DIXON ... 6
KEITH HART 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. 7
EDWARD C. GOBEY 4	WILLIAM H. BARBER ... Tenor

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANGES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM J. NEVARD ... Treble	REV. W. P. WRIGHT ... 5
FRANK HOPGOOD 2	THOMAS METCALFE ... 6
E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 3	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 7
WILLIAM BIBBY 4	EDWARD C. GOBEY ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN COX, and

Conducted by EDWARD C. GOBEY.

SIX BELL PEALS.

NEWINGTON-NEXT-SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, April 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and Plain Bob, and 720 of College Single.

*CHARLES MILLARD ... Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
*HENRY MILLARD 2	VICTOR A. JARRETT, R.E. 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND ... 3	WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS.

* First peal by the ringers of treble and second, two of the local ringers for whom the peal was especially arranged.

CALVERTON, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Violet, Oxford and Kent Treble Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

LEONARD A. SMITH ... Treble	WALTER W. BONHAM ... 4
CECIL A. VALENTINE ... 2	THOMAS C. TOMPKINS ... 5
HERBERT C. EDWARDS ... 3	ALBERT J. GREEN ... Tenor

Conducted by A. J. GREEN.

OWSLEBURY, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 42 Six-Scores with six different callings.

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 1 lb., in A.

*GEORGE WRIGHT ... Treble	WALTER YOUNG 4
LEONARD S. LAMPARD ... 2	FREDERICK OXENBURY ... 5
*FRANK GLASSPOOL ... 3	*JESSE PENTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. OXENBURY.

* First peal. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for his kindness in entertaining them to supper at the Vicarage after the peal.

BENEFIELD, NORTHANTS.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

At the Church of St. Mary,

On Thursday, May 8, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being two 720's each of Double Bob and Oxford Bob, and three 720's of Plain Bob.

Tenor 8 cwt.

*REV. B. H. DURRANT FIELD Treble	THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 4
WILLIAM WALDRON 2	*HUGH BEECHEY 5
JOHN J. JUTSON 3	GEORGE JUTSON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

* First peal. This is the first peal on the bells.

ODIHAM, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES R. ELKINS... .. Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	GEORGE UPSHALL 5
ALFRED J. CROUCHER... .. 3	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal upon the bells rang in honour of Whitsun eve.

WHORLTON-IN-CLEVELAND.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford Treble Bob, four of Kent Treble Bob, and one of Bob Minor. Tenor 9 cwt.

J. GRAVES, Junr. Treble	REV. R. L. B. OLIVER 4
J. APPLETON... .. 2	J. H. BLAKISTON 5
W. RUDD 3	E. MILBURN Tenor

Conducted by J. H. BLAKISTON.

COLNE ENGAINE, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Double Court and Plain Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM... Treble	JAMES FLEUTY 4
ERNEST NEWMAN 2	JAMES FRENCH 5
FRANK CLAYDON 3	ARTHUR SAUNDERS Tenor

Conducted by A. SHUFFLEBOTHAM.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, April 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT 4, KEYTHORPE STREET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor size 14, in D.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	EDWARD NORMAN 7-8

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

Umpires: T. H. HARDY and S. SHELTON.

First peal in the method rung on handbells in the county of Leicester.

ROTHERHAM, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT 20, GERARD ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

MISS WINIFRED M. HAGUE 1-2	*ARTHUR HAGUE 5-6
CLEMENT GLENN 3-4	SIDNEY F. PALMER 7-8

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

Umpire, W. FROGGATT.

* First handbell peal in the method away from 1-2 and 7-8. First attempt for a peal in the method by Miss Hague, for whom it was rung as a birthday compliment. After the peal the ringers were entertained to supper by Mrs. Hague, to whom best thanks were accorded for her kind hospitality.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERERS, 5043 CHANCES;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 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 ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: A. J. WHITING.

First peal of Stedman Caterers rung on handbells in the above Guild.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Size 18, in G.

MAURICE SMITHER 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
HOBART E. SMITH 3-4	WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

H. E. Smith hails from Framlingham, Suffolk.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING.

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Size 18, in G.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	ALFRED H. PULLING 5-6
*HOBART E. SMITH... .. 3-4	HENRY L. GARFATH 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Triples on handbells.

The peal rung at Pentlow on April 26th should have read: First peal by J. Harrington, and first attempt; he was elected a member previous to starting the peal, not W. Wiffen as stated.

The peal at Whitchurch published last week should have been credited to the Oxford Diocesan Guild, not London.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

A SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

The annual meeting of the Sheffield District and Old East Derbyshire Amalgamated Society was held on Saturday week at Ranmoor, Sheffield, and proved very successful. Unfortunately the weather turned out very bad after a beautiful morning, but nevertheless about 80 ringers turned up from Anston, Bolsover, Bolsterstone, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Dore, Dronfield, Ecclesfield, Eckington, Gainsboro', Killamers, North Wingfield, Norton, Nottingham, Ranmoor, Rotherham, Sheffield Parish Church and St. Maries (R.C.), Staveley, Treeton, and Worksoop.

Ranmoor is, perhaps, the most beautiful of the many pleasant suburbs for which Sheffield is justly noted, and its crowning glory is undoubtedly the magnificent Church of St. John the Evangelist, probably one of the most beautiful modern ecclesiastical buildings in the country. Surrounded by many palatial residential houses, and lying over 300 feet above, and about three miles away from the centre of the city, the church has escaped the usual covering of grime with which the majority of the Sheffield Churches are coated, and its many fine architectural points were greatly admired by those present. The original building was erected in the seventies by Mr. John Newton Mappin, of the famous firm of Mappin and Webb. It was, however, with the exception of the tower and spire entirely destroyed by fire one Sunday a few years later, and within a year the present splendid building was erected in its place, and one can quite credit the report (which the writer has not verified) that upwards of £35,000 was spent on its erection. One of its most interesting features is a very fine carved oak chancel screen and Communion table recently placed there to the memory of the late Sir Frederick and Lady Mappin.

The tower contains a musical ring of eight bells (tenor 15 cwt.), by Barwell, of Birmingham. These were raised about 3.45 p.m., on the occasion of the meeting, and were kept going at intervals till 9 p.m., some good striking being heard. The methods rung included Cambridge, New Cambridge and Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Stedman Triples and Oxford

Treble Bob Minor. A pleasing innovation was the presence of a lady change ringer (Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford), who performed with much credit in several touches including Cambridge Surprise.

In view of recent discussions on the subject, it might be of interest to state that all the louvres in the bell chamber are bricked up, and that three felt-lined shutters are provided, which, when closed, give the bells a subdued and pleasing tone close at hand, and cause no annoyance whatever to those near by.

A substantial tea was provided in the Schools about 5 p.m., by Mr. Morrison (churchwarden) and the local company, and ample justice was done to it by those present. The tables were very tastefully decorated with flowers, and the kindness of the lady helpers was much appreciated.

The business meeting was subsequently held, and was presided over by the Rev. T. Torrens, supported by Mr. Morrison (churchwarden), Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president, the vice-presidents, treasurer, secretary and auditors. The balance sheet, showing a balance of £12 10s. 8d. in hand on the capital account, was presented and adopted.

THE ADVANTAGES OF MONTHLY MEETINGS.

The hon. secretary's report followed, and showed a pleasing year of progress. It stated that there were 19 affiliated towers, and a membership of 226, made up of honorary members, 3; life members, 16; attached to various affiliated towers, 164; unattached, 43. Compared with last year, this showed an increase of 39 members, including one honorary, 21 attached, and 17 unattached members. Two new six-bell towers in Dronfield and Beighton had joined the society, and one in Treeton had dropped out.

The monthly meetings had on the whole been well attended, and the standard of ringing had been high. The attendances had averaged about 25, which, while an improvement on some previous years, was with a membership of well over 200 capable of improvement. Three meetings had unfortunately had to be postponed or cancelled. The desirability of attending as many of these meetings as possible was impressed upon the members. In addition to the fact that they provided a pleasant source of social intercourse amongst ringers, these meetings are capable of doing very great good in raising the standard of ringing in the district, both as regards striking and methods rung. There was always encouragement for the learner; and, for those more advanced in the Art, there was the opportunity of taking part in methods which, perhaps, a member might not have a chance of practising at his own tower. Everyone would be pleased that the Eckington bells were now being restored, and were nearing completion, and some good meetings there were looked forward to.

The society's silver cup and framed certificate for the best Sunday ringing attendances for the year ending March 31st, 1913, had been won by the Worksoop company with 98.55 per cent., followed by Dore with 96.41 per cent., Ranmoor with 96.01 per cent., and Doncaster with 94.83 per cent. The Worksoop company were deserving of much congratulation on their good record, especially as this was their first year as members of the society. The secretary was glad to be able to say that this competition was now being taken up much more seriously by affiliated companies, as it deserves to be, and the entries for the coming twelve months were a great improvement on some previous years, though there was still room for improvement. The secretary was also glad to be able to say that the society was still in a sound financial position, though the income for the present year had again only just covered the expenditure. He was glad to note an improvement in the payment of subscriptions, the majority of members having been prompt with them, which was all for the good of the society.

The peals rung during 1912 numbered 26, and the standard was very high indeed, indeed it was doubtful if it could be surpassed in any part of the country. It would be noted that there were 11 Surprise Major peals, including two of London and one peal of Surprise Minor. Grandshire Triples and Plain Bob did not appear, another sign of the high standard maintained. Mr. B. A. Knights headed the list of conductors with seven peals to his credit, Mr. J. Flint being a good second with six, Mr. Sam Thomas third with five, followed by Messrs. A. Knights and A. Craven with two apiece, and Messrs. G. Hollis, G. Lewis and W. Wallace with one each.

Mr. J. Flint was to be congratulated upon ringing his 300th peal, and Mr. W. Gosling, of Mansfield, upon ringing a peal in his 86th year.

The Hon. Secretary added that he thought the proposed division of the Yorkshire Association into districts ought to receive the very careful consideration of members of the Sheffield Society, who belonged to that association, as these proposals might very seriously affect their society. He expressed his thanks again to the majority of the committeemen and secretaries, who have promptly and courteously replied to all enquiries on his part. To a small minority he would say, as last year, that a few words on a postcard should not be a great deal of trouble, and would much facilitate his work.

THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF RINGERS.

The Hon. Secretary welcomed the Rev. T. Torrens and Mr. Morrison (one of the churchwardens) to the meeting, because it showed that they took some interest in the ringers. A little kindly interest and encouragement went a long way at times, and ringers were not any less appreciative than, say, the choir. The layman scarcely realised the amount of hard work and perseverance which went to make a good ringer, and gave the ringer very little credit for his efforts as a rule.

In conclusion, he added that the society was on the up grade. They were doing a good work in promoting change ringing, with its attendant advantages of orderliness and decent behaviour in belfries, and in so doing, they merited the support and interest of all church authorities who possessed peals of bells, and of all ringers. It was one of the aims of the society to avoid all friction and ill-feeling in connection with the art of change ringing, and he appealed to all members to do all in their power to carry out this object, and to continue to set a good example in their dealings with Church authorities and others. In that case, he believed there was a big future in front of the society, and that they would continue to make good progress in every sense of the word.

The whole of the officers were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, viz.: Mr. G. Halksworth (Doncaster), president; Messrs. J. P. Farlton (North Wingfield) and A. Knight (Chesterfield), vice-presidents; Mr. David Brearley (Bolsterstone), hon. treasurer; Mr. J. E. L. Cockey (Ranmoor), hon. secretary; Mr. G. Hollis (Chesterfield), assistant hon. secretary; and Messrs. G. W. Bemrose (Bolsover) and W. Peabody (Chesterfield), auditors. The committee were elected as last year, with the exception of Mr. G. Elliott, of Dore, whose place was taken by Mr. G. M. Thorpe.—The cup competition sub-committee were re-elected, viz., the president, two vice-presidents, hon. secretary and two trustees (Messrs. C. H. Hattersley and S. Thomas).

RINGERS AS MUSIC-MASTERS.

The presentation of the society's silver cup and framed certificate to the ringers of the Priory Church of St. Cuthbert, Worksoop, for the best attendance for Sunday service ringing next took place.—The Rev. T. Torrens, in making the presentation, gave an eloquent address to those present. He extended a most hearty welcome to the society to Ranmoor, referring to the sympathy of the Vicar (the Rev. J. Williams) with the ringers, and the sympathy which he knew they all felt for him in his sad illness. Personally, he always greatly appreciated the welcome of the bells as he came to Sunday service. He referred to the splendid ringing of the Ranmoor bells, and to the credit which it reflected on those responsible for it. In filling the Sunday air with sweetness, change ringers were doing great good to the community at large, in reminding all within reach of the service of God. The music of the bells entered many a sick room, uplifting the despondent heart and cheering the weary ones. Change ringing, he thought, was a noble and blessed work, and a public duty. Sweet bells and good ringers generally went together. He believed that change ringing cultivated a taste for music in those who heard it, and that where there are beautiful peals of bells, there one would find the love of music more pronounced. In fact, change ringers might in a sense be called the music-masters of England. He once spent five weeks in the Lake district of Italy, and he compared the choir and the ringers to the song of the nightingale and of the blackbird which he once heard there, pouring forth beautiful music to the glory of God. He expressed his pleasure at seeing a lady present, extending a welcome to her, and referred to the refining and ennobling influence which it should have on all present. It gave him great pleasure to present the cup and certificate to the Worksoop company, and to congratulate them on their fine record.

Mr. H. Haigh, in receiving the cup and certificate on behalf of the Worksoop company, expressed his great pleasure in having won it. When they decided to join the Sheffield District Society, he said, they did so because they considered it the most up-to-date and progressive society in the district. He was proud of the fact that of their company of twelve, all were communicants and regular service goers, and he referred to the fact that they rang three times every Sunday. He believed that ringers were doing a great work in ringing to the honour and glory of God, and in cases of national rejoicing or sorrow. They realised the importance of Sunday ringing, in ministering to the outside world, and to the old and infirm who could not attend the services, and the importance of always giving their best ringing for these occasions. He concluded by emphasising the necessity of regarding ringers as real Church workers.

LADY RINGERS ELECTED.

Six new members were elected, including three ladies, viz., Miss Evelyn Steel (Bedford), Miss Jessie Wair (North Wingfield), and Miss W. Hague (Rotherham), and Messrs. A. West (Eckington), W. Barton (North Wingfield), and G. Holmes (Sheffield).

A hearty vote of sympathy was passed with the Vicar of Ranmoor and his family in connection with his illness.

In replying to a vote of thanks to the churchwardens, Mr. Morrison congratulated the society on the conduct of its business and upon its performances, and expressed his sympathy with its aims. He believed that at Ranmoor they possessed a church second to none in the county, and he thought he was not for wrong in saying that their bells and their ringers were also second to none (applause). He was glad to note that they had arranged a meeting at Ranmoor for next February, and he would be delighted to meet them again and give them all a welcome as he did now.—A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the local company and to the ladies, and was suitably responded to by Messrs. Frank and Maurice Ward.—A very cordial vote of thanks to the Rev. T. Torrens was proposed by the Secretary, and seconded by Mr. S. Thomas, in a humorous speech.—The Rev. T. Torrens suitably replied, and the meeting closed with the Doxology.

Handbell ringing was indulged in by some of those present after the meeting.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

When the removal of the Rev. H. G. Bird from the county of Middlesex caused his retirement from the presidency of the Middlesex County Association and London Diocesan Guild, there seemed but one man to whom the members could turn to fill the office, and that man was Mr. Arthur T. King, I.S.O., the founder of the Association as it at present exists, and, for thirteen years its honorary secretary. Needless to say, Mr. King's acceptance gave unbounded satisfaction to the members, for they recognise that it is to his efforts the present proud position of the Middlesex Association is largely due. His fondness for bells goes back to his boyhood's days, but it is in con-



MR. A. T. KING, I.S.O.

nection with his labours to build up the Association with which he has been so closely identified that he is best known.

He came into touch with the old Middlesex Association in November, 1889, the organisation having on the previous August Bank Holiday been formed out of the remains of the North Middlesex Association. In 1895 Mr. King was elected honorary secretary, the members pressing him into service and simply declining to take a refusal. The first thing he did on assuming office was to open negotiations with the South Middlesex Association, with a view to the uniting of forces, and had the satisfaction of seeing the fusion take place in 1897, after which, instead of a couple of weak associations operating in different parts of the county, there was a tolerably strong organisation, all the better for the unity which had been secured, under the title of "The Middlesex County Association of Change Ringers." Mr. King was appointed

joint secretary, with Mr. C. Edwards, of Hounslow, the President being the Rev. H. G. Bird, who has just resigned, and whom, as mentioned above, Mr. King succeeds. From this time the Association grew by leaps and bounds, and its membership has increased from 338 in 1897 to close upon 700. In 1901, on the resignation of Mr. Edwards, Mr. King took over the entire secretarial duties, besides those of honorary secretary of the N. and E. district. On October 10th, 1903, the seventh annual meeting was held at All Saints', Fulham, and the members were addressed by the Bishop of London, who has been patron since the amalgamation in 1897. The Bishop afterwards entertained the members, and it was upon this occasion that, with the express permission of the Bishop, the term "London Diocesan Guild" was added to the title. For this important step Mr. King was again very largely responsible.

Indeed, throughout the many years he occupied the post of secretary he was ever doing his best to forward the interest of the Association, and only those who were closely associated with him have any knowledge of the time and labour he expended on the task. On removing from London in 1910 Mr. King resigned his office, and at the annual meeting, held at All Saints', Fulham, on September 24th, 1910, he was made a vice-president of the Association, and presented with a magnificent timepiece, striking the Westminster chimes, in grateful recognition of all he had done for the society. And now he has returned to active connection with the work of the Association, for he intends to be no mere figure head, but an officer who will watch carefully over the doings of the Guild.

Mr. King, whose father was the Rev. Charles King, Vicar of Stratford-sub-Castle, and Canon of Salisbury, was born in the Cathedral Close, at Salisbury, on September 30th, 1845. He was educated at Winchester, where, incidentally, several other well known members of the Exercise received their education, the late Rev. F. E. Robinson, Mr. R. A. Daniell, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, the Rev. E. W. Carpenter and Mr. F. A. Milne, the honorary treasurer of the Association, being Wykehamists. In 1864 Mr. King joined the Civil Service, entering the National Debt Office, and, after 46 years' service, he retired in 1910, having in 1903 been made a Companion of the Imperial Service Order. The bestowal of this honour by the late King Edward, in recognition of Mr. King's meritorious public service, was commemorated by the Middlesex Association by a peal of Stedman Caters at St. Giles', Camberwell, on November 14th, 1903.

In his youth Mr. King was a great athlete, and among other things, won the vaulting in the Civil Service Sports of 1867, with a height of 7ft., which has never been beaten. At Richmond about the same time he won the prize for throwing the hammer, beating a man who was afterwards amateur champion. He won the chief swimming event at Winchester in 1862, and only last year he was able to save a little girl from drowning in the River Nadder, at Bemerton, near Salisbury.

Mr. King was always fond of handling a bell, and had some experience when, as a boy, in the early sixties, he used to spend some of his holidays with his uncle, the Rev. Canon King, who was for many years Vicar of Worstead, Norfolk. While at Winchester Mr. King used sometimes to ring the curfew, and for many years after this he always inquired whether the curfew was rung in any town he visited, and if it was he was sure to be there to ring it. Apart from this, however, Mr. King took no

part in ringing until somewhere about 1893, when the old peal at Barnet were recast and fresh metal added, and he then became a member of the local society. It was, however, when he undertook the secretaryship of the old Middlesex Association that his real interest in the Exercise developed, and since that time he has rung 127 peals, either on the tenor or on the treble in a plain hunt method. With a splendid ear, he could do either of these things perfectly, and it is a little surprising that he did not venture further into the realms of practical ringing. Even Mr. King can hardly tell you why he never sought to ring inside. He has said that it may have been "partly laziness and partly specific density," but no one who knows him will attribute it to either of these failings. He has found a great delight in composition, and some very good peals of his are frequently rung, his knowledge of composition having been acquired from his old and valued friend, Mr. Charles H. Martin, of Hendon. Of the 127 peals which Mr. King has rung 117 have been for the Middlesex Association, and while he has never rung a peal on twelve bells he once came very near it at Cornhill, where he rang the tenor for about four hours and the peal came to grief, to everyone's disappointment, less than a hundred changes from the end. His peals, rung in 53 towers, consist of the following :—

Bob Triples	3
Grandsire Triples	9
Bob Major	4
Double Norwich Major	5
Stedman Triples	80
Stedman Caters	26

Total ... 127

Mr. King is a member of the Central Council, and serves on the Analysis Committee. He is also a member of the following associations, in addition to the Middlesex :—Chester Diocesan, Essex, Hertfordshire, Kent, Norwich Diocesan, Salisbury Diocesan, Surrey, Sussex, Waterloo, Winchester Diocesan and Yorkshire.

ODD CHANGES.

Owing to a large number of records of peals being received just before we went to press, some few have unavoidably had to be held over, together with other reports.

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Some time ago we referred in this column to various family peals that had been rung. A correspondent sends us the record of one rung over a hundred years ago. It was achieved at St. Andrew's Church, Soham, Cambs, where it is recorded on a peal board as follows : "Society of Soham Youths. In this tower was rung a complete peal, by three brothers and their sons, of Oxford Treble Bob, 5240 changes in 3 hrs. and 30 mins. on November 20th, 1809 : Thos. Tebbit treble, Robert Tebbit 2nd, Ben. Tebbit (age 15 years) 3rd, Robert Tebbit (son of Robert) 4th, Edward Tebbit 5th, John Tebbit 6th, Thomas Tebbit (son of Thos.) 7th, William Tebbit (son of Thos.) tenor." No conductor of the peal is mentioned. In the tower there are also recorded several peals of Norwich Court Bob and Imperial Treble Bob, between 1790 and 1800, of Oxford and New Treble Bob Royal between 1810 and 1821.

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Among the ladies who have recently taken up handbell

ringing is Miss Winifred M. Hague, of Rotherham, whose first peal of Bob Major we record this week. It is not uninteresting to note that upon the handbells that were used on this occasion over a hundred peals have been rung. Considering them as having rung at least as many changes in failures or practices, etc., they have been struck well over one million times. They are in quite good condition, and have needed no attention since they were purchased in 1903, except a drop of oil occasionally.

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A start is being made in Boston, U.S.A., as a result of the recent recruiting of strength from England. On Wednesday evening, April 30th, 720 Grandsire Doubles, called differently, was rung by : P. J. Allfrey 1, Mrs. Shurtleff 2, S. W. Sturgis 3, Wm. Bashford 4, George Moore (conductor) 5, Dr. A. H. Nichols 6.

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It is reported that the bells of Bromham, Beds, cannot be rung owing to the lack of ringers. That is a state of things that ought soon to be cured. There is an opportunity here for the Beds Association if they have not already taken steps.

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The new peal of eight for Lincoln Cathedral were dedicated by the Bishop of Lincoln on Saturday. Each bell, which bears a Latin inscription, is named after a different bishop of the diocese.

FRAMLAND SOCIETY OF CHANGE RINGERS.

ANNUAL MEETING AT BOTTESFORD.

The 38th annual meeting of this society was held at Bottesford on Monday week. Bands of ringers were present from Bottesford, Harby, Croxton Kerrial, Hose, Eaton, Waltham, Long Clawson, Melton Mowbray, and Wymondham, numbering just over eighty. The methods rung during the day were Grandsire and Plain Bob Doubles, Bob Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Bob Major.

At 1.30, the company sat down to an excellent dinner at the Belvoir Coffee House, served by Mr. Hardy. After dinner a mixed band was arranged to ring for service, when a very good 504 of Grandsire Triples was rung under the conductorship of Mr. R. H. Bartram, Melton Mowbray.

A good congregation assembled in the Parish Church at 3 p.m., when a very interesting address was given by the Rev. J. P. Hales, of Cotgrave, Notts. A collection was made in aid of the fund of the society. The ringers then rang again in turn, and various touches were brought round.

At 6 o'clock the company again repaired to the Coffee House, where a splendid meat tea was provided. A business meeting was afterwards held.—A vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar for the use of the bells, the organist and choir for their services, and to the clergy of the society for coming among the ringers and encouraging them.—The Rev. Canon W. Vincent Jackson suitably replied.—There were about 15 new ringing members elected.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Melton Mowbray, and the half-yearly meeting at Waltham. The balance sheet, which showed a profit of £1 7s. 1d. on the year's working, was passed, and a hearty vote of thanks accorded the honorary members, to whom the satisfactory financial position was due.—A vote of thanks to the secretary (the Rev. F. E. Nugee) concluded the business.

The clergy present during the day were the Rev. F. E. Nugee (hon. secretary), Rev. E. H. Stone, Rev. J. P. Hales, Rev. Canon W. Vincent Jackson, and the Rev. C. J. Sturton.

Some of the ringers then ascended the tower again, and the Waltham ringers engaged themselves in ringing handbells, several tunes being very beautifully rung, including "The Blue Bells of Scotland," "Ring out o' Bells," "How beautiful upon the mountains," etc. A most enjoyable day was spent.

OWSLEBURY.—Winchester Diocesan Guild.—At the Parish Church, on April 4th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), in 45 mins.: G. Wright 1, W. G. Edwards 2, F. Glasspool 3, A. Stubbington 4, F. J. Oxenbury (conductor) 5, F. Allan 6.

BECCLES.—Norwich Diocesan Association.—At St. Michael's Church, on April 2nd, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Reynolds 2 (first 504) 2, E. Pipe (first 504) 3, T. Beckett 4, O. Parnell 5, G. Baxter 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Rush 8.—On Sunday, April 6th, 504 Grandsire Triples: R. Goate 1, H. Reynolds 2, T. Beckett 3, G. Baxter 4, C. Parnell 5, W. Spaulding 6, H. Ling (conductor) 7, R. Freestone 8.

“The Bells of Shoreditch.”



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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

TUESDAY'S MEETING AT NEWCASTLE.

The twenty-third annual meeting of the Central Council was held at Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Tuesday, and was attended by some 50 representatives. From the previous Saturday onward, members arrived from the south singly and in small parties, and to all a most hearty welcome was extended by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. The President of the Association (Mr. C. L. Routledge) and the committee had left nothing undone that could add to the pleasure of the visitors, many of whom accepted the invitation to be present at the meeting of the Association at Whitley Bay and North Shields on Whit-Monday. Peals were arranged for all who cared to stand in them, and for those content with shorter lengths, other bells were available. The Council meeting was held in the Lecture Theatre of the Mining Institute, and the following members were present:—

Ancient Society of College Youths: A. Hughes.
Bath and Wells: A. E. Coles.
Bedfordshire: Rev. W. W. C. Baker.
Cambridge University: E. H. Lewis.
Chester Diocesan: Rev. A. T. Beeston, W. Bibby.
Cleveland and North Yorkshire: Rev. W. P. Wright and T. Metcalfe.
Devonshire: A. W. Searle.
Durham and Newcastle: C. L. Routledge, W. Story and C. Todd.
Essex: W. J. Nevard.
Hertfordshire: B. Prewett.
Kent: T. Groombridge, senr.
Lancashire: Rev. H. J. Elsee, H. Chapman and T. Redman.
Leeds and District: P. J. Johnson.
Lincoln: Rev. H. Law James, R. Richardson and J. W. Seamer.
London County: E. A. Young.
Middlesex: A. T. King.
Midland Counties: E. C. Gobey, J. Griffin and J. W. Taylor.
Northants: D. J. Nichols and F. W. Wilford.
Norwich: G. P. Burton.
Oxford: Rev. G. F. Coleridge, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, F. W. Hopgood.
Peterborough and District: R. Narborough.
Salisbury: Rev. F. Ll. Edwards.
Surrey: C. F. Johnston.
Sussex: K. Hart, G. H. Howse, F. B. Tompkins and G. Watson.
Winchester Guild: Rev. C. E. Matthews.
Worcestershire: J. R. Newman.
Yorkshire: G. Bolland.
Hon. Members: Rev. E. W. Carpenter, Rev. H. A. Cockey, J. W. Parker, J. S. Pritchett, and the hon. secretary and treasurer (the Rev. C. D. P. Davies).

A full report by our own representative will appear in these columns, but the following is a summary of the business transacted.

The statement of accounts showed that the year was begun with a balance in hand of £71 12s. 6d., and that affiliation fees to the amount of £12 2s. 6d. had been received. The expenditure was £6 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £77 13s. 6d.—The financial statement was adopted, and a resolution passed to place £50 of the balance on deposit.

The Hon. Secretary announced that he had received no statement of accounts from the publishers of the Council's publications, and it was decided to appoint an hon. librarian to carry out the duties in future, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn being elected to the office.

The Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson were re-elected hon. members.

Letters acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution of protest against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill were read from the Prime Minister, Lord Lansdown and Mr. Bonar Law.

Verbal reports on the work of the Peal Collection Committee and the Legitimate Methods Committee were presented, and showed that progress was being made.—A suggestion that the present stock of copies of "Legitimate Methods" should be "scrapped," and a new edition, showing the bob work and giving extents in the methods, published, was postponed until an examination of the whole of the stock of publications has been made by the hon. librarian and the Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. E. Matthews.

The reports of the Peals Analysis Committee (already published) were received, and the committee given power to act upon it in compiling the Analysis for the current year.

A report was also presented by the "Towers and Belfries Committee," and an offer by the President to draw up and print at his own expense a pamphlet on the subject was gratefully accepted.

A lengthy discussion took place in the afternoon upon "The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung."

It was introduced by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, but no resolution was moved on the matter.

The Rev. H. Law James moved: "That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surpris Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major." Mr. James went into an exhaustive and highly technical argument in support of his theory, but on the suggestion of Mr. Parker, the matter was left over for another year, so that there might be more opportunity for members to look into the subject.

The following motion was on the agenda: "That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and, if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject."

It was pointed out that the Ladies' Guild made no application for admission this year, and after some discussion, in which divergent views were expressed upon the admission of lady representatives, the question was left over for the members to consult their respective associations, with a view to coming to a decision next year.

Mr. George Bolland moved: "To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902, and incorporated in "Rules and Decisions," to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal."—The motion found no seconder.

On the motion of the Hon. Secretary, seconded by the President, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Routledge and the members of the Newcastle Association for the trouble they had taken to make the meeting a success.—This was carried by acclamation, and Mr. Routledge replied.

A vote of thanks to the President closed the meeting.

In the evening an enjoyable social gathering took place at the County Hotel.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

FIRST ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Whit-Monday at Birmingham. Fourteen members attended from various parts of the country, including Birmingham, Leicester, Tamworth, Burton-on-Trent, Reading, Bramley, Portishead, and London.

Ringing took place at St. Martin's, Birmingham, and St. Peter, Harborne. At the former tower some of the members had their first experience in twelve-bell ringing. With the help of the gentlemen present touches of Stedman Caters, Stedman Triples, Grandsire Caters, Grandsire Triples and Double Norwich were rung, and nine members took part in rounds on the twelve. It may be remarked in passing that the three gentlemen who assisted in the rounds rang the small bells, one of Birmingham's "big bell" ringers being on the treble.

At Harborne, Grandsire Triples was rung by members of the Guild only, and Stedman Triples with a tenor man. This is the first time seven ladies have rung Stedman Triples inside.

The tea took place at Harborne Schools, and a company of 42 was present, including such well known ringers as Messrs. Godden, Groves, Reeves, Rock Small, Carter, Painter, and others from neighbouring towns.

Before the business meeting commenced, Mr. W. H. Godden welcomed the Ladies' Guild to Birmingham, on behalf of the St. Martin's Guild and other associations, and expressed the hope that they would in years to come visit the city with increased numbers, and also increased abilities.—Miss Parker suitably replied, and invited the gentlemen to stay to the meeting.

In the absence of Miss Alice White (the President), through ill-health, Miss Belcher was voted to the chair.

The balance sheet was passed as read. It was very gratifying to find a balance of £12 4s. 8d. in hand. This splendid balance is due to the generosity of Sir Arthur Heywood, who, to show his interest in the Guild, sent a donation of £10 towards the funds.

Miss Alice White was re-elected as President of the Guild. The secretary and treasurer and the committee were also re-elected as follows: Northern District: Miss L. Willson. Eastern District: Miss E. Steele. Southern District: Miss E. N. Belcher. Western District: Miss N. Gillingham. Midland District: Miss Pigott. Secretary and treasurer: Miss E. K. Parker.

One honorary member and two ringing members were elected, and the election of seven members ratified.

A slight alteration was made in Rule 2, which now reads as follows: "That the society consist of members of the feminine sex who are able to ring either upon church bells or handbells, and honorary non-ringing members."

As the place for the next meeting, London, Leicester and Bristol were in turn proposed, and in turn rejected. This caused considerable amusement to the audience. After a prolonged discussion, Bristol was again put to the meeting, and carried unanimously. It was left to the committee to decide the date of the meeting.

The matter of a badge for the Guild was then discussed, and various designs submitted. A design was selected, and the secretary was asked to communicate with Mr. Whittington, who had very kindly offered to secure the badges. The Guild decided to buy a stock and sell to the members at cost price, thus effecting a considerable saving on each badge.—The Secretary proposed a vote of thanks to the Rectors and steeplekeepers of the churches, and also to the ringers present for their assistance in the belfry and for their presence at tea.

After the meeting, a course of Grandsire Triples on handbells was rung by members alone, and a course of Bob Major and Grandsire Caters with some of the visitors.

The Guild wish to take this opportunity of expressing their thanks to Mr. J. E. Groves for giving up the whole day in their interest.

On Sunday evening, at Selly Oak, Birmingham, Mr. Harry Withers tapped on his dulcimer Thurstans' quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 40 mins., the calling being by Miss Edith K. Parker. Witnesses: John Carter, J. E. Groves, S. Grove, Miss Sampson, Miss Johnson.

LONG STANTON TENOR.

NEW BELL DEDICATED.

The new tenor bell at Long Stanton, Cambs, a picture of which is here given, was dedicated on Thursday of last week. It will be remembered that after the peal had been augmented to eight and rehung, in face of a good many difficulties, the old tenor cracked, and as the result of an appeal made by Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) ringers from many parts of England sent their contributions towards the cost of recasting. The work has been very successfully carried out at the Loughborough foundry.

The dedication services commenced with a celebration of the Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. The actual ceremony was performed at the first evensong at 3 p.m., the following clergy being present: The Revs. H. B. Woolley (Vicar), W. C. Cooke (Rural Dean), A. Peskett, H. G. Hooton, T. E. Beckett, J. Selwyn Sharp, and H. Law James. The usual choir was augmented by a surpliced choir of B.A.'s and undergraduates from Cambridge, processional hymns being sung at the beginning and end of the services. After the third collect the clergy and choir walked in procession to the tower, where the Rural Dean unvoiced a peal board commemorating the first peal rung on the bells on December 12th, 1912, and then dedicated the new bell, upon which a dozen strokes were rung by the Vicar. A few rounds were then rung on the eight bells. The Rural Dean preached an appropriate sermon on Acts vii, 47.



The day was, unfortunately, inconvenient for ringers, but Cambridge ringers were represented by Messrs. J. Bruce Williamson (hon. secretary Cambridge University Guild), and T. R. Dennis (hon. secretary Ely Diocesan Association). At the evening service, held at 7 p.m., the preacher was the Rev. H. Law James, who preached a most forcible and telling discourse from Acts i, 8, bringing out in a very able manner the spiritual teaching which underlies the recasting of the old bell. The new tenor is of the same size as the old one, viz., 35 inches across the mouth, but her weight is 7 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs., as against 6 cwt. 3 qrs. 11 lbs., the note being A.

The old inscription on the shoulder has been reproduced in facsimile, viz.: MILES GRATE FECIT 1655.

The tone of the bell is much admired, and reflects great credit on the firm of Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, being richer and fuller than that of the old bell.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

PRESENTATION TO THE PRESIDENT.

It was almost a unique gathering that took place at North Shields on Monday on the occasion of the Whitsun meeting of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association. Not only were there members present from a great many towers in the two counties, but the gathering was attended by a number of the representatives who had assembled in Newcastle for the Central Council meeting on the morrow, a hearty invitation to the visitors having been extended by the Association. Ringing took place during the day, both on the ten bells

at Christ Church, North Shields, and on the fine new eight at Whitley Bay.

Dinner, to which 70 sat down, was served at the Bath Hotel, Tyne-mouth, the chair being taken by the genial president (Mr. C. L. Routledge). He was supported by the Revs. R. E. Holmes (Vicar of Tyne-mouth), B. Jealous (Fencehouses) and A. W. Lister (Tanfield), Messrs. A. T. King, I.S.O. (president of the Middlesex Association), J. W. Taylor (vice-president of the Midland Counties Association). Among others present were: Messrs. G. Watson (hon. secretary of the Sussex Association), J. Cotterell (treasurer of the Yorkshire Association), B. Prewett (Herts Association), K. Hart, G. H. Howse (Sussex), G. Bolland, P. J. Jackson (Yorks), E. C. Gobey (Midland Counties), H. Chapman (Lancs.), C. Johnston (Surrey), G. T. Potter (past president), J. W. Parker, W. Storey, T. T. Gifton, J. A. Gifton, C. Todd (hon. secretary), and others.

After the toast of "The King" had been honoured, the President proposed "The Visitors," to whom he extended a cordial welcome.—Mr. A. T. King, who first responded, said he had been simply struck with the extraordinary hospitality with which the visitors from other Associations had been welcomed at Newcastle. He, a perfect stranger, had been received with open arms by everybody, and all the visitors would go away with the most pleasant recollections of an exceedingly enjoyable trip.—Mr. J. S. Goldsmith, Editor of "The Ringing World," whose name was also coupled with the toast, endorsed what had been said by Mr. King as to the warmth of the welcome extended to the visitors, whose thanks were voiced.

PRESIDENT'S SERVICES ACKNOWLEDGED.

Mr. G. T. Potter said on that occasion, which was rendered of special interest by reason of the visit of the Central Council to Newcastle, the members of the Durham and Newcastle Association desired to make a presentation to their esteemed and respected president (applause). For a great number of years Mr. Routledge had worked extremely hard in the interests of the Associations—in fact, the amount of work he had done nobody knew, except, perhaps, his wife (laughter and applause). As secretary, he had been the friend and guide of everybody, spurring on the lazy ones, coaxing the beginners, and giving a helping hand to all. And now he occupied the honoured position of president. No man more deserved that honour, and they hoped he might long be spared to enjoy it (applause). One of his services had been appreciated very much, and that was in the Cathedral belfry, which had been in a state of chaos and darkness in more senses than one. They had cleaned out the dirt from the belfry, they had now established regular ringing on Sundays, and had got together a band as good as any in the country (hear, hear). All that was due to the energy of Mr. Routledge (applause). Personally, he (the speaker) wished to thank him for all the assistance he gave him during the time he occupied the presidency. On behalf of the members of the Association, he had to ask Mr. Routledge's acceptance of three silver dishes, which were inscribed: "Presented to C. L. Routledge, Esq., president, by the members of the Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association of Change Ringers, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his past services. Whit-Monday, May 12th, 1913."

Mr. Potter handed the handsome dishes to Mr. Routledge amid loud cheers and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Mr. Routledge, whose rising was the signal for another outburst of cheering, was obviously taken much by surprise. He said he thought he knew everything that was going on in the Association, but that presentation had "fairly bowled him over." He thanked the members for their great kindness. He had done nothing to deserve such recognition, and whatever he had done had been a labour of love (applause).

The Hon. Secretary read an apology for absence from the Rev. J. H. Barker (Consett), who sent his good wishes to Mr. Routledge.

Nine new life members were elected, and 16 ordinary members, including twelve from St. Aiden's, Bambrough.

This concluded the proceedings, and bands were afterwards made up for peals in the evening.

BELL RESTORATIONS IN KENT.

The bell hangers have been very active in Kent during the past year or two, but despite this fact, there still remain many peals which need rehanging and repairing. A meeting was recently held at Smarden, when it was decided to rehang the five bells and add a new treble, for which a sum of £180 would be required. It was arranged to hold a garden fete and a sale of work in July, in aid of the funds. A committee was appointed, and an appeal will shortly be made to all householders in the parish.

At Westwell, a small village three miles from Ashford, a scheme has for some time been on foot for raising £250 for repairing and augmenting the church bells. There are four bells in the pretty little steeple, one of them being cracked.

It is also reported that a fund is to be started towards rehanging the beautiful peal of eight at Biddenden.

There is a pretty church at Eastling, with a fine peal of six (tenor about 9 cwt.), which have not been rung for many years, owing to their unsafe condition, and there is also a peal of five at Kingsnorth (tenor 14 cwt.), which have been silent for some time, as they are in need of repair. A peal of five at Boughton Aluph, which need repairing, have also been silent for several years. There is opportunity here for the Church authorities.

DEATH OF MR. JOHNSON HERN.**A PIONEER OF CHANGE RINGING IN THE NORTH.**

The death has occurred at his residence at Reading of Mr. Johnson E. Hern, who was a pioneer of change ringing in Durham and Northumberland, and who, throughout his life, wherever he has lived, has taken the liveliest interest in the art and done much, by teaching young ringers, and rendering help wherever it was possible, to further the cause in various parts of the country. The deceased, who was only ill for a few days, was 66 years of age, and leaves a widow and daughter to mourn their loss.

Born in Dickleburgh, Norfolk, the eldest son of the late Mr. Edward Hern, a farmer, Mr. Johnson Hern was one of four brothers, the others being Joel, Judah and James, all ringers. The deceased has been almost a lifelong exponent of the art of campanology. Beginning in his boyhood days, in his native county of Norfolk, where he acquired his first experiences as a ringer, he migrated to the North of England, and settling down in the pretty village of Hurworth-on-Tees, situate some three miles from the Quaker town of Darlington, the birthplace of railways, he at once set about earnestly to further the cause he had so much at heart, gathering around him a band of youthful spirits imbued with the desire to learn the art of ringing. Under the skilful guidance of the deceased, they soon became expert in the various Minor methods which come within the scope of a six-bell tower such as Hurworth possessed.

A FOUNDER OF THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE ASSOCIATION.

At that time scientific change-ringing in the North of England, at any rate beyond Yorkshire, was entirely unknown, but having once got a start, the deceased soon spread the infection to most of the large towns and villages in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, and, ultimately, with the assistance of one or two other equally enthusiastic followers of the art, they formed what is now so well known in the bell ringing world as "The Durham and Newcastle Diocesan Association." These facts speak volumes as to the indomitable character of the deceased, who was ever ready, both in theory and practice, to further the cause. On leaving Hurworth, after a residence of a good many years, to take up fresh duties at Newnham-on-Severn in Gloucestershire, he was presented with very tangible mementoes by the choir (of which he was a devoted member), the bell-ringers, and also the parishioners, to whom he had endeared himself, and by whom he was held in the highest respect.

Mr. Johnson Hern's first peal was rung in 1869 in his native village, and was a 5040 of Doubles in five methods, which he conducted. The peal was recorded by a local paper as follows: 'On Tuesday last, five of the ringers of this place met at the church tower and performed an unparalleled feat on these bells by ringing in splendid style 5040 changes in 3 hrs. 2 mins. The ringing was composed of the following peals: Stedman's principle, Stedman's slow-course, St. Simon's Doubles, Dunstan Doubles and Bob Doubles. The ringers were: Mr. C. Rudd treble, Judah Hern second, Robt. Hammond third, Joel Hern fourth, Johnson Hern tenor and conductor.'

EARLY PEALS.

Mr. Hern removed to Hurworth in 1871, and soon got a capable band together. In 1874 he rang in a peal of Kent Treble Bob Major at Thirsk; and subsequently in the first peal of Major in Northumberland. He trained some of the best ringers in the district, and there are still some of his pupils ringing the same bells, to Treble Bob and Surprise methods. Mr. Hern left the north for Newnham-on-Severn in 1884, and went to reside at Reading 25 years ago. He was a member of St. Mary's and St. Lawrence's belfries, and was much respected by all who knew him. He was a member of a number of ringing societies, including Durham and Newcastle; the College Youths, to which he was elected in 1872; the Yorkshire Association, which he joined in 1875; and the Gloucester and Bristol, to which he became affiliated in 1884.

The mortal remains were laid to rest in St. George's Cemetery, Reading, the officiating clergy being: The Rev. W. H. Harper (Vicar of St. George's), the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Guild, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge, R.D., Vicar of Crowthorne. A number of ringers attended the last sad rites, and over the open grave a course of Grandsire Triples was rung on handbells by: A. W. Pike 1-2, C. Giles 3-4, F. W. Hopgood 5-6, W. Newell 7-8. Subsequently, at all three of the Reading Churches touches were rung with the bells half-muffled.

BELLS DEDICATED AT OSWALDTWISTLE.

The bells of Immanuel Church, Oswaldtwistle, Lancs, have been augmented to eight by the addition of two trebles. The old six have been rehung in a new iron frame, and an extremely satisfactory job has been made of the contract by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of the Loughborough Foundry. The dedication of the new bells took place on Tuesday of last week, the ceremony being performed by the Bishop of Manchester, the other clergy assisting in the service being the Vicar of Oswaldtwistle; the Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Lancashire Association and Vicar of St. George's, Bolton; and the Rev. F. Velville. After the service the bells were opened by the local company with a short touch of Double Norwich: C. Sharples 1, J. Shaw 2, W. Whewell 3, J. Rawcliffe 4, W. Riley 5, A. T. Houldsworth 6, J. Houldsworth (conductor) 7, J. Bentley 8. Afterwards the Rev. H. J. Elsee and Mr. Woods (Musbery) joined in a touch of Double Norwich, and other visitors took part in touches of Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob Major.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch. —A branch meeting will be held at Oswaldtwistle on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. The bells have been rehung and augmented to a peal of eight.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD. — A monthly meeting will be held at Kenilworth on Saturday, May 17th. Bells ready at 3.30 p.m.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Honorary Secretary, Shuttery.

LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Northern District.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at St. Mary's, Willesden, on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open at 4 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15 p.m. All members and friends welcome.—J. Cornford, Honorary Secretary, 7D, Morgan Mansions, Holloway Road, N.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A general ringing meeting will be held at Hallow on Saturday, May 17th, commencing at 5 p.m.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next meeting will be held at Shoreham on Saturday, May 17th. Tower open from 3.30 p.m. Tea at 5. Business to follow. Service at 6. Members intending to be present at tea please let me know by Thursday, May 15th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS. —Established 1637.—Meetings for practice will be held at St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on May 22nd; St. John's, Hackney, on the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; Southwark Cathedral, on the 20th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus 7.30, all the others 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—A meeting will be held at Whittlesea on Saturday, May 24th. Service at St. Mary's at 4.30. Meeting after. Bells at St. Mary's (8), St. Andrew's (6) available afternoon and evening.—F. T. Cooke, Hon. Secretary, 195, Gladstone Street, Peterborough.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, May 24th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.—W. H. Shuker and J. H. Banks, Honorary Secretaries.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson). Ringing from 4.30, short service at 6. Tea will be provided by the Vicar at 6.30 to those who notify (by May 22nd) Mr. W. Lawrence, Shakespeare Road, Hanwell. — H. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster, on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11.0. Service in the

Minster at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. Canon J. M. J. Fletcher, Vicar of Wimborne Minster. Dinner at Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne Branch. The towers at Cranborne and St. Giles, Poole, Canford, Lytchett Minster and Sturminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—N.B.: The day fixed is not Monday, but Wednesday the 28th inst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Walton-le-Dale on May 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of 10 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at the Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. As Surfleet is a country village it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations: Surfleet, G.N., one mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., two miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

VISITORS TO BLACKPOOL will find every convenience at Mrs. E. Howarth's, 14, May Bell Avenue, Springfield Road, Blackpool, N.S.

BLACKPOOL.—Ringers visiting this seaside resort will find every comfort and convenience at Mrs. J. Smith's, 41, Hornby Road, Blackpool. Near sea and Central Station. Send stamp for reply.

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

TREBLE BOB WITH TWIN HUNT.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Although such a thing has not previously been published, the idea of a Treble Bob Method with two hunts is not new. I have had some for a long time, and some few years back, when I was at Surfleet, Mr. Law James showed me, or explained to me, how he had got such a method. The one Mr. Dench publishes is, strictly speaking, not legitimate. The lead end comes, not where he puts it, at the treble's whole pull, but at the snap.

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And consequently you do not get a correct lead end. That is the reason why this method has not been published before, although it was well known to us.—Yours truly,

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.

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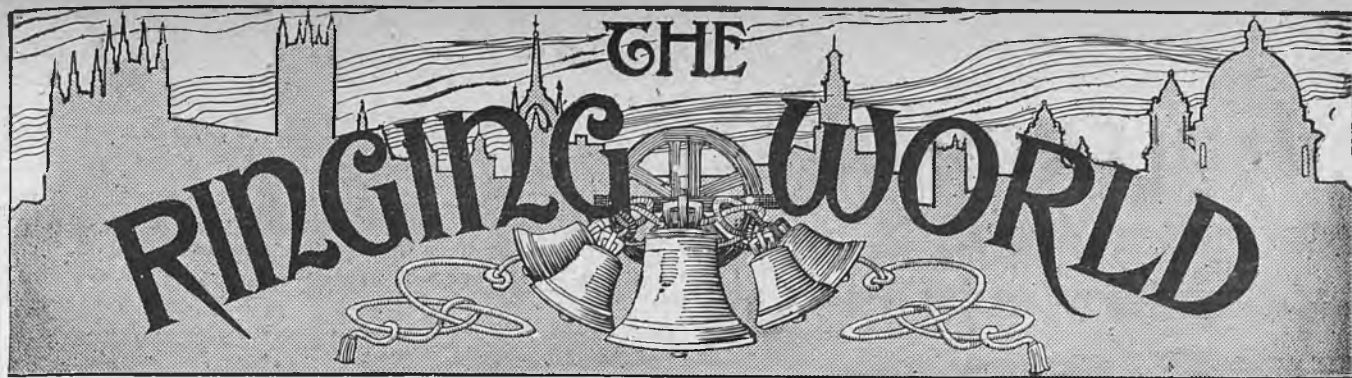
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MESSRS. GILLET and JOHNSTON, CROYDON. 4th March, 1912.
Gentlemen,

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 CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

Very briefly last week we recorded what was done by the Central Council at the meeting at Newcastle on Whit-sun-Tuesday, and this week we give the first instalment of the full report of the lengthy proceedings, which were attended by 27 out of the 40 affiliated associations. Those who made the long journey north are not likely soon to forget the completeness of the arrangements made by the Durham and Newcastle Association for the comfort, pleasure and entertainment of their visitors.

Of the meeting itself, however, one can hardly speak with the same enthusiasm, for while the members actually sat for five and a half hours, the discussions, with one or two exceptions, were not very fruitful. The morning saw the transaction of what may be termed the formal business of the Council, and it was left to the afternoon session to provide the real debates, the discussions on the questions of the possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing, and the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Council bringing out some able and piquant speeches. Whether in regard to the former matter it was quite wise to discuss it in the presence of the general Press, is a question upon which opinion may have been divided, but when later in the day members saw a flaming placard of one of the evening papers drawing attention to "the nuisance of bell ringing," and read a long report of the debate on the subject exposing the ringers' "hand" to the public, as it were, many felt that a mistake had been made, and that rather than obviating trouble, the Council had asked for it.

Some little asperity was introduced into the subject of the representation of the Ladies' Guild, and there is going to be another debate on the matter next year, after the members have had the opportunity of consulting their associations. A surprising amount of seriousness was applied to the discussion of the question, and had it been the Mother of Parliaments itself debating the women's franchise the speakers could hardly have treated it more gravely. The majority of the members seemed on the side of the ladies, whose claims to admission next year are likely to be much stronger than on this occasion. But—in classic phrase—we must "wait and see." Another question that stands over for a year is the identification of Superlative Surprise Royal. The Rev. H. Law James' learned disquisition could only be followed with difficulty by those whose acquaintance with the intricacies of this subject is superficial. Matters of this kind might well be settled by a committee of experts, for it is absolutely impossible for nine-tenths of the members of the Council to express an authoritative opinion one way or the other.

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TWELVE BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAXIMUS, 5016 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*ISAAC PURSER Treble	*ALBERT LITTLE... .. 7
†GEORGE HUGHES 2	*HERBERT JONES 8
†HENRY W. WILDE 3	*BENJAMIN GOUGH 9
†JOHN BASS 4	*HORACE BELCHER 10
*DANIEL JONES 5	†ROBERT MATTHEWS 11
†WILLIAM FISHER 6	†HERBERT KNIGHT Tenor

Composed by J. REEVES, and
Conducted by WILLIAM FISHER.

* First peal of Maximus. † First peal of Bob Maximus. It is also the first peal of Bob Maximus on the bells and by the above Society, and H. W. Wilde's 150th peal.

BIRMINGHAM.

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

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARTIN,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 36 cwt., in C.

THOMAS RUSSAM Treble	JOHN CARTER 7
ALF PADDON SMITH 2	EDMUND J. HYLAND 8
FREDRICK DICKENS 3	SAMUEL GROVE... .. 9
WILLIAM SHORT 4	ALBERT WALKER 10
JAMES H. SHEPHERD 5	JAMES E. GROVES 11
THOMAS MILLER 6	JAMES GEORGE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by JAMES E. GROVES.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT ST. SAVIOUR'S CATHEDRAL, SOUTHWARK,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANGES;

Tenor 50 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	JAMES HUNT 7
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
REUBEN SANDERS 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE... .. 9
ISAAC G. SHADE 4	WILLIAM J. NUDDS... .. 10
CHARLES T. COLES 5	WILLIAM PYE 11
JOHN H. CHEESMAN 6	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

C. T. Coles' 200th peal.

TEN BELL PEALS.

STONHAM ASPAL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAMBERT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5139 CHANGES;

Tenor 24 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM MOTTS 6
WILLIAM P. GARRETT 2	FREDERICK DAY... .. 7
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE... .. 8
HENRY C. GILLINGHAM 4	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 9
EDGAR PEMBERTON 5	PETER LAFLIN Tenor

Composed by J. P. BRADLEY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

The members wish to thank the Rector (the Rev. A. W. Darwin) for granting permission for the use of the bells, and Mr. A. Thurlow (the sexton) for having all in good order.

CIRENCESTER, GLOS.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 29 cwt., in D.

JESSE GILLET Treble	EX-SERG. WILLIAMS ... 6
FRANK COLE 2	H. CHARLES BOND ... 7
FRANCIS J. LEWIS 3	JOHN J. JEFFERIES ... 8
HARRY LEWIS 4	WILLIAM HASTINGS ... 9
JOHN AUSTIN 5	WILLIAM J. FINCH ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY JOHNSON, and
Conducted by FRANCIS J. LEWIS.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRUM,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 37 cwt.

GEORGE HOLLIS Treble	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... 6
BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 2	*SIDNEY PROCTOR ... 7
ALBERT R. COPPOCK ... 3	WILLIAM J. THYNG ... 8
JOHN C. DICKEN 4	PERCIVAL PRICE ... 9
SAMUEL WESLEY 5	SAM THOMAS ... Tenor

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

* First peal of Treble Bob Royal. First peal of Treble Bob Royal on the bells.

CHRISTCHURCH, HANTS.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT CHRISTCHURCH PRIORY CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5080 CHANCES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

ARTHUR CUTMORE Treble	ARTHUR E. BRADLEY ... 6
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 2	† ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 7
GEORGE PRESTON 3	JAMES R. MACKMAN ... 8
EDWIN J. RIDLER 4	ARCHIBALD F. HARRIS ... 9
* PERCY L. MILES 5	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... Tenor

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

* First peal. † 50th peal. This composition which is now rung for the first time, contains the 4th, 5th and 6th three courses in 6th's, and 5th three courses in 5th's with the second bell at home throughout, and is the first peal of Royal on this grand ring of bells.

HULL.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

THOMAS HAIGH Treble	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 6
ARTHUR HAGUE 2	CHARLES JACKSON ... 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 3	WALTER AYRE ... 8
* H. NOBLE IMESON 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
* EDWARD RICKITT 5	CLEMENT GLENN ... Tenor

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

* First peal in the method.

BEVERLEY.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5111 CHANCES;

Tenor 36 cwt.

JOHN H. BROTHWELL Treble	CLEMENT GLENN ... 6
H. NOBLE IMESON 2	EDWARD RICKITT ... 7
† ARTHUR HAGUE 3	* WALTER AYRE ... 8
THOMAS HAIGH 4	RUPERT RICHARDSON ... 9
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 5	WILLIAM MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal of Caters. † First tower bell peal of Caters. First peal in the method on the bells.

LONDON.

ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Treble	FRANK BENNETT ... 6
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	ERNEST BRETT ... 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY ... 3	JOHN H. B. HESSE ... 8
EDWIN GIBBS 4	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 9
* EDWIN F. PIKE 5	ALFRED B. PECK ... Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

* First peal of Royal.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5039 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

* SAMUEL SUMMERHILL ... Treble	WILLIAM FISHER ... 6
† THOMAS H. BURKITT ... 2	THOMAS HUGHES ... 7
HORACE BELCHER ... 3	GEORGE HUGHES ... 8
MOSES B. SMITH ... 4	ALBERT E. BLUNDELL ... 9
WALTER E. BRITTIAN ... 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE HAYWARD, and
Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. First peal on the bells since being recast by Messrs. Gillett & Johnston, the tone and "go" being excellent. Messrs. W. Fisher and B. Gough belong to Coseley; the rest are local men.

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION, YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION
AND ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE SOCIETY.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Four Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 6080 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

ISAAC SIDEBOTTOM ... Treble	BENJ. GILL ... 6
SAMUEL WOOD 2	SAMUEL BOOTH ... 7
THOMAS JAKEMAN ... 3	ALBERT ADAMS ... 8
THOMAS BOTTRILL ... 4	HARRY CHAPMAN ... 9
FRED PAGE 5	JAMES GEORGE ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAMUEL WOOD.

The above band started for 14,000 Kent Treble Bob Royal, as announced in "The Ringing World," but as the ringing was not satisfactory to the conductor, he decided to come round at the above length.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

FOXEARH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

ARTHUR MAXIM Treble	ALBERT CATTERWELL ... 5
THOMAS CHINERY 2	FREDERICK INCH ... 6
WILLIAM WIFFEN 3	ARTHUR TAYLOR ... 7
ARCHIE IVES 4	SAMUEL EVANS ... Tenor

Composed by T. LOCKWOOD, and
Conducted by SAMUEL EVANS.

First peal of Major by the ringers of 3rd and 4th, who hail from Pentlow. A. Catterwell belongs to Belchamp Walter.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E.

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 12 cwt. 1 qr. 4 lbs.	
ALBERT W. COLES Treble	...	WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ...	5
THOMAS H. HAWKINS 2	...	CHARLES T. COLES ...	6
HAROLD W. CLARK 3	...	REUBEN SANDERS ...	7
WILLIAM PYE 4	...	DALBY HODGSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES T. COLES.

Rung with the bells half-muffled as a token of respect to the late William Donaldson, father of one of the local ringers.

GALLEYWOOD, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.		Tenor 14½ cwt.	
*ROBERT E. PELLATT ... Treble	...	HARRY RICHELL ...	5
HENRY J. KING 2	...	WILLIAM J. KEMP ...	6
HENRY F. COOPER 3	...	†STANLEY H. R. COOPER	7
*CHARLES GRAY 4	...	*GEORGE H. ORFORD ...	Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM J. KEMP.

* First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Mr. H. J. King was elected a member of the Association previous to starting.

NEWCHURCH, LANCS.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROSSENDALE BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.		Tenor 15 cwt.	
JAMES TAYLOR Treble	...	ORMEROD EASTWOOD ...	5
ROBERT LEACH 2	...	WALTER TAYLOR ...	6
SAMUEL LORD 3	...	JAMES B. TAYLOR ...	7
JOHN H. HAYDOCK 4	...	JOHN W. ORMEROD ...	Tenor

Conducted by WALTER TAYLOR.

Rung as a farewell to Jonathan Wolstenholme, of Ramsbottom, who left for Canada on the 17th, and to commemorate the silver wedding of Arthur Diver, one of the Newchurch ringers.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

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

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

JOSEPH WAGHORN, Senr. ... Treble	...	*CHARLES H. RUSSELL ...	5
LIONEL H. PAGE 2	...	WILLIAM T. TUCKER ...	6
JOHN S. RUMMING 3	...	EDWIN J. HARDING ...	7
HENRY W. WILKES 4	...	GEORGE WILLIAMS ...	Tenor

Composed by the Rev. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich with a bob bell.

SITTINGBOURNE, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.		Tenor 21 cwt.	
EDWIN G. BUESDEN ... Treble	...	*FREDERICK S. MACEY ...	5
ERNEST J. DOBBIE 2	...	SPENCER MARSHALL ...	6
CHARLES W. BRETT 3	...	CHARLES W. PLAYER ...	7
FREDERICK G. BRETT 4	...	*HORACE WHITEHEAD ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN G. BUESEEN.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung as a farewell to the ringer of the tenor, who is leaving the district.

FRAMSDEN, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt.

LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN ... Treble	...	WILLIAM BURGESS ...	5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	...	GEORGE WILSON ...	6
GEORGE A. WIGHTMAN 3	...	JAMES M. BAILEY ...	7
CHARLES F. BAILEY 4	...	ERNEST S. BAILEY ...	Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

DORCHESTER, OXON.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE ABBEY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 19 cwt.

*FREDERICK W. WOODWARDS Treble	...	WILLIAM HUTTON ...	5
EDGAR HUMFREY 2	...	RICHARD DAVIS ...	6
WILLIAM E. NAPPER 3	...	EDMUND BANNISTER ...	7
RICHARD G. RICE 4	...	JOHN E. ALLEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by EDMUND BANNISTER.

* First peal away from the tenor.

QUIDENHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

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

Tenor 16 cwt.

FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Treble	...	FREDERICK HOWCHIN ...	5
FRANK R. COPEMAN 2	...	GEORGE H. CROSS ...	6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	...	FREDERICK C. BURROWS ...	7
BENJAMIN S. THOMPSON 4	...	ALBERT G. WARNES ...	Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

LENTON, NOTTINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

SAMUEL WESLEY Treble	...	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ...	5
SAM THOMAS 2	...	WILLIAM J. THYNG ...	6
JOHN C. DICKEN 3	...	PERCIVAL PRICE ...	7
ALBERT R. COPPOCK 4	...	ARTHUR KNIGHTS ...	Tenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

HATFIELD, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ETHELDREDA,

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

Tenor 26 cwt.

HENRY S. REEVES ... Treble	...	HARRY HOLLICK ...	5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	...	GEORGE N. PRICE ...	6
ERNEST E. RANDALL 3	...	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ...	7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	...	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	Tenor

Composed by J. W. PRITCHARD, and
Conducted by EDWARD WHITBREAD.

First peal in the method on the bells.

CHIPPING BARNET, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.		Tenor 24 cwt.	
HENRY S. REEVES ... Treble	...	GEORGE N. PRICE ...	5
JOSEPH CHATLEY 2	...	GEORGE E. HOWCHIN ...	6
ERNEST E. RANDALL 3	...	EDWARD WHITBREAD ...	7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	...	HARRY HOLLICK ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE N. PRICE.

ST. ALBANS, HERTS.

THE HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 23 cwt.

EDWARD P. DEBENHAM ... Treble	THOMAS J. HULL ... 5
FREDERIC C. RICE ... 2	ROBERT A. KIRBY ... 6
JOHN W. MALYAN ... 3	HARRY J. FEWELL ... 7
RICHARD H. CHALKLEY ... 4	EBENEZER A. HULL ... Tenor

Conducted by F. C. RICE.

First peal as conductor and first attempt.

HORRINGER, SUFFOLK.

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

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 3 lbs., in A flat.

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS ... Treble	CHARLES WOODCOCK ... 5
FREDRICK G. DEWELL ... 2	GEORGE DEBENHAM ... 6
WALTER RADLEY ... 3	ARTHUR SYMONDS ... 7
WM. R. JOHN POULSON ... 4	HARRY A. TURNER ... Tenor

Composed by WM. SOTTANSTALL, and

Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

First peal in the method on the bells.

RYDE, ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 2.

Tenor 26½ cwt.

CHARLES J. STAINER ... Treble	FRANK HOUSE ... 5
PERCY LONG ... 2	EDWARD HATCHER ... 6
GEORGE H. COOMBS ... 3	A. RICHARD WARD ... 7
OLIVER C. COOMBS ... 4	T. WILLIAM KEMP ... Tenor

Conducted by A. RICHARD WARD.

Rung as a compliment to Mr. George H. Coombes to celebrate his 70th birthday.

CLEMENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

MISS F. E. THATCHER ... Treble	ALFRED DAVIES ... 5
MISS K. C. THATCHER ... 2	*CHARLES SHERIFF ... 6
JOHN BARBER, Senr. ... 3	WILLIAM SHORT ... 7
WILLIAM SHILVOCK ... 4	*GEORGE POPNELL ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SHORT.

* First peal on eight bells. This peal was rung to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 14,112 of London Surprise.

MARKET DRAYTON, SALOP.

THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

H. W. WILD'S TRANSCRIPTION OF THURSTAN'S.

Tenor 17 cwt. 1 qr., in F.

ALFRED FULLICK ... Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE ... 5
*WALTER LAGO ... 2	*WILLIAM WEATHERBY ... 6
E. R. TREVOR CORBETT ... 3	WILLIAM SAUNDERS ... 7
CHARLES R. LILLEY ... 4	WILLIAM JONES ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

* First peal of Stedman Triples. First peal in the method on the bells. Rung for the Whitsuntide Festival. The band wish to thank Dr. F. M. T. Greenwood for the use of the bells, Mr. Weatherby for having all ready, and Mr. E. R. T. Corbett for his kind hospitality after the peal.

NEWARK-ON-TRENT, NOTTS.

NEWARK PARISH CHURCH SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 33 cwt.

*CHARLES H. CHAPMAN ... Treble	*FRED W. FOSTER ... 5
*EDWARD C. THRALE ... 2	*VICTOR R. APPLEBY ... 6
RICHARD DAWSON ... 3	LEONARD BULLOCK ... 7
*JAMES S. BUGG ... 4	*JOHN C. STANGER ... } Tenor
	*JAMES J. JENNISON ... }

Conducted by L. BULLOCK.

* First peal. The only peal rung on the bells by a local band since 1815.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
ON THE ROYAL MEMORIAL BELLS OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5200 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt., in E.

MISS HILDA F. WILLSON ... Treble	FRED W. HERBERT ... 5
WILLIAM H. INGLESANT ... 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS ... 6
EDGAR VALLANCE ... 3	*H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 7
E. HARRY STONELEY ... 4	WILLIAM WILLSON ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the wedding of James Harris (one of St. John's Society) and Miss Ethel Bowman at this church, the ringers wishing them every happiness. It was the conductor's 200th peal rung for the Midland Counties Association, the number of changes being specially compiled for this occasion.

LONDON.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE, HOLLOWAY, N.,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 20 cwt.

FREDERICK A. NUNN ... Treble	*JOHN W. CORNFORD ... 5
ARTHUR W. HART ... 2	HENRY J. RANZETTA ... 6
ROBERT W. GREEN ... 3	*WALTER PATEMAN ... 7
JOSEPH BARRY ... 4	†HENRY C. STUBBS ... Tenor

Conducted by HENRY J. RANZETTA.

* First peal inside. † First peal. First peal as conductor. Rung to celebrate the birth of a daughter to the ringer of the 5th. Quickest peal on the bells.

EASTMEON, HAMPSHIRE.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTAN'S FOUR-PART.

Tenor 19½ cwt., in C.

JOSIAH D. HARRIS ... Treble	CHARLES H. RUSSELL ... 5
CHARLES EDWARDS ... 2	LIONEL H. PAGE ... 6
JOSEPH WAGHORN ... 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS ... 7
ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ... 4	GEORGE NOICE ... Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

This, with the peal at North Stoneham, was arranged for Mr. J. Waghorn, of Tottenham.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19½ cwt.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... Treble	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 5
WILLIAM PYE ... 2	GEORGE R. PYE ... 6
CHARLES T. COLES ... 3	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
REUBEN SANDERS ... 4	ERNEST PYE ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ERNEST PYE.

ROMFORD, ESSEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. EDWARD,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 17 cwt.

JAMES E. DAVIS... ..Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 2	HARRY F. DAWKINS ... 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	ERNEST PYE 7
WILLIAM PYE 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the long peal of London.

BRADPOLE, DORSET.

THE SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 13 cwt. 0 qr. 9 lbs.

THOMAS PAGETreble	JOHN BENDER 5
LOUIS W. WIFFEN... .. 2	CHARLES B. HURST... .. 6
*CHARLES H. JENNINGS ... 3	T. HERVEY BEAMS 7
*WILLIAM A. PAINTER ... 4	W. S. B. NORTHOVER ...Tenor

Conducted by T. HERVEY BEAMS.

First peal with a bob bell.

SUNBURY, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 14½ cwt.

WILLIAM C. PARKERTreble	WILLIAM HENLEY 5
HARRY WALTER 2	JOHN H. PRESTON... .. 6
THOMAS SMITH 3	WILLIAM WELLING 7
JOHN H. B. HESSE 4	WILLIAM WARNETenor

Conducted by W. WELLING.

The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Warne and daughter for their kind hospitality after the peal.

RUSPER, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

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

Tenor 14 cwt.

*HENRY J. DEWEYTreble	†GEORGE F. HOAD 5
OLIVER SIPPETTS 2	FRANCIS T. HOAD, Junr... 6
WILLIAM WENBAN 3	ALBERT ELLIS 7
ALBERT HARMAN 4	FREDERICK W. RICE ...Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by FREDK. W. RICE.

* First peal of Major. † 100th peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

BRISTOL.

THE GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION AND
THE ST. NICHOLAS GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

WASHBROOK'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ALBERT STOWELL... ..Treble	HENRY HOWELL 5
FRED G. MAY 2	FREDERICK W. WADE ... 6
CHARLES PERRY 3	ISAAC LONG 7
*WILLIAM WHITE 4	ALFRED E. REEVES... ..Tenor

Conducted by FRED G. MAY.

Rung after meeting short for Treble Ten.

BOLTON, NEAR BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

J. J. PARKER'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN B. JACKSONTreble	JOHN PALFRAMAN 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	WILLIAM B. SMITH 6
BERNAL E. HOWE 3	ERNEST MORRIS 7
ARTHUR GILL 4	ROBERT W. JENNISON ...Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST MORRIS.

The conductor hails from St. Margarets, Leicester, and wishes to thank the ringers for kindly arranging this peal, and the peal of Bob Major at Keighley on May 10th.

CRAYFORD, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAULINUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*WILLIAM FLOYDTreble	ISAAC EMERY 5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON... 2	EDWARD AUDSLEY 6
GEORGE POVEY... .. 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 4	REGINALD BROUGHTenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the 19th birthday of R. Brough.

STONE, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE STOKE ARCHIDIACONAL ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*F. CHELL, Junr.Treble	C. PAGE 5
T. CHELL 2	J. GOODALL 6
S. CHURTON 3	P. PRESTON 7
*E. COPE 4	*A. S. MARSHTenor

Conducted by S. CHURTON.

* First peal.

CRANLEIGH, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

BROOKS' VARIATION.

Tenor 19 cwt., in E.

ROBERT WHITTINGTON ...Treble	*WILLIAM DENYAR 5
ALFRED H. PULLING... .. 2	HENRY L. GARFATH 6
BERNARD CLARK 3	*WILLIAM CHARMAN... .. 7
CHARLES HAZELDEN 4	*HENRY LEDGERTenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman. Rung on the eve of the Trinity Festival, also as a birthday compliment to Mrs. H. L. Garfath.

FROME.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 36 cwt.

ISAAC B. HOLMYARD... ..Treble	ARTHUR K. HARRISON ... 5
JESSE FRANCIS 2	GILBERT H. HARDING ... 6
FREDERICK SPEED 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR... .. 7
CHARLES RAISON 4	*WILLIAM FLOWERTenor

Conducted by G. H. HARDING

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung for the Festivals of Whitsuntide and Holy Trinity. Messrs. J. Francis and C. Raison were elected members of the above Association previous to starting the peal. The ringers desire to record their warmest thanks to Mr. A. M. G. Daniel (member of the Frome band), who so kindly provided them with a welcome tea at his residence after the peal. Thanks are also due to Mr. W. Bishop and his brother ringers for having made all necessary preparations.

TONBRIDGE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 21 cwt.

*CHARLES COOKE... ..Treble	WILLIAM STEED 5
HERBERT MARKWELL 2	JOSEPH MILNER 6
*WILLIAM J. WOLFE 3	KEITH HART 7
GEORGE H. STONESTREET 4	SIDNEY C. CORKETenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

- * First peal of Stedman and rung at the first attempt.

KENDAL, WESTMORLAND.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 25½ cwt.

ALFRED NEWTONTreble	ERIC L. BENNETT 5
THOMAS KING 2	*GEORGE WALKER 6
GORDON WHITAM 3	WILLIAM ROBINSON 7
THOMAS F. HEVERTSON 4	WILLIAM SALMONTenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

- * First peal. This peal was arranged for Mr. T. King, from Messrs. John Warner & Sons, of London, who are putting in new bells and steel frame at Dalton-in-Furness.

SALLE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt., in E.

FREDERICK W. MIDDLETONTreble	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN 5
GEORGE S. SOAME 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	GEORGE MOY 7
JOHN MOY 4	BENJAMIN S. THOMPSONTenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN.

- This peal was rung on Trinity Sunday, and is the first peal of Triples on the bells. Also the fiftieth peal by G. H. Cross.

SIX BELL PEALS.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge and Norwich Surprise, Burton, College Exercise, Woodbine, Oxford and London Treble Bob.

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE KEMPTreble	ALPHAETS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	WILLIAM CLOVER 5
WILLIAM ROSE 3	LEONARD LASTTenor

Conducted by LEONARD LAST.

- Rung as a farewell peal to the conductor, who has since left for London.

MALDON, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each College Exercise, New London Pleasure, Norwich Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 13 cwt.

EBENEZER W. FINCH... ..Treble	*WALTER NICE 4
HAROLD FINCH 2	HORACE J. MANSFIELD 5
JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM 3	FRED CHALKTenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

- * First peal of Treble Bob Minor.

GILLINGHAM, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob and Plain Bob, and one 720 of Oxford Bob Minor. Tenor 11½ cwt.

*CHARLES J. ELLISTreble	*CPL. J. BENNETT, R.M.L.I. 4
LCE-SGT. HOLDEN, R.M.L.I. 2	W. A. COOKE (W.O.), R.N. 5
ALFRED H. WINCH 3	WILLIAM J. WALKERTenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

- * First peal of Minor. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. W. J. Walker. C. J. Ellis and A. H. Winch, for whom the peal was arranged, hail from Harwich and Leatherhead respectively.

ABBOTT LEIGH, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

A. T. ATHERTONTreble	LEWIS MOORE 4
JACK ATHERTON... .. 2	HERBERT KNIGHT 5
*GEORGE BENNETT 3	GEORGE H. GALETenor

Conducted by G. H. GALE.

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

GORLESTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently.

CHARLES HARDINGTreble	HARRY WRIGHT 4
*GEORGE CLAYTON 2	DENISON HAYWARD 5
FREDERICK KILBORN 3	WILLIAM LEETenor

Conducted by DENISON HAYWARD.

- F. Kilborn, who hails from Desborough, Market Harboro, for whom this peal was arranged, was elected a member previous to starting. * First peal.

STAPLEFORD, CAMBS.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

EDMUND WEBBTreble	ERNEST G. HIBBENS 4
*HENRY BADCOCK 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
L. GEORGE MALLION 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESSTenor

Conducted by A. D. BUTTRESS.

- * First peal in seven methods away from the treble. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

ICKLETON, CAMBS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and One-and-a-half Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALENE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

EDMUND WEBBTreble	ERNEST G. HIBBENS 4
PERCY WEBB 2	JOSEPH PAGE 5
L. GEORGE MALLION... .. 3	BASIL D. BUTTRESSTenor

Conducted by B. D. BUTTRESS.

- First peal in seven methods and also the quickest peal on the bells. Ringers of the treble, 5th and 6th belong to Fulbourn, 3rd and 4th from Fen Ditton, 2nd to Ickleton. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

UBLEY, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 six-scores of Canterbury, Plain Bob and Grandsire.

Tenor 12½ cwt.

CECIL DENNING Treble	GEORGE FISHER 4
GORDON STANDEN 2	THOMAS E. FRANCIS 5
ERNEST STANDEN 3	WILLIAM FISHER Tenor

Conducted by T. E. FRANCIS.

First peal on the bells, which have been recast and two new trebles added and rehung in a new iron frame by Messrs. Taylor & Co., of Loughborough. The band wish to thank Mr. A. Gallop, churchwarden, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

ALLESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's, each called differently. Tenor 12 cwt.

*JOHN TAYLOR Treble	*ROBERT GREEN... .. 4
ADOLPHUS ROBERTS... .. 2	†GEORGE H. KETTLE 5
*HARRY HASTINGS 3	JOSEPH H. W. WHITE Tenor

Conducted by JOSEPH H. W. WHITE.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal of Minor with a bob bell. The ringers of the second and tenor belong to the Stoke Society, Coventry, and the others are members of the local band.

WOODFORD, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

WALTER PERKINS... .. Treble	EDWARD J. CHAPMAN 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL 2	ALFRED H. MARTIN 5
WILLIAM JACQUES 3	JAMES HOUGHTON Tenor

Conducted by JAMES HOUGHTON.

First peal in seven methods on the bells and first peal in seven methods rung in the county by a lady ringer.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of SS. Peter and Paul,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's called differently.

*LESTER GRAY Treble	CHARLES FISHER 4
*GEORGE FINCH, Junr. 2	ROBERT MILES... .. 5
HENRY PUTTICK... .. 3	*WILLIAM REEVE, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES FISHER.

* First peal of Treble Bob.

MALINSLEE, SHROPSHIRE.

THE SALOP GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

At the Church of Leonard,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores. Tenor 10 cwt.

*EDWARD WOODBINE Treble	*ALBERT GARBETT 4
CHARLES H. WATTS... .. 2	ALBERT WOODBINE... .. 5
*JOHN GARBETT 3	*WALTER WILLIAMS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES H. WATTS.

* First peal. This is the first peal by an entirely local band.

TONG, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,

At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London Scholars' Pleasure, City Delight, Arnold's Victory, College Pleasure, Duke of York, Violet and Oxford.

Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE BOLLAND Treble	JAMES PEACOCK... .. 4
SAMUEL ODDY 2	*EDWARD ODDY 5
GEORGE LAMBERT 3	REV. R. P. FARROW Tenor

Conducted by EDWARD ODDY.

* First peal as conductor.

WHITCHURCH, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of St. Mary,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 15 cwt.

BENJAMIN THORP... .. Treble	FRANK J. BAILEY 4
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 2	JOHN W. JONES 5
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAWE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM B. BISS.

First peal in the method as conductor and rung as a birthday compliment to Fred Chamberlain, conductor of the Cardiff band. The ringers take this opportunity to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

SEALE, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours,

At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 College Single, and two 720's each of Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford, Single Bob and Plain Bob. Tenor 8 cwt.

*WILLIAM G. ELKINS Treble	ALFRED J. CHUTER... .. 4
CHARLES EDWARDS 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
†J. MANN 3	ALFRED J. CROUCHER Tenor

Conducted by HUBERT CHAFFEY.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal in more than one method. Rung in honour of the Trinity.

BOBBING, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

At the Church of St. Bartholomew,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*FREDRICK HOLLANDS... .. Treble	THOMAS JULL 4
WILLIAM H. B. WILKINS 2	WILLIAM J. WALKER 5
WILLIAM T. HYLAND 3	WILLIAM NYE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. B. WILLIAMS.

* First peal and first attempt. F. Hollands is one of the local band.

CHIGWELL ROW, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

At the Church of All Saints,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Ipswich, Beverley, Lincoln, London, Wells, York and Durham. The two former are in Class III., the rest Class IV.

Tenor 15 cwt.

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

Conducted by WILLIAM MILLER.

BROMHAM, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. OWEN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

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

Tenor 23 cwt.

MISS EVELYN STEEL... .. Treble	HARRY TYSOE 4
ALFRED MARTIN 2	JOHN W. BARKER 5
WALTER PERKINS 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by C. W. CLARKE.

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF OXFORD BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being a 720 called seven different ways. Tenor 7½ cwt.

*KENNER G. HAWKINS ... Treble	*FREDERICK SPRING 4
†WILLIAM WALDEN 2	JOHN WALDEN 5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... 3	ALFRED BATEMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. The Rector timed the ringing and afterwards congratulated the ringers on their success.

DEAL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES ;

Being 720 each of College Single, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob, and four 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently. Tenor 9½ cwt.

*ERNEST KEMP Treble	*JOHN TRINDER 4
LCE.-SERGT. F. A. HOLDEN ... 2	*LOUIS LADD 5
ERNEST W. VERRIER 3	HENRY C. CASTLE ... Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK A. HOLDEN.

* First peal.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(THE ST. JOHN'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT 4, KEYTHORPE STREET.

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor size 15, in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	WILLIAM WILLSON 5-6
E. MAURICE ATKINS 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 7-8
T. HENRY HARDY 9-10	

Composed by W. WILLSON and Conducted E. M. ATKINS.

Witness: MISS HILDA WILLSON.

First peal of Royal by ringers of 1-2, 7-8, and 9-10, also the first peal of Royal rung on handbells in the county of Leicester.

LEICESTER.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-Eight Minutes,
IN THE BELFRY OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE,

A PEAL OF BOB ROYAL, 5040 CHANGES ;

Tenor Size 15, in C.

EDGAR VALLANCE 1-2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5-6
WILLIAM WILLSON 3-4	H. EDWARD NORMAN ... 7-8
T. HENRY HARDY 9-10	

Composed and Conducted by WILLIAM WILLSON.

Umpire: SYDNEY SHELTON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5041 CHANGES ;

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN... 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING 3-4	SEPTIMUS RADFORD 7-8
HENRY L. GARFATH 9-10	

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Garfath, mother of H. L. Garfath. This was A. H. Pulling's 300th peal as conductor.

CAMBRIDGE.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT PEMBROKE COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

WILLIAM D. JAMES 1-2	FREDERICK BARKER 5-6
J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 3-4	*ALBERT E. AUSTIN 7-8

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal of Major.

BRADFORD, YORKS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(OFFICERS' PEAL.)

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANGES ;

JOSEPH BROADLEY... .. 1-2	JAMES COTTERELL 5-6
PERCY J. JOHNSON 3-4	THOMAS B. KENDALL... .. 7-8

Composed by H. J. TUCKER, and
Conducted by PERCY J. JOHNSON.

Attested by JOSEPH H. HARDCASTLE.

This is the first handbell peal in the City of Bradford; also the first peal on handbells by four officers of the Association and the first peal on handbells by the ringers of 7-8.

ALL CONDUCTED PEAL.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,

AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON, N.E.,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES ;

Tenor size 11, in E flat.

J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE ... 1-2	ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD ... 5-6
WILLIAM SHEPHERD 3-4	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7-8

1st quarter Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

2nd " " J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, " ARTHUR F. SHEPHERD.
3rd " " ARTHUR KNIGHTS, " J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE.
4th " " J. J. BREARLEY, " WILLIAM SHEPHERD.

Umpire: E. E. GRIMES.

This is the first time a performance of this kind has been accomplished.

ST. NEOTS, HUNTS.

THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirteen Minutes,

AT "LLANROCK," AVENUE ROAD,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5376 CHANGES ;

SIDNEY PECK 1-2	GEORGE D. COLEMAN 5-6
SYDNEY J. COLEMAN 3-4	EDMUND C. CHASTY 7-8

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by SYDNEY J. COLEMAN.

Umpire: C. ROLLINGS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to the umpire and conductor.

A FALSE PEAL.

Mr. Stedman H. Symonds writes: "I have to apologise to the band that took part in the peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Walter Belchamp, on Saturday, October 12th, 1912, as the 5184 by J. J. Brierley is false. For calling the same I am very sorry."

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

The monthly meeting of the Crewe branch was held on Saturday week at Barthomley, about 20 members being present from seven different towers. Ringing was commenced about 4 p.m., and after touches of Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob had been rung, the members adjourned to tea, which had been kindly provided by the Rector (the Rev. G. W. Skene). Afterwards, the usual business meeting took place, the Rector being supported by the Rev. A. T. Beeston (hon. secretary of the Guild), who made this his official visit. Subsequently, the ringers again adjourned to the tower for touches of Stedman, etc.

ANALYSIS OF PEALS RUNG DURING THE YEAR

AND PUBLISHED IN ONE OR OTHER OF THE RINGING PAPERS

COMPILED BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE CENTRAL COUNCIL OF THE RINGING WORLD

	MAXIMUS.				CINQUES		ROYAL.				CATERS.			MAJOR.												TRIPLES				
	Cambridge Surprise.	Treble Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Grandsire.	Cambridge Surprise.	Treble Bob.	Little Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Erin.	Grandsire.	London Surprise.	Cumberland Delight.	Bristol Surprise.	Cambridge Surprise.	New Cambridge Surp.	Superlative Surprise.	Gloucester	Norfolk	Forward	Duffield	Waterloo Reverse.	Double Norwich.	Treble Bob.	Little Bob.	Plain Methods.	Stedman.	Erin.	Grandsire.
POINTS PER PEAL.....	55	18	15	32	13	40	16	16	12	28	28	10	50	50	48	50	30	30	30	30	24	24	24	16	12	12	8	24	24	
Ancient Society of College Youths.....	1	2		6			1			5				1	1	2		1						1	4a			9	1	
Royal Cumberland Youths.....				1						1														6			5	4		
Bath and Wells Association.....																5								1						
Bedfordshire Association.....																								1						
Birmingham, St. Martin's Guild.....				9		1				2						1		1						6	5	1	3	2	1	
Cambridge University Guild.....								2	2			4												9			2			
Chester Diocesan Guild.....												2												1			2			
Devonshire Guild.....												6															1			
Dudley and Districts Guild.....									1																					
Durham and Newcastle Association.....										5								1						2	6			4	1	
Ely Diocesan Association.....							3			1			1			5	1	4						13			14	1		
Essex County Association.....																								3	15		5	8		
Gloucester and Bristol Association.....			1			1					4				1	1		1						1			1	4		
Hereford Diocesan Guild.....																									1			2		
Hertfordshire County Association.....				2						3					7b			5						2	6		1	12		
Irish Association.....																														
Kent County Association.....		1	1			1			5	5	3c				6	7	1	5		1			1	7	2	1	14	19		
Lancashire Association.....				1	1		4																	4	24		8	21		
Lincoln Diocesan Guild.....		2										5												1	3	2	4			
Llandaff Diocesan Association.....									1																		3	7		
London County Association.....									1			1												2	1		1	7		
Middlesex County Association.....					8	5	1			16		3	6		21d	6	4	8	1	2				7	8		5	28		
Midland Counties Association.....							2		1	8		11			1			9		2	1	1		17	20		8	32		
Northants (Central) Association.....											1		1		2			6						7	5	1	7	5		
Norwich Diocesan Association.....		3	1	1			2		2	1		2			2	5	3	13		5			31	61		27	8			
Oxford Diocesan Guild.....		1								7	1	2	2		3	3		7					9	10		2	21			
Salisbury Diocesan Guild.....										2		1	2		3	1		3										8		
Salop Archidiaconal Guild.....																														
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford.....		1		1			1		1	4		6											2	1		7	14	2		
Surrey Association.....										1		1												4			3	7		
Sussex County Association.....							1		1	1		1				1		6					10	2		6	37			
Wales (North) Association.....																								8			1			
Warwickshire Guild.....												1	1					5						5	1		4	12		
Winchester Diocesan Guild.....										41e		2	1											6	4		16	38		
Worcestershire and Districts Association.....												4												4	3		5	7	1	
Yorkshire Association.....		2				2f		3		2		5	1							1				4	28	3	17	9		
Independent Societies.....				1				3		6	2	3						1						1	8		6	3		
TOTAL.....	1	12	3	30	1	8	17	2	23	113	3	70	17	1	47	36	9	85	1	11	1	1	1	133	254	9	178	337	33	1

NOTE.—a Includes 8896 K.T.B. Major.

b 12,163.

c 8993 on handbells.

d 15,241.

e 14,091 and 19,738 both on handbells.

OTHER INTERESTING STATISTICS.

The 93 peals rung by independent societies were thus distributed, viz.: Breconshire, 1; Cambridgeshire, 4; Essex, 3; Glamorganshire, 3; Gloucestershire, 16; Hertfordshire, 1; Kent, 1; Lancashire, 2; Leicestershire, 3; Middlesex, 8; Norfolk, 1; Northamptonshire, 9; Staffordshire, 13; Suffolk, 2; Surrey, 4; Sussex, 2; Warwickshire, 1; Wiltshire, 1; Worcestershire, 1; Yorkshire, 17.

The 283 peals of Treble Bob were rung as follows: In the Kent Variation, Maximus 11, Royal 16, Major 206; in the Oxford Variation, Maximus 1, Royal 1, Major 48.

The 352 peals of Grandsire Triples may be sub-divided as follows: Holt's Original, 39; Holt's 10-part and variations, 79; Holt's 6-part, 4; Parker's 1-part, 5; Parker's 5-part, 2; Parker's 6-part, 21; Parker's 12-part, 90; others peals by Mr. J. J. Parker, 4; Carter's 12-part and variations, 12; other peals by Mr. J. Carter, 8; Taylor's peals, 25; Hollis' 5-part, 9; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 10; Vicar's peals, 6; Rev. E. B. James' peals, 4; Bruerton's 12-part peals, 4; Aspinwall's peals, 3; Lindoff's peals, 3; Moorhouse's peals, 2; Thurstans' peals, 2; Matthews' peals, 2; Biddlestone's peals, 2; Whittle's peals, 2; other peals (including 4 unnamed), 14.

The 217 peals in Plain Methods comprise: Bob Maximus, 3; Bob Royal, 23; Bob Major, 175; Canterbury Pleasure Major, 1; Oxford Bob Major, 1; St. Clement's Bob Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 10; Plain Bob Triples, 2; Union Triples, 1.

The 90 peals of Doubles are shown in the following statement:—

Association.

Number of Methods.

	1	2	3	4	5	8	10
Bath and Wells.....	6	4					
Central Northants.....	8	2		1			
Chester Diocesan Guild.....	1						
Devonshire Guild.....	4						
Ely Diocesan Guild.....	2		1				
Gloucester and Bristol.....	1						
Hereford Diocesan.....	17		1				
Lincoln Diocesan.....	2						
Llandaff Diocesan.....	2						
Midland Counties.....	2	1				1	
Norwich Diocesan.....	1	6		1			
Oxford Diocesan.....	1						
Salisbury Diocesan.....	2						
Soc. for Archd. of Stafford.....							1
Sussex County.....	1						
Warwickshire Guild.....	1						
Worcester and Districts.....	4		1	1			
Independent Societies.....	11	1	1		1		
	66	14	4	3	1	1	1—90

The 337 peals of Stedman comprised: Thurstans' one-part, 4; Thurstans' 4-part and variations, 272; Washbrook's peals, 22; Sir A. P. Heywood's peals, 13; Carter's peals, 14; Rev. E. Bulwer's peals, 3; Lindoff's peals, 3; Rev. C. D. P. Davies' peals, 3; Dr. Carpenter's peals, 2; J. J. Parker's peal, 1.

THE YEAR'S RECORD PEALS.

The greatest number of changes in one peal was 19,378 of Stedman

YR 1912

BELL RINGERS.

			MINOR.				DOUBLES.					
Total Peals on 7 or more Bells.			Average per Peal.			Surprise Methods.				Total Minor and Doubles.		
Total Points on 7 or more Bells.			Average per Peal.			Total Points Minor and Doubles.				Average per Peal.		
Total of All Peals.			Average per Peal.			Total of All Peals.				Average per Peal.		
Broken Lead			Treble Bob			Plain Bob				Mixed		
Doubles.			Doubles.			Doubles.				Doubles.		
Total Minor and Doubles.			Total Points Minor and Doubles.			Average per Peal.				Total of All Peals.		
31	827	26'677	—	—	—	7	—	—	7	164	23'425	38
9	246	27'333	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	9
33	381	11'545	—	—	7	—	10	17	86	5'058	50	
1	12	12'000	—	—	2	15	—	17	308	18'117	18	
23	615	26'739	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	23
26	372	14'307	—	—	1	—	—	1	7	7'000	27	
22	241	10'954	—	1	3	5	1	10	135	13'500	32	
12	97	8'083	—	—	2	2	4	8	53	6'625	20	
13	115	8'846	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13	
18	370	20'555	1	—	—	—	—	1	34	31'000	19	
38	359	10'236	—	—	8	10	3	21	213	10'142	59	
50	887	17'740	1	—	1	14	—	16	330	20'625	66	
24	385	16'083	—	—	1	—	1	2	10	5'000	26	
4	67	16'750	—	—	9	8	18	35	241	6'885	39	
44	1,220	27'727	—	—	2	8	—	10	149	14'900	54	
111	1,988	17'891	—	—	6	35	—	41	597	11'580	152	
91	1,454	15'976	1	—	3	8	—	15	274	18'266	106	
22	259	11'772	—	—	1	20	17	2	40	468	11'700	62
19	260	13'684	—	—	—	—	2	3	13	4'333	22	
15	256	17'066	—	—	—	4	—	4	55	21'250	19	
150	4,147	27'646	—	—	2	1	—	3	31	10'333	153	
128	2,348	17'014	—	—	2	7	21	4	34	486	14'294	172
38	717	18'868	—	—	5	19	11	35	381	10'885	73	
178	2,794	18'696	—	—	4	20	47	87	1,117	16'287	265	
93	1,765	18'978	—	—	1	10	17	1	29	474	16'314	122
26	664	25'537	—	—	—	—	2	2	6	3'000	28	
3	21	7'000	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
53	811	15'301	—	—	1	—	1	2	15	7'500	55	
33	420	12'727	—	—	1	1	—	2	20	10'000	35	
94	1,592	16'936	—	—	1	10	2	1	14	133	9'500	108
7	65	9'285	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7	
32	643	20'093	1	—	1	3	5	1	11	206	18'727	43
129	2,834	21'968	—	—	8	1	—	9	93	10'333	138	
37	463	12'513	—	—	1	8	13	6	28	256	10'214	65
94	1,213	12'904	1	1	2	—	15	19	431	22'684	113	
59	759	12'864	—	—	11	9	—	14	34	310	10'000	93
1,772	31,710	17'895	13	2	17	151	284	90	557	7,486	13'439	2,329

on bells. f 7280. g 7200. h 10,050.

Caters, rung on handbells by members of the Winchester Diocesan Guild in 9 hrs. 32 mins. This peal broke a record by the same band a few months previously of 14,031 changes in the same method. A peal on tower bells of 15,264 changes of Bristol Surprise, rung at Hornchurch, Essex, on the 27th of May by members of the Middlesex County Association, also creates a new record, the previous record in this method being a peal of 12,160 changes rung at Knebworth, Herts, on the 3rd of April, by members of the Hertfordshire County Association. A performance in 14 methods of Minor, consisting of eight Treble Bob, three Delight, and three Surprise Methods, by members of the Norwich Diocesan Association, reached a total of 10,080 changes. Other long peals consisted of 3896, 8099 (handbells), 7280, 7203, 7000, 6368, 6240 and 6160 changes respectively. Under 6000 changes there were 2316 peals rung. The number of peals rung on church bells was 2021; on handbells, 308, making a total of 2329 peals.

The peals rung in 1912 were 590 more than in 1911, and create an extraordinary record, being an increase for the year of nearly 34 per cent. They were rung in the following months, viz.: January, 180; February, 161; March, 144; April, 173; May, 184; June, 183; July, 136; August, 182; September, 220; October, 210; November, 258; December, 293.

WHAT THE LADIES DID.

Twenty ladies have taken part in 109 successful peals during the year 1912, viz.: Miss Edith R. Barnes rang in one peal of Grandsire Triples for the Chester Diocesan Guild. Miss Eva N. Belcher rang in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town, Poplar. Miss Clara Beasley rang in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss Elsie L. Bennett rang in 27 peals on handbells. For the Winchester Diocesan Guild she rang nine peals as follows: Grandsire Caters, 1; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 1; Bob Major, 5; Grandsire Triples, 1. For the Kent County Association she rang 14 peals, as follows: Grandsire Caters, 2; Stedman Caters, 1; Bob Maximus, 1; Bob Royal, 5; Bob Major, 4; Grandsire

Triples, 1. For the All Saints' Society, Fulham, she rang three peals, Grandsire Caters, 1; Bob Royal, 2; and for the Royal Cumberland Youths, one peal of Bob Major. Miss Mary Chillingworth rang in four peals of Minor for the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Miss Nellie Gillingham rang in three peals; one of Bob Major for the Bath and Wells Association, one of Grandsire Triples for the Chester Diocesan Guild, and also in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town. Miss E. M. Johnson rang in two peals of Grandsire Doubles, and Miss Ruth Johnson rang in one peal of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells, for the Worcester and Districts Association, their ages being 12 and 10 respectively. Miss Mary Jukes rang in three peals; one of Bob Major for the Bath and Wells Association, one of Minor for the Norwich Diocesan Association, and also in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples at Cubitt Town. Miss Sarah Pigott rang seven peals. For the Worcester and Districts Association, Oxford Bob Major, 1; Oxford Bob Triples, 2; Grandsire Triples and Bob Major, one each. She rang in one peal of Bob Major for the North Wales Association; and also in the ladies' peal at Cubitt Town. Miss Maud Pigott rang in two peals of Oxford Bob Triples for the Worcester and Districts Association. Miss Edith K. Parker has easily surpassed her wonderful record of previous years by ringing 35 peals, viz.:—For the Middlesex County Association: (1) On tower bells: London Surprise Major, 3, conducted 3; Bristol Surprise Major, 2; Cambridge Surprise Major, 1; New Cambridge Major, 4, conducted 3; Superlative Surprise Major, 3, conducted 3; Gloucester Surprise, 1, conducted 1; Norfolk Surprise Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1, Stedman Triples, 1. (2) On handbells: Grandsire, 2; Bob Major, 1; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Grandsire Triples, 5, conducted 1. For the Royal Cumberland Youths: Cumberland Delight Major, 1, conducted 1 (the first and only peal yet rung); London Surprise Major, 1, conducted 1; Superlative Surprise Major, 1. For the Devonshire Guild: Bob Major (on handbells), 1. For S. Martin's Guild, Birmingham: Stedman Cinques, 1, conducted 1. For the Herts County Association: Superlative Surprise Major 1, conducted 1; Stedman Triples, 1, conducted, 1; Grandsire Triples (handbells), 1. Ladies' peal at Cubitt Town, Poplar: Grandsire Triples, 1, conducted 1; total, 35, conducted 17. Miss W. Sanders rang in two peals of Bob Major, on handbells, for the Midland Counties Association. Miss C. E. Sparshott rang in two peals; one of Grandsire Caters for the Salisbury Guild, and one of Grandsire Triples for the Winchester Guild. Miss Evelyn Steel rang in four peals, viz., three for the Bedfordshire Association; Kent Treble Bob Major, 1; Minor, 2, and also in the ladies' peal of Grandsire Triples. Miss Kate Thatcher rang in a peal of Bob Major for the Worcester and Districts Association. Miss May Thompson rang in a peal of Grandsire Triples for the Midland Counties Association. Miss Lilian Willson rang in six peals. For the Midland Counties Association, two peals of Kent Treble Bob Major, three of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich. She also took part in the ladies' peal. Miss Hilda Willson rang in one peal of Grandsire Triples, and one of Double Norwich for the Midland Counties Association. Mrs. Whittington rang in three peals of Grandsire Triples, viz., two for the Winchester Guild, and one for the Sussex County Association.

THE CONDUCTORS.

The conductors of five peals and upwards were: A. H. Pulling 92, of which 80 were on handbells; W. Pye, 52 (7 on handbells); F. Bennett, 47 (6 on handbells); B. Prewett, 35 (2 on handbells); G. Williams, 34; Keith Hart and W. Shepherd, 33 (27 on handbells); C. F. Bailey, 26 (8 on handbells); J. Motts, 25; Clement Glenn, 24 (15 on handbells); F. Borrett, 23; E. M. Atkins, 22 (14 on handbells); G. F. Williams and G. N. Price, 19 (8 on handbells); G. R. Newton and E. H. Stoneley, 18; C. R. Lilley, E. H. Lindup, R. Matthews, Miss E. K. Parker (1 on handbells), W. Short, 17; F. G. May, J. Thomas (11 on handbells), C. W. Clarke, 16; G. H. Cross (11 on handbells), W. Steele, 15; J. E. Davis, F. C. Lambert, S. H. Symonds (4 on handbells), W. H. B. Wilkins, 14; W. D. James (4 on handbells), S. Proctor (4 on handbells), Rev. H. S. T. Richardson (8 on handbells), 13; J. Goodman, junr., J. E. Groves, B. A. Knights, D. J. Nichols (5 on handbells), A. E. Moore (11 on handbells), 12; Rev. H. L. James (3 on handbells), J. W. Lake (6 on handbells), G. R. Pye (3 on handbells), J. Souther, A. P. Wakley (3 on handbells), J. W. Washbrook, 11; G. Cattermole, C. Edwards, T. Groombridge, sen., F. Manser, J. Potter, T. H. Taffender, C. A. Valentine, 10; A. Edwards (1 on handbells), W. G. Ellis, T. J. Elton, W. Fisher, W. Poston, G. E. Symonds (1 on handbells), 9; E. Barnett, senr., A. Coppock, F. W. Dixon, J. Hough, A. H. Ward (1 on handbells), W. Welling, W. S. Wise (4 on handbells), S. Wood, 8; W. H. Barber, G. D. Coleman (3 on handbells), F. Cook, C. H. Fowler, E. C. Gobey, A. Greenfield, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, H. Knight, E. Lambert, G. Martin, W. Rose, W. Willson, 7; W. G. Crickmer, F. E. Dawe, G. Dent, J. B. Fenton, T. Fitzjohn, J. Flint, A. W. Grimes (3 on handbells), F. A. Holden (2 on handbells), P. J. Johnson (3 on handbells), W. H. Lawrence, C. Layton, A. Mackears, E. W. Menday, A. T. Morris (5 on handbells), E. Morris, J. Pigott, E. Reader, J. Ridyard, A. Roberts, W. Taylor, S. Thomas, W. E. Wilson, B. W. Wittchell, A. Wright, 6; G. F. Alexander (3 on handbells), J. Armstrong, A. Bailey, E. G. Buesden, J. Carter, H. Chapman, A. J. Day, T. Faulkner, H. W. Foulger, J. Griffin, H. Hampson, J. Hemming, R. T. Hibbert, G. F. Hoad, M. Hobbs, W. Keeble, F. J. Levitt (5 on handbells), E. W. Marsh, F. J. Paget, E. P. Poppy, H. Stalham, W. Watts, E. Whitbread, E. Whitting, G. Wightman, 5.

In addition to the above, 37 persons conducted 4 peals; 68, three peals; 114, two peals, and 299, one peal. Two peals were rung with each

member of the band taking a part in the conducting; one peal was rung uncondacted, and two peals were published without a conductor's name. Two ladies appear in the list of conductors; Miss Gillingham, who conducted a peal of Bob Major for the Bath and Wells Association, and Miss Parker, whose peals as a conductor have already been dealt with.

THE HANDBELLS PEALS.

The 308 peals on handbells were rung as follows: Bob Maximus, 1; Stedman Cinques, 5; Bob Royal, 15; Kent Treble Bob Royal, 3; Little Bob Royal, 1; Stedman Caters, 54; Grandsire Caters, 18; Bob Major, 73; Little Bob Major, 5; Kent Treble Bob Major, 26; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 3; Double Norwich Court Bob Major, 5; Stedman Triples, 39; Grandsire Triples, 37; peals in Minor Methods, 18; Doubles, 5; for the following Associations:—

	Number of Peals.
Ancient Society of College Youths	5
Cambridge University Guild	22
Devonshire Guild	1
Ely Diocesan Guild	27
Essex Association	7
Hereford Diocesan Guild	1
Hertfordshire Association	9
Kent County Association	16
Lancashire Association	1
Lincoln Diocesan Guild	11
Middlesex County Association	32
Midland Counties Association	8
Central Northants Association	12
Norwich Diocesan Association	21
Royal Cumberland Youths	1
Society for the Archdeaconry of Stafford	1
Surrey Association	6
Winchester Diocesan Guild	91
Worcester and Districts Association	2
Yorkshire Association	21
Independent Societies	13
Total	308

The total number of peals, whether on tower bells or on handbells, rung year by year since 1881 to the present time, is as follows:—

1881.....156	1889.....797	1897.....905	1905.....1519
1882.....244	1890.....699	1898.....1002	1906.....1315
1883.....330	1891.....878	1899.....912	1907.....1339
1884.....419	1892.....802	1900.....924	1908.....1474
1885.....500	1893.....705	1901.....1194	1909.....1628
1886.....556	1894.....859	1902.....1313	1910.....1725
1887.....646	1895.....766	1903.....1469	1911.....1739
1888.....759	1896.....791	1904.....1512	1912.....2329

Grand Total, 32,204.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

THE PROPOSED GIFT OF A BELL TO CHELMSFORD.

The thirty-fourth annual meeting of the Essex Association was held at West Ham on Whitsun Monday, when 76 members attended from various parts of the county. Divine service was held in the Parish Church, the new special form of service, approved of by the Bishop of the Diocese, being used for the first time. Prayers were said by the Rev. Canon Pelly (Vicar of West Ham), and the Rev. H. T. W. Eyre (Vicar of Totham, and hon. secretary and treasurer of the Association) read the lesson. A very instructive address was given by the Rev. J. W. Eisdell, Vicar of Barking.

The meeting was held in the Church Hall. Mr. C. H. Howard (Master) presided, supported by the Vicar of Barking, the hon. secretary, auditors, and district officers.—The report and balance sheet were unanimously adopted, and all the officers were re-elected.—Several new members were elected.

In accordance with the notice given, Mr. H. F. Cooper (Chelmsford) proposed, and Mr. J. F. Penning (Saffron Walden) seconded, that the treble bell to the new ring of twelve for Chelmsford Church be given by the Association out of the reserve fund.—Mr. E. W. Beckwith (Coggeshall) proposed, and Mr. D. Elliott (Coggeshall) seconded, as an amendment, that a vote of the members be taken by referendum.—After considerable discussion, the amendment was put, and lost, and the resolution was carried.

The following alteration in Rule III was moved by the Master, seconded by Mr. L. Hayes, and carried, after the words "out of the county," to insert: "If a tower immediately adjacent to the county boundary wishes, upon application, to become affiliated with the Association; the band of ringers of such tower may be admitted, with the approval of the neighbouring Association, and continue as members upon an annual payment of 1s."

Harlow was selected for the next annual meeting.

Votes of thanks were passed to the preacher for his excellent address, to the Vicar of West Ham for use of towers, and to the choir and organist for their assistance at the service.

Members afterwards adjourned to the various towers, where arrangements had been made by Mr. G. A. Black for the accommodation of those wishing to avail themselves of some ringing.

THE CENTRAL COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING AT NEWCASTLE.

SPECIALLY REPORTED BY "THE RINGING WORLD" REPRESENTATIVE.

As recorded by a brief summary in our last issue, the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers met at Newcastle-on-Tyne on Whit-Tuesday. The business meeting took place at the Mining Institute, where the Lecture Theatre provided specially suitable accommodation. There were 49 members present, representing 27 associations, the proceedings being presided over by Sir Arthur Heywood, Bart., the president. The affiliated associations unrepresented were: The Cumberland Youths; St. Martin's Guild, Birmingham; Dudley and Districts Guild; Ely Diocesan; Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan; Hereford Diocesan; Liverpool Diocesan; Llandaff Diocesan; North Notts; Salop Archidiaconal; Staffs Archdeaconry; Truro Diocesan; and Warwickshire.

THE PUBLICATION OF THE MINUTES.

Some discussion took place upon the minutes of the last meeting, which were eventually signed after amendment, and the Hon. Secretary (the Rev. C. D. P. Davics) said that some criticism had been brought against the publication of the minutes to the effect that the minutes were five months late. He regarded them as seven months early, because there was nothing in the rules to say that they should be published before the ensuing meeting. But they were published beforehand for two or three reasons, first that the committees could get their instructions as to what they were to do; secondly, that if there was any little slip or inaccuracy in the minutes it should be in the power of any member to write and correct it, and so save a discussion like they had had that morning. He would be glad, therefore, if in future members would kindly call his attention to any inaccuracy when the minutes appeared in the ringing papers, so that it could be put right.

WELSH DISESTABLISHMENT.

The Hon. Secretary said formal acknowledgments of the resolution passed by the Council at its meeting in London protesting against the Bill for the Disestablishment of the Church in Wales, had been received from the Prime Minister, Mr. A. Bonar Law, and Lord Lansdowne.

THE COUNCIL'S PUBLICATIONS.

The Hon. Secretary presented the accounts. He said they started with a balance in hand of £71 12s. 6d. The receipts for the year were from affiliation fees, fifteen at 10s., one at 7s. 6d., nine at 5s., and fifteen at 2s. 6d., and one of 2s. 6d., paid after the last meeting, amounting altogether to £12 2s. 6d., and making a total of £83 15s. He had pleasure in informing the Council that since the last meeting two new associations had become affiliated to the Council—the Dudley and District and the Peterborough (hear, hear). On the other hand, two associations were in default—the Irish Association and the North Wales. The expenditure amounted to £6 1s. 6d., leaving a balance in hand of £77 13s. 6d. The Hon. Secretary added that he usually presented a statement of the sales of the Council's publications by their publishers, but this year, although he had made repeated application for the information, he had been unable to get a statement from them. The publishers took up no end of their profits, in fact, it worked out at practically 7s. 6d. in the £. That was rather expensive for the Council, and he wondered whether the Council would like to appoint an honorary librarian to do the work which the publishers now did. There was a gentleman who was prepared to undertake the work if the Council approved, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn (hear, hear).

Mr. W. Bibby suggested when next the Council published a book the publication should be placed in the hands of the guild secretaries, because they could better get into touch with the ringers.

The President said the only way that could be done was by the various associations purchasing the publications for redistribution or re-sale. It would be impossible to place any of their unsold publications in the hands of secretaries, because it would be impossible for the hon. secretary to have any knowledge of the number of publications in hand. He did not see how the various secretaries of the associations could be expected to be responsible for the money value of publications committed to their charge.

The Hon. Secretary said if the secretaries of associations took any copies, he felt very strongly they should buy them. Otherwise it would be practically equivalent to having librarians in every county.

Mr. C. Todd said the Durham and Newcastle Association purchased a stock of publications, and they had found the system work very well. They paid for the books and sold them to the members.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston asked if the hon. secretary knew the condition in which the stock was in the hands of the publishers. During the last twelve months he had had occasion to write for copies of "Legitimate Minor Methods." In every case he found the stitches were rusty, so that the leaves were in danger of dropping out. If all the copies were in that condition, it seemed to him to point to the necessity for "scrapping" these incomplete copies, so that they might have a new edition which would include the bob work, and the other methods which had been found out since the book was published—which he believed was the intention in any new edition.

Mr. J. Griffin, one of the auditors, having moved that the accounts be passed, Mr. G. P. Burton suggested that a portion of the balance

should be placed on deposit so that the Council might get the benefit of the bank interest.

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge, who had audited the accounts with Mr. J. Griffin, seconded their adoption, and said they had found the accounts most admirably kept, and everything in perfect order.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett moved that a sum of £50 should be placed on deposit at the bank.—Mr. R. Narborough seconded, and the motion was agreed to.—The balance sheet was then adopted.

Apologies for absence were received from the Revs. A. H. F. Boughey, P. J. O. Helmore, Canon Papillon, Maitland Kelly, and H. S. T. Richardson, Dr. A. B. Carpenter, and Messrs. C. E. Borrett, J. Carter, W. T. Cockerill, J. R. Sharman, H. W. Wilde, C. H. Hattersley, W. Rock Small, G. Williams, H. White, J. Whiting and J. Evans.

THE HON. MEMBERS.

The President said the retiring hon. members this year were the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker, the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson and Mr. W. S. Thompson. If they were re-elected it would fill up the whole of their hon. members' list, which was a thing they did not like to do, because it did not leave them a loophole in case an important member, who was a representative member, dropped out, and they desired to retain him on the Council. They had been in the habit of keeping one or two places open. The Standing Committee had had the matter under their consideration, and in their opinion the Council should re-elect the first three—the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson. Mr. Thompson never attended the meetings, and was not a ringer. As most of the Council knew, he was a mathematician, and had been of great assistance to them in that direction. It was he who first proved that a peal of Grandsire Triples could not be obtained without singles. If in the future they had any problem for him to solve, he could do that just as well without being a member of the Council, but in being an hon. member he was filling a place that they might want for somebody else. The Standing Committee recommended that he be not re-elected, and although he had been an hon. member for years, he would not take it in the least as a slight.—On the motion of the Rev. W. W. C. Baker, seconded by Mr. F. B. Tompkins, the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey, Mr. J. W. Parker and the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson were re-elected.

There were nine new members elected to the Council this year, but only the three following were present to be introduced to the President; Mr. C. Todd (Durham and Newcastle), Mr. F. W. Hopgood (Oxford), and Mr. R. Narborough (Peterborough and District).

PEAL COLLECTION COMMITTEE.

The Council then proceeded to receive and discuss the reports of the various committees. The first was that of the Peal Collection Committee. The Hon. Secretary said he believed he was the only member of that committee present, and he had been relying upon Mr. Richardson, who, he regretted to say, had had to go away that morning, although he had been in Newcastle the night before. He (the hon. secretary) was sorry to say he knew very little about the matter. It was the Treble Bob part that was now being dealt with. He had had practically nothing to do with it for the last four or five years.

The President said the Council would bear in mind that it was Mr. Richardson, who, a while ago, moved that all these peals should be proved—a very proper thing—and if he remembered aright, Mr. Richardson undertook to do it, and was promptly put on the committee. The delay was probably due to the extra amount of time required to prove all the peals.

Mr. E. H. Lewis said the proving had been going on. The peals were being proved twice at least, if not three times, and the value of that was being shown in the fact that some peals had slipped through one prover's hands as correct, but had been found by a second prover to be false. Mr. Richardson had told him he was nearly ready for Part I to be published. If the Council would give instructions, Part I could be put in the printer's hands as soon as it was ready.

The Hon. Secretary said if that were done the £27 that would be available after they had placed £50 on deposit, would not go very far.—The Rev. H. Law James said he would propose they should not publish until they were ready. There was no need to publish until next year.—This suggestion was agreed to.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE'S ABSENT REPORT.

The only representative of the Literature Committee present was the Rev. H. A. Cockey, who said he had heard absolutely nothing from Mr. Dains, who hoped to do the work, and he had not seen Mr. Papillon. When Mr. Kelly was on the committee the year before last, he was unable to get any communication from Mr. Daniell, neither had he (the speaker) heard from him this year.

The Hon. Secretary said about six weeks ago he wrote to Mr. Daniell and drew his attention to what he said last year to the effect that before that meeting he hoped a draft report would be available and sent to him as secretary. He reminded him of that, but he had had no answer. What this committee was doing was really getting together a catalogue of ringing literature, and he could not help feeling that the delay was getting serious. From the beginning of the Council there was a Literature Committee—it was first a one-man committee, Mr. Strange. Mr. Strange came to the Council for two or three years, and reported that he was getting on. Then, unfortunately, he resigned from the committee, and seemed to have been lost from the ringing world, and the Council never saw one single line in black and white. Now, Mr. Daniell had taken up the work. He did not take up

Mr. Strange's work, because Mr. Strange left no materials behind. He (the speaker) believed Mr. Daniell had done a good deal of work, but at the same time the Council had not seen a single line in black and white. It was really about time they did begin to see something.

Mr. A. T. King said the hon. secretary had overlooked the fact that many years ago there was some portion of Mr. Strange's work published. As to Mr. Daniell's work, he might say there was something typewritten. He had read it, and it was exceedingly interesting. That was two years ago, but where it was now, and why it was not forthcoming, he could not say.

Mr. Burton asked if they could not have an interim report.

The Rev. H. A. Cockey said if the committee was continued, what had been done ought to be laid before the Council. It would be far better to have some part of it, but he had never seen anything at all.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards suggested that someone should be asked to undertake to interview Mr. Daniell, and, with him, get matters together. A personal interview might have some result.

The President said there seemed some sort of malign influence hovering over this committee. As to Mr. Strange, not only had he left nothing behind, but he had carried away some lists of his, one of them exceedingly valuable, by the late Mr. Ellacombe, which he wrote and wrote for, but could never get back.

THE LEGITIMATE METHODS.

The Rev. H. Law James reported, on behalf of the Legitimate Methods Committee, that he had been through the collection of Major methods, accepted by the Council two years ago, and had made his selection of what he thought ought to be published, and had sent it on to Mr. Dains, who, he understood, had been through them and sent them on to Mr. Trollope, who was now making his selection. It was a big business to go through all these methods and pick out those that ought to be published, because the total number was too great to publish them all, and a large number were of very little interest. He thought they were getting on as fast as they could expect, and he hoped they would be ready to publish next year.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston again raised the question of "scrapping" the remaining copies of the "Legitimate Minor Methods" so that a more complete edition might be issued.

Mr. A. T. King said if it were necessary that they should have a new publication let it be as complete as possible. In the first instance, all the methods should be named. Some day or another, perhaps next year, they could discuss the nomenclature of these methods, for names were repeated over and over again. He could go into details and tell them how the Tulip and Primrose known to Mr. Bolland were not the Tulip and Primrose in the "Collection"; Lincoln in the "Collection" was not the Lincoln in the "Clavis"; and then there was College this and College that and College the other. He believed there were nine names with College in them. He thought they would have to go back into ancient history, and find the real names of these methods, to such works as the "Clavis," and "Annals of the Note-Book." The trouble which the Analysis Committee had was in identifying the methods with the names. He did not think they should be in a hurry to scrap their present "Collection" until they were ready with the material to provide a new and complete book.

A USEFUL SUGGESTION.

Mr. J. W. Parker seconded the Rev. A. T. Beeston's proposal, on the ground that it was most unfair for the Council to charge members of the Exercise the full value for a book that was damaged. He thought the only thing to do was to publish a new edition. He would like to know if the committee had taken into consideration the advisability of publishing, when the next edition was issued, a collection of Minor extents. They always had, of course, Snowdon's valuable work "Rope Sight," which gave them several 720's of Bob Minor, but that did not meet the requirements of the whole of the Minor methods. They must remember that there were a great number of six-bell conductors in various parts of the country who were having a great difficulty in keeping a band together. They lost their men periodically, and the most they could achieve were plain methods; therefore, if the conductor was a good conductor, his only solace was to call different extents. If the next edition were to include these extents it would be very valuable. He would also suggest that it should include spliced 720's; or, if not spliced 720's, at least a list of the methods that could be spliced together.

After some further discussion, it was left to the librarian to decide whether any of the books should, on account of their condition, be sold off at half-price, this amendment being carried in preference to the proposal to scrap the present edition of "Legitimate Minor Methods."

On the motion of the Rev. C. E. Matthews, seconded by the Rev. A. T. Beeston, the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn was appointed hon. librarian, the resolution being carried amid applause.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn thanked the Council for electing him to the office. He said he had always felt that the results of the work of so many members of the Council was really not taken full advantage of by the Exercise generally, and if any efforts of his could improve this state of affairs, he would be amply repaid. He suggested that it might be well to appoint one or two members of the Council to go through the stock with him, when he received it, to settle upon what they should do.

The Revs. G. F. Coleridge and C. E. Matthews were appointed to act with Mr. Jenkyn.

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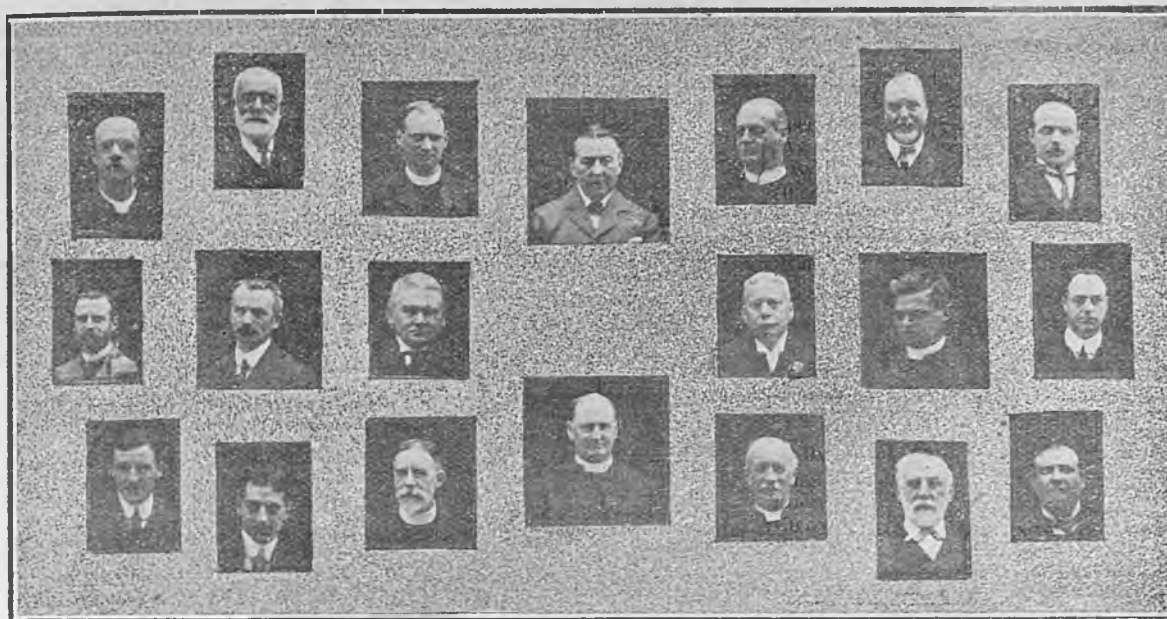
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"The Ringing World" was the only ringing paper represented at the Central Council meeting by a member of its own staff.

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Although we have enlarged our issue this week, our 20 pages have proved insufficient to accommodate the whole of the peals and reports sent in for publication, and some have unavoidably had to be held over.

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The long peal attempt at Ashton-under-Lyne on Saturday was curtailed to a 6080, as the conductor felt that the ringing was not satisfactory. Mr. Sam Wood is following an admirable ideal in declining to have anything but the best in a record peal.

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We record quite a curiosity in a handbell peal this week. It was a peal of Bob Major rung at Haggerston, and each of the four ringers conducted a quarter-peal, while each quarter was by a different composer. The peal was the outcome of a suggestion made some time ago, and, despite its novelty, it was well struck. Indeed, throughout the whole of the ringing, only some half-dozen words were spoken apart from the calling of the bobs.

THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD. PROPOSED DIVISION INTO DISTRICTS.

The annual meeting of the Devonshire Guild was held on Whitsun Monday, at Torrington. There was a well-attended service in the Parish Church at noon, when the Rev. C. E. Burkitt gave an impressive address urging ringers to think of the seriousness of their office as church workers, and to attend the services after ringing.

Luncheon was served at the Old Inn, and votes of thanks were afterwards passed to the various clergy for placing their bells at the disposal of the ringers.

The meeting was held at the Town Hall. The Rev. Maitland Kelly

(President) presided, supported by the Revs. G. E. F. Molineux (hon. secretary), H. L. Pigott, E. S. Powell, C. E. Burkett and E. V. Cox, and about 80 members. The report of the committee was presented by the secretary, and adopted. This showed that there are now 36 bands in union, with 380 performing and associate members, and 65 hon. members.

The Secretary outlined a scheme whereby the county might be divided into districts, each having its own administrative power. The idea was to try and get more bands into the Guild, as suggested in "The Ringing World." As no notice of motion had been given no resolution was put, but the committee will consider it and bring forward a scheme for a future meeting.

The accounts, showing a balance in hand of £57 2s. 3d., were adopted.

HON. SECRETARY'S RESIGNATION.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly was proposed as president, but made the suggestion that the Guild should look out for a new one. He mentioned that he could not put the hands of the clock back, and now he felt that he was too old to conduct the meetings. However, the members did not agree that they should get a new president, and, as Mr. Shepherd said, as long as Mr. Kelly was alive the Guild wanted him as their president. Mr. Kelly agreed to accept office only on condition that a chairman was appointed, and he nominated the Rev. H. L. Pigott, who proceeded to conduct the business.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux having given notice that he intended to resign the office of hon. secretary, the Rev. E. S. Powell was unanimously elected secretary.—Mr. Powell thanked the members, and said he wished them to know that at present he did not think the time opportune for the division of the county, previously suggested, as he believed Devon was in a different position to most other counties, but the time would come when the alteration could be made with advantage. He wanted the members to know his views on this matter before they elected him as secretary, as they would then know what to expect from him.

The Rev. G. E. F. Molineux was unanimously elected treasurer. The membership of the Guild having increased, a new member on the Central Council—the Rev. E. S. Powell—was unanimously elected.—The place of the annual meeting for 1914 was fixed for Paignton.

The Rev. E. S. Powell moved that the conductors of all peals send the particulars to the secretary, together with the figures of the composition, if not previously published.—This was unanimously carried.

The Rev. Maitland Kelly proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. G. E. F. Molineux for the 14 years' strenuous work he had put in as secretary of the Guild. He had occupied the position longer than anyone previously.—This was carried with acclamation.

ST. MARTIN'S GUILD, BIRMINGHAM.

DEDICATION OF NEW BELLS AT ST. MARTIN'S.

Saturday week was a memorable day in the history of St. Martin's Guild, members and friends foregathering in the old Parish Church for the dedication of the new 2nd in the ring of twelve. The ceremony was performed by the Rector of Birmingham (Canon Willink), assisted by the Rev. — Waldegrave, one of the curates.

The service, which was the special one for such occasions, was fully choral, the ringing being led by organ and choir. A number of ringers attended, and members of the regular congregation were also present.

Immediately before the Dedication proper, the choir gave an excellent rendering of Purcell's magnificent "Bell Anthem," which was much appreciated.

The address was given by the Rector, who traced the history of bells and bell ringing from the very earliest times to the present day. He said he strongly believed in every man having a hobby, and of all the hobbies he had ever come in contact with, he thought bell ringing was, perhaps, the finest and best from every point of view. It not only had the necessary fascination, but it was a hobby that led to men associating with other men, which was always good, and it had also the supreme advantage of being identified with the worship of Almighty God. He went on to mention the almost staggering number of changes that could be performed on 8, 10 and 12 bells, and said that he had that morning figured out, without going into it with mathematical exactitude, that to ring all the changes possible on the peal of bells in their own tower, would, roughly, take forty-seven years and some odd months. He thanked the members of the Guild, and other subscribers, for the very generous gift they had made to the old church. It showed a splendid spirit, and he trusted the members present, and their successors all through the ages to come, would continue to exercise their splendid art on the bells, both for the services of the church, and their own amusement.

He had caused a special entry to be made in the register of the church, to the effect that the new bell was the gift of the ringers, so that future generations might know what had been done by the ringers of 1913. He was very sorry that the bells were not rung on Sunday evenings (excepting the first Sunday in the month) as well as in the morning. The largest congregation of any place of worship in the city attended the evening service at the Parish Church, and he was indeed sorry that the only welcome they had from the tower was "that miserable chime" (the apparatus).

He threw out the suggestion, which he hoped they would think about, saying that he loved the full-throated melody of the bells, and would be delighted if arrangements could be made for them to be rung regularly for both the services.

After the service, ringing was indulged in for a short time, the new second being greatly admired.

The subscribers then adjourned to tea, which the Rector very kindly provided, and at which he presided. Mrs. Willink was also present, as were several lady ringers, who had arrived in Birmingham for the annual meeting of their Guild.

Alderman J. S. Pritchett, presiding Ringing Master, occupied the vice-chair, and the organist—Dr. Reynolds—was also of the company.

After tea, the Rector, in a very happy speech, again thanked the members for their gift, and said how grateful he was that he and the churchwardens had been relieved of all responsibility in the matter, as they had embarked on a very large undertaking in having the church thoroughly re-pointed, from the ground to the top of the spire. This would cost considerably more than £1,000, the whole of which sum had yet to be raised.

He felt almost a "pride of parentage" over the new bell, the whole of the work having been done in Birmingham; indeed several of his ringers were in the employ of the firm who cast it, it was hung by ringers, and was to be paid for by ringers. The secretary was to be heartily congratulated on the success of the project, and for the expedition of business-like manner in which the work had been carried out. The first time he heard the bells he was struck by the volume of purity of their tone, and was quite sure that they now had a ring of twelve ranking among the finest in the land.

Alderman Pritchett thanked the Rector for his hospitality, and the Hon. Secretary having also suitably responded, the remainder of the evening was spent in harmony.

The new bell, which weighs 6 cwt. 2 qrs., is hung on an iron headstock, and bears the following inscription:—

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SOUTH WEALD, ESSEX.—On April 6th, for afternoon service, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Plain Bob, in 45 mins.: W. Sheldon, junr., 1, C. Sheldon, 2, E. Furbank 3, F. Ottley 4, A. Rainbird (conductor) 5, G. Sharptin 6.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

JAMES BARHAM'S MEMORIAL TO BE RESTORED.

The annual meeting of the Kent County Association was held as usual on Whitsun Monday. Each of the six districts, into which, for association purposes, the county is divided, is visited in turn; and, as was the case six years ago, so this year the committee again decided upon the ancient city of Rochester for its thirty-fourth annual gathering. More fortunate than many others in the matter of weather, as, for instance, the county cricket eleven at Brighton, where not a ball was bowled, the members attending the meeting enjoyed a tolerably fine day, only one slight shower falling between five and six in the evening. In the earlier part of the day members enjoyed touches in various methods on the Cathedral eight, and in the neighbouring towers open to them, viz.: St. Margaret's, Rochester; St. Mary's, Chatham; Gillingham, Gravesend and Wouldham.

The Central Committee met in the Chapter Room of the Cathedral (by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter) at 2.30 p.m., when the Secretary presented the report of the sub-committee appointed to draw up rules for the administration of the recently started benevolent fund. It was decided to postpone all serious discussion on the subject to the November meeting. Perhaps the most interesting piece of business was the decision to repair the monument of the famous old Kentish ringer, James Barham, in Leeds Churchyard.

A ROUSING SERMON.

At 4 p.m., the members attended the Cathedral evensong, at which the canticles were sung to the organist's (Mr. Luard Selby's) fine setting in A, and the anthem was Attwood's "Come, Holy Ghost." The service ended with the singing of the hymn, "Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove," after which Canon Denham addressed the members from the pulpit, taking as his text, 1 Cor. x, 31, "Whether, therefore, ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God." It was a rousing sermon, and calculated to impress on his hearers the importance and dignity of their work. To be addressed as "princes of the art," an expression the preacher used several times, must have surprised a good many of the members, and, perhaps, it may induce some to do their best to deserve the title. After speaking of the various ways in which the church bells may tell out the glory of God, the preacher went on to speak of the single bell being chimed for service, and giving the same invitation as the series of changes on the eight in the Cathedral or Parish Church tower. "Don't despise the message of the single bell," he said, "it is the call to you to prayer and praise." He went on to speak of another single bell, which at one time sounded from the Church tower, and in some places still does so, the market or the factory bell, the call to duty, work and duty, in which we can, if we will, do all to the glory of God." And then, again, there was another single bell, the dinner bell, called in some places the "taty bell," telling the housewife to make her final preparations for the mid-day meal, the call to home and social duties, the call to thank God for the sustenance necessary for the support of the body. "We are coming back you see," he concluded, "to our text, 'Whether ye eat or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.'"

During the collection for the benevolent fund (amounting to £1 4s. 2d.), the hymn, "Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost," was sung, a singularly appropriate selection, considering the object of the collection, and reminding one once more of St. Paul's grand description of Charity or Love in the special second lesson for Whitsun Monday. The Dean pronounced the Benediction.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

The tea, followed by the usual business meeting, was held in the Victoria Hall, Star Hill. Messrs. Hopper provided an ample spread, to which 160 or so hungry ringers applied themselves with vigour. The newly-appointed Dean (the Very Rev. J. Storrs) occupied the chair for a while, and before the meal was finished, as he had another immediate engagement, gave the members a hearty welcome to the Cathedral and City, and said it would give him much pleasure to become, like his predecessors, a vice-president of the Association.

As usual, after tea the name of the King was honoured by the singing of the National Anthem, after a few words from the Rev. Dr. Burr, Rector of St. Mary's, Chatham.—The Secretary read the annual report and balance sheet, which showed a flourishing state of things in membership, progress of change ringing and finance.—On the proposition of Mr. E. A. G. Allen (Rochester district secretary), seconded by Mr. W. J. Jeffries (St. John's, Deptford), the report and balance sheet were passed.—Mr. S. Hayzelden (East Parleigh) proposed a vote of thanks to the hon. secretary for his conduct of the affairs of the Association.

—Mr. A. Osborne (Rochester) proposed, and Mr. G. A. Jones (Gravesend) seconded the election of officers and committee. This being duly carried, concluded the regular business. By request, the secretary read the report of the sub-committee on the subject of the benevolent fund, and after a few questions put by various members the meeting broke up.—The Cathedral and other towers were again visited, and members went their several ways home enjoying a sense of satisfaction in having passed a pleasant day as members of what may now be called a great institution, some of them, no doubt, with their heads (or tails) held high, inasmuch as they are, as the preacher called them, "princes of the art."

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THE IRISH ASSOCIATION. ENTERTAINED BY LORD JUSTICE CHERRY. ANNUAL MEETING AT DUBLIN.

The annual meeting of the Irish Association was held in Dublin on Whitsun Monday, the pouring wet day in no way damping the ardour of the members, who attended from various parts of the country, including such far distant centres as Limerick, Waterford, Kilkenny, Arklow, etc. The bells of the various churches had been kindly placed at the disposal of the members by the authorities, touches from Doubles to Cinques being brought round during the day.

The members were kindly entertained to luncheon at the Dolphin Hotel, Essex Street, by the Right Hon. Lord Justice Cherry, who, despite his high judicial duties, still retains his interest in and practice of the art. Amongst those who sat down were the President, the Rev. Canon Scott Bray, the Dean of St. Patrick's, the Dean of Waterford, Rev. Canon Hallows (Arklow), Mr. W. Chamney, the Rev. R. A. Adderley (Limerick), the Rev. O'Hara Mease, the Rev. J. Jackson (Waterford).

After luncheon, Lord Justice Cherry welcomed the visitors to Dublin, saying that as they had come for ringing, speeches would be left out. But up jumped the Dean of St. Patrick's, a worthy successor of Dean Swift, saying that he defied the Court (laughter and applause). He expressed hearty thanks to Lord Justice Cherry for his kind hospitality, and likened him to justice and mercy combined.

Needless to say, the motion was carried with acclamation.

The business meeting was held in the Music Room of St. Patrick's Cathedral. The President, the Rev. Canon Scott, occupying the chair. He remarked that although their list of peals was somewhat small, he was pleased to see that the various societies in union were getting stronger, and the work which was their real object—Sunday ringing—was being greatly improved.

The following officers were elected: President, R. S. Blee, Vet. S., Waterford; hon. treasurer, Mr. A. Corrigan; hon. secretary, Mr. G. Lindoff. Twenty-two new members were also elected. The rules for the challenge shield to be awarded to the affiliated society showing the best average attendance for service ringing each year were adopted. The shield is a beautiful piece of work in silver on polished oak the centre being a replica of the ancient bell of St. Patrick, now in the Dublin Museum. The shield is to be awarded to the society showing the highest average number of bells rung for service during the preceding year. The average for each tower is to be computed as follows: The number of bells rung at each service is to be totalled; the total thus obtained is to be divided by the number of services for which the bells have been rung, and the result by the number of bells in the ring. The ringing must be of at least 15 minutes' duration before each service.

Tea in St. Patrick's Schools, provided by the Dublin ringers, was afterwards partaken of, and subsequently those who had not a long railway journey in front of them adjourned to St. Patrick's Cathedral for a touch on the twelve.

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25634	2	1	1
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32546	2	2	1
32465	2	2	1
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THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, on Saturday, May 24th, by kind permission of the Vicar (Rev. W. H. Thompson). Ringing from 4.30, short service at 6.—H. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—The half-yearly meeting will be held at Bury on Saturday, May 24th. Bells of the Parish Church (8) will be available from 2.30 p.m. Meeting in the schoolroom at 5.30 p.m.—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 the 27th; St. Michael's, Cornhill, on the 27th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting is to be held at Wimborne Minster, on Wednesday, May 28th. Ringing to commence at 11.0. Service in the Minster at 12.15. Preacher, Rev. Canon J. M. J. Fletcher, Vicar of Wimborne Minster. Dinner at Masonic Hall at 1.15. Ringers will be the guests of the Wimborne Branch. The towers at Cranborne and St. Giles, Poole, Canford, Lytchett Minster and Stumminster Marshall will be open for ringing.—N.B.: The day fixed is not Monday, but Wednesday the 28th inst.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Walton-le-Dale on May 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome.—C. T. Coles, Hon. Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, May 31st, 1913. The ten bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.—Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of 10 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at the Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. As Surfleet is a country village it is absolutely necessary that intending visitors wishing to dine must notify me not later than May 24th. Stations: Surfleet, G.N., one mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., two miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Puttenham, on Saturday, May 31st, 1913. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. The Rector will address the ringers. Tea in the Old School 6.15. Tea tickets, members 6d., visitors 1s. Subscriptions are overdue and should be paid at, or before, the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Eastern District.—The May meeting of the above will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. W. Mills) is providing a free tea. It is

hoped that a good many will attend a meeting in this old-world and interesting village. I should be glad if those who can will kindly notify me of their intention to be present, so as to have some idea of the number to provide for. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

LEEDS AND DISTRICT AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The monthly meeting of the above society will be held at Tong on Saturday, May 31st, for practice. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at the Greyhound Inn at 7 p.m.—F. Hopwood, 8, Keswick Street, Laisterdyke, Bradford.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (association form) and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea 9d. each, to follow at the Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possibly can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles through Lord Avebury's park. Will those who wish for tea send me their names not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A bye meeting will be held at Bentley, South Weald, on Saturday, June 7th. Tea will be provided only for those sending in their names to me on or before June 4th.—Henry F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, junr., Secretary.

CHANGE OF ADDRESSES.—Mr. C. R. Lilley has removed to 63, King Street, Shrewsbury.—Mr. Bart Mitchell has removed to 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

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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.

BELLS AND THE PUBLIC.

By far the most widely interesting subject discussed at the Central Council meeting—indeed, its interest has extended, perhaps, too wide to serve the interests of ringers—was the debate which took place on the question of a probable change in the attitude of the public towards ringing. The discussion on the matter was doubtless precipitated by the great advance last year in peal ringing, which the Analysis, published in our last issue, showed to have increased 34 per cent. on the preceding twelve months. Incidentally let us mention that the task of compiling this table of statistics is really monumental. It is a task which grows year by year, and it is fortunate that the Council are able to find men of sufficient leisure to undertake the work. To tabulate the mass of details contained in the statement involves, as Mr. King told the Council, an immense amount of labour and an infinite amount of time, and the committee deserve the heartiest thanks of the Exercise for their efforts, which, whatever the few may say, is of immense interest to the great majority of ringers.

But to return to the subject of the increase in peal ringing and the attitude of the public. We have several times expressed our views upon the question, and it must not be supposed that the majority of the public are antagonistic to bells. Unfortunately it is the small proportion of objectors who make the greatest noise. After all, bells are a great English institution, and are beloved by many. Even the public Press is not all against bells, although, as a rule, we only see in the papers the complaints of those who have, or think they have, a grievance. It is refreshing, therefore, to find an influential daily like the "Lancashire Post" taking up the cudgels for the Exercise. In a leading article, commenting on the discussion at Newcastle, it says:—

Now it is an undoubted fact that some of the single bells hung in our modern churches produce the most unmelodious noises. Their clapping is a series of tuneless concussions. They would not be tolerated on the Continent. One can understand the public being worried by some of these bells, but only the neurasthenic, or the man without a germ of music in his nature, or a particle of romance in his soul, could find no enjoyment in the peal of old church bells, or appreciate its message, whether it comes in loud clangour from the neighbouring tower or is borne in soft harmonies from a distance on the evening breeze. We believe with Mr. King, that if a poll of the people were taken, it would be found that there would be an overwhelming majority in favour of the bells.

Thus we see that ringers may still rely upon the sympathy of the public, for after all the Englishman cherishes his old institutions, and the church bells of England are among the oldest in the land. There is no need for giving way to pessimism; what we principally need to do to preserve our Art is to exercise that tact and discretion in the use of the tower.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

LIVERPOOL, LANCASHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES 5000 CHANCES;

Tenor 39 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs.

JOHN HOLMAN Treble	GEORGE O. DIXON 7
WILLIAM BURGAR 2	† THOMAS BOTTRILL 8
SAMUEL WOOD 3	HARRY CHAPMAN 9
GEORGE HOLMES 4	WILLIAM DAVIES 10
REV. A. T. BEESTON 5	SAM THOMAS 11
* JAMES EVINSON 6	WILLIAM BIGGIN Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques by James Evinson, to whom the peal was also a birthday compliment. † First peal on twelve bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

TEN BELL PEALS.

MELTON MOWBRAY, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5079 CHANCES;

Tenor 25½ cwt.

JOSIAH MORRIS Treble	FREDERICK H. DEXTER 6
ERNEST BARTRAM 2	ARTHUR S. PETTIT 7
LOUIS E. ALLEN 3	CHARLES H. FOWLER 8
ALFRED J. HESSIAN 4	JAMES GEORGE 9
ERNEST MORRIS 5	RICHARD H. BARTRAM Tenor

Composed by JAMES GEORGE, and
Conducted by FRED H. DEXTER.

First peal on ten bells by E. Bartram, aged 17 years, the youngest CATER ringer in the Guild. It is the first peal of Caters by the Guild out of the County of Warwick. This composition, now rung for the first time, is varied by reversing the eleven course blocks of the original 5079. The peal was rung in honour of Empire Day.

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 37½ cwt.

* CHAS. TODD Treble	ERNEST E. FERRY 6
W. H. BARBER 2	ALFRED F. HILLIER 7
* G. J. LUNGLEY 3	JOS. E. R. KEEN 8
† W. W. SINCLAIR 4	R. RICHARDS 9
WILLIAM STORY 5	B. C. DIXON Tenor

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

* First peal of Caters. † First peal of Stedman. This composition contains the 6th forty consecutive courses in 5th's place, being its extent behind the 9th and 8th without singles.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5007 CHANCES;

Tenor 26½ cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 2	ERNEST BRETT 7
WILLIAM PYE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 8
WILLIAM J. NUDDS 4	ERNEST PYE 9
EDWIN F. PIKE 5	BERTRAM PREWETT Tenor

Composed by CORNELIUS CHARGE, and
Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

EYE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

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

Tenor 21 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
*BERTIE TURNER 2	ERNEST WHITING 6
ALFRED SMITH 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
CHARLES BAKER 4	JOHN SNELLING Tenor

Composed by NATHAN J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

NUNEATON, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 15, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5058 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ALFRED J. HESSIAN Treble	*E. HARRY STONELEY 5
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 2	WALTER MALINS 6
*GEOFFERY J. STONELEY 3	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN 7
*HARRY ARGYLE 4	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

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

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE GOWER 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
FREDERICK BORRETT 3	JOSEPH BOTWRIGHT 7
RUSSELL RICHES 4	FREDERICK SMITH Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

SOUTHAM, WARWICKSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY, STOKE, COVENTRY.)

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 16 cwt.

FRANK E. PERVIN Treble	WILLIAM T. COX 5
*WILLIAM PRYCE 2	WILLIAM H. BRUNSDON 6
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE 3	ADOLPHUS ROBERTS 7
WILLIAM J. SMITH 4	*G. HARRY KETTLE Tenor

Conducted by A. ROBERTS.

* First peal in the method. First peal on the bells since being augmented to eight. The conductor's 150th peal.

STREATHAM, SURREY.

THE SURREY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LEONARD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.

Tenor 14 cwt.

LOUIS ATTWATER Treble	JOHN LEE 5
HENRY PATES 2	FRANK N. ATTWATER 6
JOHN S. DANIELS 3	CALEB DANIEL 7
ISAAC J. ATTWATER 4	*GEORGE LIDDIARD Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC J. ATTWATER.

* First peal. Rung as a compliment to the new Rector, Rev. Brooks Jackson.

UFFORD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

CHARLES E. FISHER Treble	ALFRED E. ACFIELD 5
*GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	*WILLIAM B. REEVE 7
*ROBERT MILES 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS Tenor

Composed by T. DAY, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First attempt for a peal in the method.

TWYFORD, BERKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

(SONNING DEANERY BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt. 0 qr. 10 lbs.

FREDERICK DENTRY Treble	ALBERT E. REEVES 5
ERNEST C. LAMBERT 2	ALBERT A. HUGHES 6
HARRY BUNGAY 3	REV. CYRIL JENKYN 7
AMBROSE W. OSBORNE 4	REV. G. F. COLERIDGE Tenor

Conducted by REV. CYRIL JENKYN.

First peal on the bells which have recently been placed in the tower by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, the tone and "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. Mr. A. A. Hughes was elected a member before starting. The Vicar kindly entertained the band after the peal.

LONDON.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, BLACKFRIARS,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

*ERNEST E. GRIMES Treble	JAMES HUNT 5
HAROLD BURTON 2	WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES 6
FRANK BENNETT 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
ISAAC EMERY 4	ALFRED W. GRIMES Tenor

Composed by C. MIDDLETON, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

* First peal in a Surprise method.

LISCARD, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 17¾ cwt., in F.

*JAMES R. GRIFFEN Treble	WILLIAM DAVIES 5
JOHN WILKINSON 2	ERNEST J. OLIVER 6
GEORGE R. NEWTON 3	EDWARD CAUNCE 7
THOMAS MURRAY 4	JOHN TURNER Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. NEWTON.

* First attempt for a peal of Major. First peal in the method on the bells.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

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

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 lbs.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	ALFRED FUNNELL 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
ALBERT G. WARNES 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN Tenor

Composed by F. A. HOLDEN, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

G. H. Cross has now rung every bell in this tower to a peal.

PALGRAVE, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes.

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,
A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 7 cwt. 3 qr. 6 lbs.

*CLEMENT J. MORETreble	ERNEST WHITING 5
EDWIN WHITING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING... .. 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
*FREDERICK MANSE... .. 4	FREDERICK R. BORRETT...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by F. R. BORRETT.

* First peal in the method. First peal in the method on the bells,
and first peal in the method as conductor.

ALBURGH, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr. 12 lbs.

EDWIN WHITING... ..Treble	FREDERICK MANSE... .. 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	FREDERICK R. BORRETT... 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	FREDERICK SMITH 7
GEORGE SNELLING 4	*FREDERICK SEAGERTenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method.

SAXLINGHAM NETHERGATE, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5152 CHANCES;

Tenor 8 cwt. 1 qr. 20 cwt.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr.Treble	FRANK R. COPEMAN 5
F. WILSON 2	FREDERICK C. BURROWS ... 6
*FRANK H. PHILLIPS 3	GEORGE MAYERS 7
ALFRED SMITH 4	WILLIAM STEELETenor

Composed by the late E. FRANCIS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* First peal in the method. This peal was rung in honour of
Empire Day.

BOLDMERE, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

COMPOSITION No. 36. Tenor 13½ cwt.

MORRIS J. MORRISTreble	JOHN CARTER 5
GEORGE GARRISON 2	JOHN CORRIGAN... .. 6
JAMES JONES 3	PERCY O. LAFLIN 7
WILLIAM J. MEERS 4	WILLIAM DAVIESTenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN CARTER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day, and as a birthday compliment to
Samuel Reeves. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of
the bells, and the tower-keeper for having everything in order.

ST. GERMAN'S, CORNWALL.
THE TRURO DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GERMANUS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 13½ cwt., in E.

REGINALD A. H. DOBSON Treble	WILLIAM RUNDLE 5
ERNEST W. MARSH 2	WALTER H. MARSH... .. 6
WILLIAM RICHARDS 3	WILLIAM FORD... .. 7
WARREN S. HORNBOOK 4	FRANCIS W. PURSE... ..Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST W. MARSH.

First peal on the bells, which have recently been augmented from
six to eight by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, and the "go" of which is
excellent. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

QUORN, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARTHOLOMEW,
A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

MISS HILDA N. WILLSON...Treble	ALBERT MASON 5
EDGAR VALLANCE 2	W. HYDE INGLESANT 6
MISS LILIAN A. WILLSON ... 3	T. HENRY HARDY 7
E. MAURICE ATKINS 4	WILLIAM WILLSONTenor

Composed by SIR A. P. HEYWOOD, Bart., and
Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

This is the first peal of Double Norwich on these bells for over 20
years.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

HOBERT E. SMITHTreble	GEORGE WIGHTMAN... .. 5
*LESLIE C. WIGHTMAN 2	ALFRED S. WIGHTMAN 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD 3	GEORGE E. SYMONDS 7
WILLIAM WIGHTMAN 4	JOHN C. SELFTenor

Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

PORTSMOUTH.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS-A-BECKETT,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 25 cwt. 2 qrs.

WILLIAM T. TUCKERTreble	EDWARD REYNOLDS... .. 5
HENRY W. WILKES 2	EDWIN J. HARDING... .. 6
FREDERICK BURNETT 3	GEORGE WILLIAMS 7
LIONEL H. PAGE... .. 4	HENRY C. INGRAMTenor

Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

Rung in honour of the anniversary of the wedding of the Vicar (the
Rev. R. S. Medicott), and also in celebration of Empire Day. The
first peal of Stedman on the bells.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ...Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
*ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	RICHARD STREDWICK 6
ALBERT HARMAN 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
GEORGE H. HOWSE... .. 4	KEITH HARTTenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung to celebrate
Empire Day.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 11½ cwt.

FRANK SHEPHERDTreble	*GEORGE BULL 5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON ... 2	ALBERT P. WAKLEY 6
WILLIAM C. WAKLEY 3	JOHN H. SWINFELD 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	JOHN HOUGHTenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JOHN HOUGH.

* First peal in the method. Rung on Empire Day.

EARL'S COLNE, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ERNEST NEWMAN Treble	FRANK CLAYDON 5
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
WALTER BURST 3	JAMES FRENCH 7
HENRY W. CATTERWELL ... 4	JAMES FLEUTY Tenor

Composed by G. F. WILLIAMS, and
Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

Rung for Empire Day.

FEERING, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5344 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt.

WALTER SADLER Treble	JOHN SADLER 5
*HENRY W. KIRTON 2	WILLIAM KEEBLE 6
ANDREW SHUFFLEBOTHAM ... 3	ERNEST W. BECKWITH ... 7
ERNEST NEWMAN 4	DAVID H. ELLIOTT Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by W. KEEBLE.

* First peal of Superlative. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

TWYFORD, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

*SIDNEY STRATTON Treble	THOMAS SPRATT 5
WALTER YOUNG 2	FREDERICK J. OXENBURY ... 6
*WILLIAM G. CARTER 3	LEONARD S. LAMPARD 7
*SILAS E. WATERIDGE ... 4	JESSE PENTON Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK J. OXENBURY.

* First peal. This is the first peal by a local band.

CHESTER.
THE NORTH WALES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Fifteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-WITHIN-THE-WALLS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5280 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

SAMUEL MEADOWS Treble	ROBERT HERRING 5
JOHN CLUTTON 2	JAMES V. WRIGHT 6
HARRY MOORE 3	WILLIAM SCONCE 7
EDWARD FLOYD 4	ALFRED LEA Tenor

Conducted by SAMUEL MEADOWS.

First peal as conductor. Rung in honour of Empire Day and as a birthday compliment to H. Moore. S. Meadows, J. Clutton, Harry Moore, Edward Floyd and Alfred Lea hail from Wrexham.

BARKING.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.
(SOUTH WESTERN DIVISION.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

Tenor 22½ cwt.

THOMAS FAULKNER Treble	YORK GREEN 5
*ALBERT A. HUGHES 2	*WILLIAM H. THEOBALD ... 6
WILLIAM TRUSS 3	HENRY TORBLE 7
EBENEZER ANDREWS 4	ALBERT C. HARDY Tenor

Composed by YORK GREEN, and
Conducted by THOMAS FAULKNER.

* First peal in the method. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

CODDENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 16 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	HAWKINS ENGLISH 5
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE 2	CHARLES J. SEDGLEY 6
EDGAR PEMBERTON 3	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE ... 7
WILLIAM MOTTS 4	OLIVER WASPE Tenor

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung after meeting short for Double Norwich. Oliver Waspe was elected a member of the Association before starting, and this was his first peal as tenor-man. The rest of the company belong to the St. Mary-le-Tower Society, Ipswich. This is the second peal rung within a fortnight upon two rings of church bells—the ten at St. Lambert's, Stonham Aspell, and the eight at St. Mary's, Coddenham—given by that pious gentleman, Mr. Theodore Ecclestone, of Crowfield Hall, Suffolk. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. Walter Wyles) for the use of the bells; also Mr. Hawkins English, who so kindly gave attention to the bells.

BECKINGTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 25, 1913, in Three Hours and Eight Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt.

WALTER BISHOP Treble	*A. M. G. DANIEL 5
GILBERT HARDING 2	TRUMPET-MAJOR FARLEY ... 6
ISAAC B. HOLMYARD 3	SAMUEL J. HECTOR 7
FREDRICK SPEED 4	ARTHUR K. HARRISON Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HARDING.

* First peal. This peal was arranged for the ringers of the 6th who was in camp at Frome with the North Somerset Yeomanry. He wishes to thank all those that took part in it, and Mr. Tucker, of the local band, for having everything in readiness.

HONOURING DESCENDANT OF ROYAL
CUMBERLAND'S FOUNDER.

The two following peals were rung in honour of the wedding of Princess Victoria Louise, of Prussia, and Prince Ernst August, of Cumberland. Prince Ernst is descended from William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, who was the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths.

LONDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY, MORTLAKE,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

ARTHUR N. HARDY Treble	ALFRED H. WINCH 5
FRANK BENNETT 2	CHARLES F. WHITE 6
HAROLD BURTON 3	HARRY FLANDERS 7
FRANK I. HAIRS 4	JAMES HUNT Tenor

Composed by EDGAR WIGHTMAN, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

EDMONTON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF SUPERLATIVE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 17½ cwt.

CHARLES H. AUSTIN Treble	JOHN T. KENTISH 5
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 2	WILBY J. HAZELL 6
WALTER J. BOWDEN 3	JAMES PARKER 7
GEORGE A. CARD 4	GEORGE PAICE Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by JAMES PARKER.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

BEACHAMPTON, BUCKS.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.
(NORTH BUCKS BRANCH.)

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Grandsire, Antelope and St Dunstan's.
Tenor 8 cwt. 0 qr. 27 lbs.

*C. N. ALDERMAN Treble	W. T. CARTER... .. 3
A. J. ALDERMAN 2	*A. W. ALDERMAN 4

DENNIS G. CARTER Tenor
Conducted by D. G. CARTER.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 13 years old and is believed to be the youngest ringer to score a peal in the North Bucks Branch. The band wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Alderman for their kind hospitality after the peal.

GRINSTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BOTOLPH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

B. HAMMOND Treble	GEORGE F. WILLIAMS ... 4
W. MITCHELL 2	R. M. TARGETT 5
O. GREENACRE 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE F. WILLIAMS.

First peal on the bells.

PETTISTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ALFRED CLEMENTS Treble	GEORGE ABLITT 4
DAVID LEGGETT... .. 2	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 5
HENRY PUTTOCK 3	WILLIAM SAWYER Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SAWYER.

SPROUGHTON, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

ALF. W. CLARKE Treble	JAMES ROSE 4
GEORGE W. MEE 2	EDGAR RIVERS 5
FRANK ROLF 3	HARRY G. WELHAM Tenor

Conducted by E. RIVERS.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, May 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE E. NAUNTON Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON 2	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... 5
JOHN SPENCER 3	NORMAN R. BAILEY Tenor

Conducted by N. R. BAILEY.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Albert J. Naunton, who was 69 years of age on the 14th inst.

GOLDHANGER, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, Norwich Surprise, Colleges Exercise, New London Pleasure, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

E. HARRY LEWIS... .. Treble	FREDERICK WHITE 4
HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... 2	WALTER NICE 5
FRED CHALK... .. 3	JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Tenor

Conducted by JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM.

BURLEY, LEEDS.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MATTHIAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Oxford, one each of Violet, Duke of York and Woodbine, and two 720's of Kent. Tenor 9 cwt.

*MISS ALICE HICK Treble	GEORGE W. SLACK 4
†GEORGE ROBINSON 2	†PERCY J. JOHNSON ... 5
†ROBERT THOMAS 3	†HENRY LINDSAY Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT THOMAS.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on tower bells by the Association in which a lady has taken part. Rung as a farewell to the Rev. W. F. James, M.A., the Vicar of Burley, who shortly takes up the living of Ilkley.

SEFTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF SURPRISE MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of London, Canterbury, Chester, Carlisle, Beverley, York and Cambridge. Tenor 15 cwt.

JAMES MARSH Treble	JAMES MARTIN 4
JOHN WILKINSON 2	HERBERT H. BARKER ... 5
THOS. W. GILMOUR 3	HENRY FYLES Tenor

Conducted by HERBERT H. BARKER.

This is the first peal on the bells.

HORSMONDEN, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse Canterbury Pleasure, Reverse College Single, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 20 cwt.

*FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Junr. Treble	FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Senr. 4
JIM BEACH 2	RICHARD HOPE 5
FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

* First peal. Quickest peal on the bells. Rung in commemoration of Empire Day.

NEWENT, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE EVER BLESSED VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's of Kent Treble Bob and five of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 17½ cwt.

EX SERGT. J. WILLIAMS ... Treble	JOHN AUSTIN 4
CHARLES L. SADLER 2	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
CHARLES W. DYSON 3	JOSEPH T. DYKE Tenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

Rung to celebrate Empire Day. The band wish to thank Sergeant and Mrs. Williams for so kindly entertaining them before and after the peal.

WISSETT, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10 cwt.

WALTER KERRISON Treble	HERBERT PRATT 4
JAMES SPALDING 2	CHARLES WOODS 5
ERNEST LINCOLN 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by F. W. NAUNTON.

- * First peal of Minor. Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WATLINGTON, NORFOLK.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 8 cwt 2 qr. 2 lbs.

*E. ROBERTSON Treble	OLIVER STAINES 4
W. MITCHELL 2	B. M. TARGETT 5
ALF. BACON 3	GEORGE HAWES Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE HAWES.

- * First peal.

FRENESHAM, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, Double Oxford, Canterbury Pleasure, College Single, Plain Bob and Oxford Single Bob. Tenor 11 cwt.

ALFRED J. CHUTER Treble	HUBERT CHAFFEY 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER 2	GEORGE UPSHALL 5
CHARLES EDWARDS 3	THOMAS UPSHALL Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

Rung for Empire Day.

CROSTHWAITE, WESTMORLAND.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(FURNESS AND LAKE DISTRICT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 10½ cwt.

WILLIAM ROBINSON Treble	ERIC L. BENNETT 4
CHARLES E. WEBB 2	ALFRED W. BRIGHTON ... 5
GORDON WHITTAM 3	*WILLIAM NOBLE Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM ROBINSON.

- * First peal. First peal on the bells. Rung in honour of Empire Day. The ringers desire to record their warmest thanks to Mr. W. Noble (member of the Crosthwaite band), who so kindly provided them with a welcome tea at this residence before the peal and with refreshments after; and to the Rev. T. Heelis, Vicar, for the use of the bells. The ringers of the treble, 3rd and 4th belong to Ambleside, 2nd to Hawkshead, 5th to London, and the tenor to the local band.

BARCOMBE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-Scores called differently. Tenor 7 cwt. 2 qr. 9 lbs.

*LEONARD H. STEVENS ... Treble	†JAMES H. COX 4
LUKE VERRALL 2	ALBERT E. EDWARDS ... 5
WILLIAM H. BANKS 3	*ALBERT MARTIN Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT E. EDWARDS.

- * First peal. † First peal with a bob bell. Rung to celebrate Empire Day; also rung as a compliment on the 85th anniversary of his birthday to Mr. J. S. Reed, who is Deputy Chairman of the Parish Council and Overseer of the Parish and who was for over 30 years churchwarden of the above church, from which office he retired about 18 years ago.

LANGPORT, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours.

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's. Tenor 16 cwt.

W. TOM JEANES Treble	THOMAS J. LLOYD 4
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARTHUR WHEADON 5
TOM W. CREED 3	ISAAC CREED Tenor

Conducted by ISAAC CREED.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

WICKHAM SKEITH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 13 cwt.

*JOHN BUCK Treble	ALPHÆUS BERRY 4
EDWARD YOUNGS 2	ARTHUR BAILEY 5
GEORGE BAILEY 3	GEORGE CATTERMOLLE ... Tenor

Conducted by G. CATTERMOLLE.

- * First peal and first attempt.

STOKE GOLDING, LEICESTERSHIRE.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

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

In seven methods, viz.: London Surprise, Beverley Surprise, Cambridge Surprise, College Exercise, London Scholars' Pleasure, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 10 cwt.

ERNEST STONE Treble	WALTER J. HORTON 4
THOMAS H. VALLANCE ... 2	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
GEOFFREY J. STONELEY ... 3	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Conducted by E. HARRY STONELEY.

Rung for the Festival of Corpus Christi and for Empire Day.

HANDBELL PEALS.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, SUFFOLK.

THE ST. JAMES' SOCIETY.

On Monday, May 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL ... 1-2	JOHN SPARROW 5-6
FRANK J. LEVITT 3-4	ERNEST HUNT 7-8

Composed by ARTHUR T. KING, and

Conducted by JOHN SPARROW.

Umpire: WILLIAM GOODSHIP.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 19, 1913, in Two Hours and Ten Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

FRANK DAINTY Treble	JOHN J. JUTSON 4
THOMAS R. VAUGHAN ... 2	WALTER CROSS 5
FREDERICK T. COOKE ... 3	HUGH BEECHY 6
GEORGE JUTSON 7-8	

Composed by H. HUBBARD, and

Conducted by GEORGE JUTSON.

This is the first peal of Major by all except the ringer of the 3rd.

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

On Thursday, May 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Eighteen Minutes,
IN THE BELFERY OF THE NORMAN TOWER,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

FREDERICK G. DEWELL... 1—2	FRANK J. LEVITT ... 5—6
HARRY A. TURNER... 3—4	HORACE W. FOULGER ... 7—8

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and
Conducted by FREDERICK G. DEWELL.
Umpire: ERNEST HUNT.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Eleven Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

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

Conducted by FRANK BLONDELL.

Umpire: W. E. MAULDEN.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Arranged and rung as a birthday compliment to F. Blondell. It was his first peal as conductor on handbells.

LONG STANTON.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Friday, May 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE VICARAGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 1—2	*FREDERICK BARKER ... 5—6
REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 3—4	†REV. B. H. TYRWHITT DRAKE 7—8

Composed by JOHN REEVES, and

Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

Umpires: REV. H. B. WOOLLEY and H. TOMLINSON.

* First peal of Treble Bob on an inside pair. † 50th peal.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 7104 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY 1—2	REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 5—6
WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 3—4	FREDERICK BARKER ... 7—8

Composed by T. DAY, and

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

This is the longest peal by the above Guild.

CAMBRIDGE.
THE CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY GUILD.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-eight Minutes,
AT TRINITY COLLEGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

REV. A. H. F. BOUGHEY... 1—2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 5—6
REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON 3—4	*FREDERICK BARKER ... 7—8

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... 9—10

Composed by W. HUDSON, and

Conducted by REV. H. S. T. RICHARDSON.

* First peal of Grandsire. This is the conductor's 150th peal and 50th in hand.

A DEVONSHIRE WEEK.
CLYST HONITON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Monday, May 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 19 cwt.

FRANCIS H. GARDNER ... Treble	EDMUND M. SARGENT ... 5
CHARLES CARTER ... 2	ALFRED MONKLEY ... 6
HARRY BARTON ... 3	WILLIAM R. BOUNDY ... 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4	ALFRED G. BETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

Messrs. Fussell (Slough) and Barton (Southwold) were elected life members of the above Guild previous to the peal.

HEAVITREE, EXETER.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 26 cwt., in E flat.

HARRY BARTON ... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
WILLIAM S. LETHBRIDGE ... 2	*JOHN FERRIS ... 6
FRANK MURPHY ... 3	FRANK DAVEY ... 7
THOMAS LAVER ... 4	JOHN R. SANDOVER... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM H. FUSSELL.

* First peal on an inside bell.

STONEHOUSE, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL. Tenor 12 cwt.

GEORGE H. MYERS ... Treble	WILLIAM HAMLYN ... 5
WILLIAM RICHARDS ... 2	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 6
ALFRED MICHELMORE... 3	GEORGE E. PARR, JUNR. 7
HARRY BARTON ... 4	*GEORGE E. PARR, SENR. Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal.

HOLBETON, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Friday, May 16, 1913, in Three Hours and One Minute,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's each called differently. Tenor 14 cwt.

FREDERICK LAPHORN... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 4
REV. EVERARD L. POWELL 2	HARRY BARTON ... 5
WARREN S. HORN BROOK ... 3	ERNEST W. MARSH... Tenor

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

DEVONPORT, DEVONSHIRE.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHAPEL ROYAL, H.M. DOCKYARD,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt.

*WARREN S. HORN BROOK... Treble	WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 5
HARRY BARTON ... 2	ERNEST W. MARSH ... 6
*WILLIAM RICHARDS... 3	WILLIAM FORD... 7
WILLIAM J. RUNDLE ... 4	WALTER H. MARSH... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by HARRY BARTON.

* First peal in the method.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

SALISBURY DIOCESAN GUILD.

A meeting of the Marlborough branch was held on Saturday week at Wootton Bassett. The fine weather might have been expected to draw a large attendance, but only four towers were represented.—The President (Rev. A. E. G. Peters), after cycling half the distance from Marlborough had to return because of a puncture; while the branch secretary, Mr. J. Butler, who had to cycle some 36 miles with a friend, was delayed by a series of accidents, and did not reach the scene of action until after 6 o'clock. Ringing, however, had been started some two hours before, and touches in various methods were brought round, a noticeable feature being that several ringers successfully negotiated new methods. At the Angel Hotel, 18 ringers sat down to a good tea, there being present, besides the local ringers, representatives from Christ Church, Swindon; Broad Hinton, and Marlborough St. Mary. Afterwards, a return was made to the belfry, and the bells were kept going to several methods until late in the evening. Although not a large gathering, this was the most successful meeting the Marlborough branch has held this year, both in point of numbers and in the quality of the ringing, but it is hoped that greater success may follow.

YORKSHIRE'S HIGHEST CHURCH ABOVE SEA-LEVEL.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

THE DIVISION IN DISTRICTS.

work evolving a scheme, which they hoped to have drafted out shortly, with a view to giving notice in September of a motion to go before the annual meeting.—The Chairman said there were very important questions involved of constitution, finance, etc., and he hoped that members would give the matter earnest consideration and talk it over in their towers, so that when the time came to take a vote, no member could say he had not had the matter brought before him without plenty of notice.—A vote of thanks to the chair concluded a very pleasant meeting.

CLANDON, SURREY.—On Easter Day, 720 Cambridge Surprise, 720 London Surprise, 720 Carlisle Surprise, 360 Oxford Plain Bob, those taking part being: F. Bennett, W. Day, W. Savage, R. Blake, J. Goacher, F. Day and A. Savage.

NEW RING OF EIGHT IN CORNWALL.

At the dedication service, the opening peal of round ringing was carried out by St. German's ringers. Afterwards several splendid touches were rung by members of the Truro Diocesan Guild, under Dr. Symons. The opening touch of 334 changes was conducted by Mr. J. Thomas, of St. Kea, Truro. The next, which consisted of the first 650 changes from Holt's original, was conducted by Mr. J. Thomas, of Edmonton, under whose direction the whole work of rehearsing the bells has been carried out, and who is a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths. This exceedingly clever ringer also conducted a touch of 430 of Grandsire Triples, in which he rang two bells, the treble and second, striking them both in perfect time, and all the while watching the other ringers and calling the bobs and singles as unconcernedly as though he were an idle spectator. It was a fine example of what can be done by perseverance and enthusiasm, and it is hoped it has inspired all who saw it to do their best to perfect their powers of ringing in order that God's service, so far as ringing the church bells is concerned, may be carried out in the most perfect manner possible. Mr. Thomas afterwards conducted 504 Grandsire Triples, again ringing the treble and second at the same time. Altogether it was a very successful day. The work has cost just £300, nearly £250 of which has been subscribed. Subscriptions from lovers of Cornwall to meet the balance will be thankfully received by Rear-Admiral Geo. A. Haddy, R.N., St. German's, the hon. secretary.

To the Editor.

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NORWICH ASSOCIATION.

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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— MANCHESTER.

By J. R. JERRAM.

I have no information about any bells in this Cathedral before the present peal of ten, and can do little more than give the inscriptions on these.

The tower contains a peal of ten bells, with a tenor 51 inches in diameter, weighing about 24 cwt. The inscriptions are as follows:—

Treble.

R. SMITH, B. TURNER, R. ORMROD, C: WAR-
DENS, 1825: I. R. FECT:

Second.

JOHN RUDHALL FECT 1825.

Third.

A. R.

Fourth.

R.D: G.C: I.L: 1706. GIVEN BY MANCHESTER.



Fifth.

SOLI DEO GLORIA. 1706.

Sixth.

RECAST BY ABEL RVDHALL. 1749.

Seventh.

ABRAHAM RVDHALL BELL FOUNDER. GOD
SAVE THE QUEEN & CHVRCH. 1706.

Eighth.

WE WARE ALL CAST IN GLOUCESTER. 1706.
PROSPERITY TO ALL OVR BENEFACTORS & THIS
CHVRCH. LET ALL SAY AMEN.

Ninth.

[This bell is much corroded. All that is legible is:]

A.R. 1706 John C..... C.W.

Tenor.

I WAS RECAST AT GLOUCESTER AT THE EX-
PENCE OF THE PARISH. 1815. THOS^S SALTER,
JOSIAH KEARSLEY, THOS^S BRIERLY CHURCH
WARDENS.

All these bells were cast before the church became a
Cathedral, which was not till 1848.

ODD CHANGES.

The new peal of eight bells, the tenor of which has been given by Mr. W. H. Fussell, has arrived at St. Mary's Church, Slough, and will be dedicated on June 19th.

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Mr. W. H. Barber writes: The footnote to the peal of Treble Bob Major rung at Carshalton and published in your issue of May 16th is incorrect, as the same peal was conducted from a non-observation bell on November 12th, 1896, at King's Norton by the late Mr. W. T. Pritchett.

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Messrs. Barwell, Ltd., are to be congratulated upon the successful way in which they have spliced in the new second bell at St. Martin's, Birmingham. It is a very fine bell, and harmonises perfectly with the remainder of the noble ring for which Birmingham is famed.

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Mr. Sam Thomas, of Sheffield, has now called Stedman Cinques in all the twelve bell towers in Lancashire, and all three peals have been rung at the first attempt.

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After all, nothing came of Mr. Samuel Thurstans' challenge, a hundred years ago, to ring with any men in England for one hundred pounds. From the paragraph which appeared in the "Norfolk Chronicle" of that time and which we quoted a fortnight ago, it will be remembered that the ringers of St. Peter Mancroft, "in order to prevent any person from being imposed upon by fallacious pretences, feel it incumbent upon them to accept the challenge, although at first they were inclined to pass it with the silent contempt it merits." The conditions were that they should meet in any twelve-bell steeple not less than 100 miles from Norwich, with eleven men selected from London.

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The "Norfolk Chronicle" of 1813 contained the following, which shows how the remarkable challenge and its acceptance fizzled out:—

The Company of Ringers of St. Peter's of Mancroft think it a duty they owe to themselves and the Public to state that Mr. Samuel Thurstons declines to meet a person appointed by them, in consequence of his general Challenge, on the Terms mentioned in their advertisement of last week, or on any other, which are likely to secure a judicious and impartial decision on the different Merits of the Competitors, or that are fair and equitable between the parties.

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Another interesting paragraph, reminding us of what happened a century ago, comes to hand from Worcester-shire. "Berrow's Worcester Journal," of May 13th, 1813, contained the following:—

On Saturday last an open peal was rung at Hartlebury Church, between the Hartlebury ringers and the Elmley ringers for half-a-guinea, when the latter won the peal. There were a great number of persons assembled in the churchyard for the purpose of hearing the peal. Both peals were rang with great steadiness and firmness.

THE SUSSEX ASSOCIATION.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Western Division of the Sussex Association was held at Shoreham, on Saturday week. Touches of Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Bob Major and Stedman Triples were rung during the afternoon and evening, ringers being present from Arundel, Aldrington, Brighton (St. Peter's), Heene, Steyning, and Shipley, together with the local band. Twenty-seven sat down to a meat tea at the Church Hall, the Vicar (the Rev. C. M. A. Tower) presiding, supported by Mr. F. B. Tompkins (Master), Mr. Elman Brown (churchwarden), and the divisional secretary (Mr. H. Evans).—At the subsequent business meeting, the chairman was elected an hon. member of the Association, and on the motion of the Master, was heartily thanked for presiding and for granting the use of the bells.—The Vicar, in replying, gave the ringers a welcome to Shoreham, and this was endorsed by Mr. Churchwarden Brown.—A ringers' service was subsequently held, at which a very appropriate address was given by the Vicar from the words: "A golden bell and a pomegranate." The tower was again visited after the service.

HERE AND THERE.

One of the oldest members of the Rossendale Branch of the Lancs Association. Mr. Jonathan Wolstenholme, of Ramsbottom, left for Canada on Saturday week, carrying with him the good wishes of a large circle of ringing friends. Mr. Wolstenholme has been a ringer for 32 years, and was one of the founders of the Rossendale branch. He had rung a considerable number of peals for the Lancs Association, and, as a farewell, a peal of Grandsire Triples as recorded last week was rung at St. Nicholas' Church, Newchurch, Lancs. It was originally intended to ring the peal at Ramsbottom, but owing to illness it was transferred to Newchurch, to which tower all the ringers belonged except Messrs. Leach and Haydock (Ramsbottom), and J. B. Taylor (Waterfoot).

Two peals on church bells in one day by a lady has not yet, we believe, been rung, but Miss Evelyn Steel, of Bedford, was almost successful on Whit-Tuesday. She took part in an attempt for a peal of Stedman Triples at Higham Ferrers, but after two hours' ringing, a shift course occurred in the 13th part. Although somewhat downhearted, six of the party cycled to Woodford in the afternoon, where they rang a good peal of Minor. Afterwards, Miss Steel cycled back to Bedford, a distance of 21 miles. Not a bad performance for anyone, but for a lady it was really prodigious.

The Lancashire Association, which was formed at Liverpool in 1876, will return to its birthplace for the annual meeting this year. The gathering takes place on October 4th, when, according to present arrangements, the Bishop of Liverpool will be the preacher.

Much sympathy doubtless will be felt for the band of the Ancient Society of College Youths, who made such a gallant attempt for the first peal of Stedman Cinques on Worcester Cathedral bells on Whit-Monday. In every way great difficulties were experienced, and we are told by those outside that the ringing was good—the best in the method ever heard there. Permission had been granted to Mr. F. E. Dawe for this special honour some 29 years ago, in the time of Lord Alwyn Campton, Canon Cattley, and Sir Edmund Beckett, but a continuity of obstacles intervened to prevent the attempt being made until now, and it is indeed very hard luck to find that owing to a painful eye trouble, from which he was suffering on the day of the attempt, but from which he has now happily completely recovered, Mr. Dawe unfortunately made a miss call in the 28th course, after ringing 2 hrs. and 45 mins. in the most creditable manner. The band was: C. F. Winney 1, T. H. Taffender 2, H. Langdon 3, T. Miller 4, T. H. Reeves 5, A. Paddon Smith 6, F. E. Dawe (conductor) 7, J. H. Shepherd 8, J. George 9, R. T. Hibbert 10, A. B. Peck 11, Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn 12. Tenor, 50 cwt. in D flat. The conductor afterwards presented to each of the band an excellent mounted photo of the Cathedral, recently taken by himself. All concerned wish heartily to thank the Dean and Chapter, and particularly Canon Whatley, for their kindness to the visitors, and also the Rev. G. F. Coleridge for his kind intervention on their behalf.

At the tower of the Perkin's Institution, Boston, U.S.A., on the evening of May 9th, a meeting of the local ringers was held to welcome the latest arrival from England, Mr. Richard Newton, of Manchester, who had landed the previous day. Touches of Grandsire were rung upon both tower and handbells.

Mr. C. F. Winney writes: It is interesting to read of Dr. Nicholls' ringing Doubles at home in Boston. When in England the doctor rang 5-6 on handbells with a mixed company who rang one each to many six-scores of Stedman Doubles in the train on our return from Bristol with the Kensington Guild. Other members of the Guild could not get into the carriage with us, otherwise we should have rung Triples. It is also interesting to recall that Dr. Nicholls rang 7-8 to three quarter-peals of Stedman Triples, and to a dozen or more 504's. We were getting well into swing for a peal when the good doctor had to terminate his delightful visit to London.

At St. Peter's Church, Tunbridge Wells, on Whit-Sunday, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major (1328 changes) was rung in 48 mins. by: J. Muggridge 1, S. J. Perkins, junr., 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, W. Latter 6, J. Milner 7, S. Perkins, senr. (conductor) 8. This quarter-peal was rung as a farewell to S. J. Perkins, who was leaving next day for Boston, U.S.A., with the best wishes of his brother ringers for good health and prosperity both to him and to Mr. J. Laker, also a member of the band, who is joining "Jack" Perkins for Boston. A farewell peal of Double Norwich was attempted on May 8th, but it unfortunately came to grief after 2 hrs. ringing. Those who took part are all members of St. Peter's band, except J. Milner, who hails from Tonbridge.

Mr. Herbert Sheppard, of Dudley, writes to tender his heartfelt thanks to all the members of the Dudley and District Guild for their kind message of sympathy extended to him, at their annual gathering, in his long and continued illness.

The first attempt for a peal on the back ten bells of St. Nicholas' Cathedral, Liverpool, by the present practising company was made on Whit-Monday, when Grandsire Caters was attempted, but lost after 3 hrs. 18 mins., owing to the eleventh running dry. The band hope that on the next occasion they essay the task their efforts will be crowned with success. The ringers were: J. Wilkinson 1, T. Hammond, junr., 2, G. R. Newton (conductor) 3, J. Allen 4, T. Murray 5, E. Caunce 6, E. J. Oliver 7, E. Breese 8, W. Davies 9, J. Turner 10. The tenor is 39½ cwt.

Congratulations to Mr. E. Bartram on being the youngest member of the Warwickshire Guild to score a peal of Caters. After the peal at Melton Mowbray he was congratulated upon his excellent striking. Mr. Bartram is only 17 years of age.

For a young lady to ring a date touch in celebration of her own eleventh birthday is quite unique. But this Miss Ruth Johnson, of Hinton, did on Wednesday week, the 1913 changes being made up of Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, St. Dunstan's and Grandsire Doubles. The complete six-scores had different callings, and the handbells were rung by Miss E. M. Johnson 1-2, J. D. Johnson (conductor) 3-4, Miss R. Johnson 5-6.

After the funeral of Mr. R. Cozens, for many years sexton at St. Mary's, Whitcarch, near Cardiff, on Saturday, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles was rung with the bells muffled by: J. Bailey 1, W. Biss (conductor) 2, L. Wright 3, E. Coles 4, T. Chamberlain 5, T. Middleton 6.

SURFLEET'S PEAL OF TEN.

BELLS DEDICATED IN THE CHURCH.

On Thursday week, the Lord Bishop of Lincoln visited Surfleet to dedicate the bells. The six old bells have been sent to Loughborough, and the 3rd, which was cracked in the head and unusually light, and tenor recast. The old tenor was a very poor bell, weighing 9½ cwt., in F, and the recast bell is a very great improvement. The other four have been properly tuned, and four trebles added to make a ring of ten. In the manner of dedication an old custom was revived, the bells being placed on the floor of the church, in full sight of the congregation, for the ceremony. Service began at 2.30, and the bells were dedicated after the second lesson. The Bishop, clergy and choir going down to the tower for the purpose, where the bells were arranged upon the floor in a circle, mouth upwards. Appropriate versicles and responses, and Psalms 29 and 150, were sung, followed by five collects and the blessing of the six new bells, which were named by his lordship. The ten bells were then chimed round, evensong concluded, and a sermon preached by the Bishop from the words of Purcell's bell anthem.

Another service followed at 7.30 p.m., the preacher being the Rev. H. B. Woolley, of Long Stanton, and the collections at both services, amounting to £2 3s. 11½d., were for the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel in Lincoln Minster.

THE BELLS.

- The inscription, name and weights of the bells are as follows:—
- Treble. CUM VOCO VENITE, S. Matthew, 2 cwt. 1 qr. 18 lbs.
 2. VENITE EXVITEMVS DOMINO, S. Mark, 2 cwt. 1 qr. 26 lbs.
 3. SIT NOMEN DOMINI BENEDICTVM, S. Luke, 2 cwt. 3 qrs. 25 lbs.
 4. IN MVLTIS ANNIS RESONET CAMPANA IOHANNIS, S. John, 3 cwt. 2 qrs. 1 lb.
 5. S. LAVRENCE. GOD SAVE THE KING, MDCCCCH, 4 cwt. 1 qr. 12 lbs.
 6. John Sharpe, C. W. T. Broninin, Toby Norris cast me 1695 (Pancake Bell), 4 cwt. 2 qrs. 0 lbs.
 7. Omnia fiant ad gloriam Dei, E. Ward, P. Pedder, 1618. recast 1913 (S. Gilbert), 6 cwt. 0 qrs. 20 lbs.
 8. William Walker, C. W. R. Curtis, Toby Norris cast me 1695. Recast as the gift of Mr. Alfred Smith, Churchwarden, 1900. 7 cwt. 1 qr. 22 lbs.
 9. Edwardus Heron Miles Balnei. Omnia fiant ad Gloriam Dei, I. IACSON, R. SMITH, 1607. 8 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.

Tenor. NON CLAMOR SED AMOR CANTAT IN AVRE DEI, IOHN LOWES, 1608.

Henry Law James, M.A., Vicar; John Richardson, W. Evison Burrell, Churchwardens. Recast 1913. (Name, S. Hugh), 12 cwt. 0 qrs. 9 lbs.

The letters on the four trebles are the large capitals and smaller ones, arranged in the same manner as on the old bells at Somerby, near Brigg, Lincs. On the waist, the treble has a figure of S. Matthew in high relief, the 2nd S. Mark, the 3rd S. Luke, and the 4th S. John. On the opposite side of the waist of each of these four is Taylor's foundry mark and the date 1913, and on the remaining faces a cross copied from Skegness, Lincs. These four bells have been cast in the mediæval style. The fifth has letters copied from South Somercotes, Lincs. The 6th has Toby Norris' letters and stamps, and the 9th has some fine Gothic letters for its Latin inscription, the rest being Toby Norris' usual letter and stamps. These two bells have not been recast. The 7th, 8th and tenor have Toby Norris' letters and marks all accurately reproduced, with Taylor's mark and recast, the 8th, 1900, and the other two in 1913.



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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

(Specially Reported by "The Ringing World" Representative).

(Continued from page 353).

THE ANALYSIS COMMITTEE'S DIFFICULTIES.

The adoption of the report of the Analysis Committee (already published in these columns) was moved by Mr. A. T. King, who said the committee had had very considerable difficulty over the analysis, and he thought they were entitled to a great amount of sympathy. They had done the best they could, but they found that the formula which was bequeathed to them as to Minor methods by the Peal Values Committee was not really workable and they were not able to combine it with any schedule arranged in order of merit, because the liberal allowance given for six bells gave some societies an average for their Minor methods double the amount of the average for their peals in methods on seven bells and upwards. That showed that the points were too liberal, and that there was no kind of common denominator between the two kinds of values. Therefore, the committee had made out the schedule in alphabetical order, and at the same time they had made suggestions for the Minor methods, which would come before the Council.—Mr. Griffin seconded the adoption of the report.

The President said the reports of the committee, which was the hardest worked committee that the council had got, dealt with a number of very complicated points, and it was quite impossible that the Council could discuss all those points at that meeting. What the committee wanted, as he understood it, was that they should be allowed to work the analysis during the present year upon the principles laid down in those reports.

Mr. King said the difficulty had been that owing to the scale for Minor bequeathed to them they could not find any common denominator without being unfair to one side or the other. It might be said, if they were liberal to the Minor methods, why not raise the value of the other methods. The committee considered that point, and they found it was better on the whole to remain as close as they could to the old figures, correcting them according to the light of their most recent information. Therefore, very reluctantly they had to ask the Council to accept the tabular statement in alphabetical order for the past year, but he hoped when the members discussed the labours of the committee, which had taken a considerable amount of time and a great stock of patience, they would not adopt the spirit of the arm-chair philosopher. Let them remember that the committee had gone through the mill; they had had sleepless nights and laborious days. Their recommendations and the form of the analysis were the best they could suggest; he did not think anybody could get more than a fair approximation of the true relative values. The committee considered that everybody had received fair treatment, if not with mathematical accuracy, and he asked the Council to accept their report and give it a trial (applause).

The Rev. E. W. Carpenter (who is also a member of the committee) said one point ought to be made clear with regard to the analysis, and that they felt obliged to present it in alphabetical order, because the points they had for the two divisions were incompatible. The alphabetical list was only a temporary expedient, and if the report of the committee was accepted, the points for Minor would work in with the points on the higher number of bells, and all peals could be included in one table in the future.

Mr. G. Bolland said Mr. King seemed to think the Minor methods were getting a better proportion of points than the peals on higher numbers of bells. If they worked it out on the scale published last year, he thought the six-bell ringers would be satisfied, and he hoped the committee would not be deterred from carrying out the previous decision of the Council.

Mr. King said no wonder Mr. Bolland was satisfied, because the scale adopted last year brought the average of the Yorkshire Minor peals out to just double those of their peals on seven bells and upwards—a concrete case which proved that the Minor peals were valued too highly.

Mr. Bolland thought it was a credit to the Minor ringers.

Mr. King: You ring higher methods, Mr. Bolland, and you will get higher points.

THE MORAL VALUE OF PEALS.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he thought they ought to take a broader view of the analysis. It did not affect him very much whether the Minor points were more than they ought to be or not. Ought they not to consider first how these points were encouraging bell ringing for Sunday services and Church festivals? He would like to propose, not to alter the existing schedule, but that something should be done to encourage ringing on those occasions when they wanted it.

The President: Is your meaning that you would give more points for peals rung upon ecclesiastical occasions?

Mr. Burton said that was so. He would like to suggest that they should discriminate and bring forward a scheme of preference. For instance, he should suggest that, if a peal were rung for a great Church festival or red-letter day, or on a vigil, they should place 10 per cent. on the points for that peal. He should also say minus 10 per cent. for Good Friday peals. There was a great deal to be said for and against Good Friday ringing, but he was certain Good Friday peals were to be deprecated. For first peals in methods he would plus 10 per cent. of the points for any one ringer. For example, if there was a peal of Bob Major rung and two of the ringers took

part in the method for the first time, he would put ten per cent. on for each, and if it was the first peal by the whole eight ringers, he would put ten per cent. on for everyone. There was no real object in peal ringing as they had now got it; they must face the facts. When they got the associations together they made a great advance, and there was a sort of cloak of ecclesiastical responsibility thrown over ringers. Then the Council came on the field, and this consolidation of peal ringing took place. Finally, they got to this high state of perfection in which they had classified everything and got these marvellous results, but, he asked, to what end was all this? It furthered the ringing of higher methods, but did they not want to go a step further? They wanted the ringing done on certain occasions, but they did nothing to encourage it, and nothing to discriminate. If they discriminated in the case where peals were rung by known Sunday ringers, it would all help forward their ideals. Then for handbells peals he would take off 50 per cent. They were quite a nice amusement, but as regards church work and helping forward church bell ringing they did very little indeed.

The Hon. Secretary: You will have to rescind a resolution of the Council to do that, because we have got a resolution of the Council recognising peals on handbells.

Mr. Burton said he put it to the Council that they wanted to do something on the lines he had suggested. They had simply piled up this work on the Analysis Committee with no real object. Could they not mould it in some way so that it would have some bearing upon their ideals?

IMPRACTICABLE!

The President suggested that Mr. Burton's suggestion might more conveniently come up on a later motion, regarding the increase of peal ringing, which stood on the agenda. He was perfectly entitled to move in the matter at that point, although it seemed to him (the President) perfectly futile, when they were discussing the technical value of peal points, to raise a discussion on the moral value of a peal. He did not see how they could by any possibility mix up the two. The only way in which the Analysis Committee had been able to come to any sort of arrangement at all was by putting on one side quite a number of items that ought really to weigh in the matter. Of course, a peal that was rung with a 40 cwt. tenor ought really to count more than one rung with a 10 cwt. tenor, and practically the same argument applied to handbells, but it had all been put on one side because it brought in complications that it was impossible to deal with. It had all been discussed before, and the only new point was that the moral value of peals should be considered. He was entirely with Mr. Burton in his desire that peals should be rung more for ecclesiastical purposes, but he thought the Council would agree that it was useless to embark upon a discussion on points for moral value.

Mr. King said he would not like it to go forth that there was an absence of that moral behaviour, that had been spoken of, amongst ringers. With regard to his own association, among those constantly ringing peals, he could not think of one person who did not do his Sunday ringing, and was it not the same in almost every society? Why should they not ring peals for pleasure if they did their work on a Sunday? He did not think they would get any benefit by Mr. Burton's suggestion, even if it were possible to assess the value.

The Rev. W. P. Wright raised the question of the omission of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association from the analysis, and it was explained that the peals by this association were included among those of the independent societies, because the society lapsed last year, and did not send on its subscription this year in time to have its peals reckoned separately.—Mr. King said it would be possible to get out a separate list of the Cleveland Association peals, but the President said he did not think it would be wise, because associations ought to pay their subscriptions at the right time. What was the advantage of the others paying their subscriptions promptly if those that were late were to receive the same treatment?—Mr. Griffin said as a member of the Analysis Committee he very strongly objected to any alteration being made.

The reports were accepted, and the Rev. G. F. Coleridge moved, and the Rev. W. W. C. Baker seconded, that the committee proceed to act upon their report for the present year. In putting the motion to the meeting, the President said they once more recognised the extreme interest of the analysis. There were different views as to whether it was desirable, and whether it was useful, but it was a matter of extreme interest. It would be a great pity if this analysis was not regularly carried out. They accepted the reasons of the committee for not putting the various associations in order of merit this year. It detracted to a certain extent from the interest in the analysis, but it was only for a year that had been rather broken by the difficulties the committee had met with, and which, he hoped, would not occur again.

The motion was carried, together with the hearty thanks of the Council, to the committee for their services.

On resuming after the luncheon interval, the Hon. Secretary read a letter from the Rev. H. S. T. Richardson, in which he stated that as regards the Peal Collection there was nothing actually ready for the Press at present, but the first part of the Treble Bob collection could be published if desired.

A telegram was also received from Mr. R. A. Daniell, saying he was sorry that he had been unable to complete the Literature Committee's report, as he had not been well enough to go on with the work.

TOWERS AND BELFRIES.

The Hon. Secretary then read the interim report of the Towers and Belfries Committee, which was as follows:—

At the meeting of the Council in 1912, a Belfry Committee was appointed to endeavour to get into touch with the Royal Institute of British Architects, and with the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, for the purpose of obtaining recognition by these bodies of the improved modern methods of arranging and hanging bells. A meeting of the committee was convened early in March, at Sir Arthur Heywood's house, in London, when all the members were present. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided: (1) That, as a first step, the views of experts in regard to the best arrangement of towers for the reception of the bells and the most recent practice in bell hanging, should be incorporated in a short pamphlet to be issued with the authority of the Council; and, (2) that this pamphlet should be brought to the notice of the above-mentioned societies in such manner as might subsequently be considered most opportune, in respect of which latter point a number of useful suggestions were made. Sir Arthur Heywood undertook to draft the required pamphlet, and to circulate it to the other members of the committee for alteration and addition after the manner adopted in several cases by other committees of the Council. Appended is a letter now submitted by him to them which explains itself. In whatever way the Council decide that the required pamphlet shall be produced, the committee will do their best to bring it effectively to the notice of those whose interest it is necessary to engage:—

"To the members of the Belfry Committee, Duffield, May, 1913. I undertook, when this committee met in March, to draft the rough copy of a pamphlet dealing with the matters submitted to us by the Council; this to form a foundation upon which the other members might graft their views.

"I spent some time in attempting to construct a suitable framework for the purpose, but failed for the following reasons. During the past 30 years, I have personally and pretty constantly been dealing with the problems involved. Also since the appointment of the Belfry Committee, I have been collecting a good deal of information from various quarters, of which that liberally supplied to me by Messrs. Taylor, of Loughborough, is the most valuable. In attempting to collate this information into pamphlet form, I found it impossible to do so without making my personal experiences the basis of the text, which text, of course, the other members could not endorse.

"I, therefore, suggest that the Council be asked to select one or other of the two following proposals: (1) That I should complete the already half-written pamphlet as entirely my work; publish it with the sanction, but not necessarily with the concurrence of the Council, at my own expense, and allow the committee to make such use of it as they please; (2) that another member of the committee should undertake the draft, in which case I would give all the information in my power, and the pamphlet would be published as the work of the committee with the authority (after submission), and at the expense of the Council.

ARTHUR HEYWOOD."

OLD IDEAS TO BE MODIFIED.

The Hon. Secretary said that in addition, another document, which was most valuable, had been sent to him by Mr. E. H. Lewis. It consisted of a most thorough-going mathematical examination into the question of strains and stresses put upon bell frames and the towers in connection with the ringing of bells. Continuing, the Hon. Secretary said he felt very strongly that the Council could only accept the first alternative which the President very kindly offered them (applause). They all knew, from what Sir Arthur had done before, that he was exceedingly thorough, and in this case it would embody his very varied experience extending over many years, and the Council would do well to accept that first alternative. He moved the adoption of the report and the acceptance of Sir Arthur's offer.—Mr. J. Griffin seconded.

The President said he was much obliged to the Council for accepting his offer, and he proceeded to go more fully into the reasons why it was better that a pamphlet, such as that proposed, should be the work of one individual. He added that the theories which Mr. Lewis was working out were going to show that their hitherto accepted ideas of the stresses of bells on frames and towers would have to be subjected to very considerable modification. They had always had the idea, if they had two bells hung side by side and swinging the same way, but with the wheels roped on opposite sides, that these bells would counter-balance one another when rung. Mr. Lewis most conclusively proved that while that was perfectly true, if the bells were approximately the same weight and pulled off at the same time, it was by no means true if they were rung in changes or rounds, and were not pulled off exactly at the same time. He (the President) could not explain how it was, but it was a fact that the strains of these bells came together, and were cumulative at certain periods. He intended to ask Mr. Lewis to put into a form, as intelligible as possible to the ordinary person, the theories he had worked out—he had not yet concluded his inquiry—and to allow him to add it as an appendix to the pamphlet he proposed to bring out. He would also be glad of any other information, either from members of the Council or anyone else, which he could put in, over the names of those who supplied it, which would be valuable to the subject they had to deal with. He did not think it would be long before the pamphlet would be ready, and after that they would undertake that representations should be made to the Institute of British Architects and to the Society for the Protection

of Ancient Buildings in, so far as they were able to judge, the most effective manner possible. They felt that in the first place they should have something or other that they could place, in these people's hands, and say, "There are our contentions." How it was to be brought before them was a matter for the committee to decide.—The report was adopted.

EFFECT OF BELLS ON FRAMES.

Mr. E. A. Young said since the subject was mooted he had approached other members of the Institute of British Architects, and the matter was more alive than it was. The secretary had made a note of it, so that it could be brought up at an early opportunity, and at the Science Committee it was to be discussed very shortly. This would all help to ventilate it.

The President said he would like to point out Mr. Lewis's inquiry into this matter might not be intelligible to a very large number of architects or to the members of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, but it would impress them (hear, hear, and laughter).

Mr. Lewis said he must confess that it was a little bit from that point of view that he approached the subject (laughter), but he did not know at the time how interesting it was going to be. He had found that the problem was much deeper, and the results much different to what he expected when he started. If they got two bells roped on opposite sides and swinging in the same direction and pulled off in rounds the maximum thrust of the bells almost exactly coincided, and they got a thrust practically twice the weight of the two bells together—actually nearly $1\frac{1}{2}$ the weight of each bell plus the headstock. He had been very much indebted to Mr. Cyril Johnston for some information with regard to the moments of inertia of a bell, and also to Mr. Taylor for information. There were one or two experiments which he would like to get the opportunity of carrying out, and Mr. Taylor had offered to carry them out for him, which would tend to solve the problem which was favoured by the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, that it was a good thing to have a spring frame. It was almost impossible to convince the society that they were wrong, but he thought it was possible by certain experiments to prove that with spring frames the action on the tower was the same as with a rigid frame, with this difference, that the movement in a spring frame had got to be supplied by the ringer (laughter). If they had a rigid tower and frame there was comparatively little work, and any work to be done in a rocking tower, due to the twisting of the frame, had to be done by the ringer, who preferred only to ring the bell, but that was a point they could not get these people to see (laughter). The one point he had come to was not to have bells swinging in one direction. Lord Grimthorpe's work on this subject was one of the standard works consulted by architects, and he was now quite convinced that Lord Grimthorpe's idea was wrong, and that it was best to divide the weight at right angles as far as possible by, say, having the treble, fourth, fifth and tenor swinging in one direction, and the second, third, sixth and seventh in the other.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE PUBLIC TOWARDS RINGING.

The Council then proceeded to discuss "The possibility of an unfavourable change in the attitude of the general public towards bell ringing as a result of the increasing number of peals annually rung."

The President said he was anxious that they should have a serious and thoughtful discussion on this matter. It was a subject that many of them might realise the gravity of, others might not, but it was one which he thought they ought to discuss with a very real sense of the possibility of a grave interference with their ringing.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee, who introduced the motion, said he believed the subject was of very great practical importance to ringers and the whole community, as far as they were concerned with the bells. The ringing of bells had always given him such keen enjoyment that he hated the thought that the use of the bells could give anything but enjoyment to other people. What were the facts of the case at present? He supposed that they were conscious of two things. First of all that there was a great increase in the number of rings of bells in England, and also a vast increase in the number of peals that were rung. For the latter there were two chief reasons, first of all the great spread of the Exercise—ringers were vastly more numerous today than they were—and ringers, as a whole, had reached a vastly higher level of proficiency than they used to in change ringing. There were two other reasons. One was mechanical, due to the bell hangers who hung the bells so well that the labour of ringing was reduced to a minimum; the other was that facilities for travelling were so great that ringers could very easily meet together at a tower many miles from their own home, and make up a band at almost any time. In the old days, he supposed, peals were generally rung by local bands in connection with some local occasion; they were the occasions in which the people of the place took a considerable interest; they were proud of the prowess of their local band, or it might be they were keenly interested in the occasion for which the bells were rung. Nowadays it was different. A great many peals were rung when the people who heard the bells did not know who the ringers were, or why the bells were rung, and he was afraid very often they were very often rung without much consideration for local feeling, or even for local convenience. He supposed they ought to consider that the bells were in the tower not just for the enjoyment of the ringers, but mainly for the enjoyment, and for the use of the people who had to listen to them. We lived in a sensitive age, and in an increasing atmosphere

of noise, and sooner or later the public would become as sensitive to noise as to other things and then, as the President had hinted, there might be trouble in store for ringers. There were some towers, of course, in which they might ring as many peals as they liked, and they would be practically no inconvenience to anybody, and there were some in their great towns, such, for instance, as the Cathedral at Manchester, that were surrounded by offices, and where in the evening, with a little consideration they might ring the bells with very little complaint from anybody. But the majority of towers where they rang were so placed that the noise of the bells must be an inconvenience to a great many people if the bells were rung for a considerable time. Some of his friends might say they should brick up the windows. It was true that much might be done, and he hoped that architects would take some suggestions from the committee whose report they had just been considering, and put the bells lower than the windows, but all the same they did not want to brick up the windows so that the bells could not be heard. The purpose of bells was that they should be heard by the people round about. The bells existed for the people without and not mainly for the ringers within. It might also be said that unless they had some such stimulus as that provided by peal ringing, they would find it very difficult to keep an efficient band together. He knew that very well, and whether they could set some better standard for points was another question. He thought they had rather drifted into a forced standard in measuring the efficiency of their ringing. They were too apt to test it by the number of peals rung, and by the value reckoned in points for those peals. If they had a false standard could that Council not begin to set a better standard which ringers might try and approximate to? He was afraid that sometimes ringers were in danger of ringing for the number of peals that were going to stand against their name, or the points that were going to stand to their credit in the analysis. He was not going to move any resolution, and he was prepared to find the majority of the Council up in arms against him, but he hoped that what he had to say would provide food for thought, and that gradually they might come to think that peal ringing was not the only standard. Did they think too much of their ringing for their own enjoyment, and too little for the enjoyment and pleasure they were going to give to others. He admitted that peal ringing was valuable for producing good ringers and a good standard of ringing. With regard to that popular institution—ringing tours—he would throw out the suggestion that instead of ringing two or three peals a day, they should have another object—providing as much pleasure as possible for the public, and instead of a peal at each tower, let them enjoy two or three good touches of half-an-hour each. He did not, however, want to do away with peal ringing, but would suggest that peals should be reserved for special occasions—for local and national events when ringing the bells would be recognised on all hands as the proper way to celebrate them. Then again, when a local band was learning a new method, it would be reasonable to allow them to ring a peal in that new method on its own bells, but he thought they should place a limit on the number of peals that were rung without local significance. He felt that they ringers were trustees of which was very specially an English art, and in the old day Englishmen loved their bells, and loved to hear them ring. They, to-day, were the trustees, and he asked them whether they should try and use their Exercise to fulfil that trusteeship in such a way that Englishmen of all kinds should still love the bells and love to hear them ring (applause).

(To be continued).

A DERBY GRIEVANCE.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—We seldom have much to complain of in Derby as regards rules, etc., re the use of the belfries, but I feel sure I am voicing the opinion of the majority of change ringers in Derby when I complain of the new rules recently issued by the authorities at St. Peter's. The rules taken en bloc are a little far-fetched, but the last clause in Rule I states that no ladies are to be allowed in the belfry. Why this restriction, when at the moment of writing the first annual meeting has been held (at Birmingham) in connection with the "Ladies' Guild?" We have only had one lady attempt change ringing in the town, and I am proud to state that she has been a Sunday School scholar and teacher for a number of years, and that at St. Peter's. Surely there is nothing to be suggested against this Church worker entering the belfry, especially as she was always accompanied by a relation. We feel as a body of bell ringers that we are not looked upon in a true light, as I can safely say that no town in England can beat Derby as regards belfry etiquette and also behaviour. I trust on behalf of my fellow ringers in Derby that the authorities of St. Peter's will withdraw the clause from rule I, which is so objectionable.—Yours faithfully,

B. MITCHELL.

JOSEPH RIDYARD'S 150 PEALS.

Grandsire Triples, 9; Major, 1; Caters, 3; Cinques, 1; Erin Triples, 1; Stedman Triples, 38 (a); Caters, 3; Cinques, 2; Bob Major, 7; Bob Maximus, 1; Treble Bob Major, 48 (b); Royal, 6; Maximus, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 3; Double Norwich Major, 22 (c); total, 150.

(a) the only peal of Erin ever rung in Lancashire; (b) includes a 12,000, the longest length rung by the Lancashire Association; (c) includes a 7,200, the longest length rung by the Lancashire Association. Each of these was conducted by Joseph Ridyard.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

HALF-YEARLY MEETING AT BURY.

A representative gathering of some 40 members and friends from 15 different towers were present at Bury on Saturday, on the occasion of the half-yearly meeting of the Lancashire Association. During the afternoon, touches of Grandsire, Kent and Stedman were rung, and afterwards the members adjourned to the Institute, where, under the chairmanship of the Rev. H. J. Elsee (President), the business meeting was held. The President gave a resume of the proceedings at the Central Council meeting. Some discussion ensued, particularly on the question of the occasions for peal ringing, and the view was expressed that the report of a debate upon such a subject should have been reserved for the ringing papers, and should not have been allowed to go forth in the general Press.

The Secretary (Mr. W. H. Shuker) raised the question of strangers going into their towers, ringing peals and forgetting to pay their subscriptions, which resulted in peals having to be omitted from the reports, and causing a great deal of trouble in the search among over a thousand names, to find out if the ringer is on the membership roll. It would save a great deal of time, he pointed out, if ringers would introduce their friends to the branch secretaries as soon as possible.

This matter led to a discussion on the advisability of combined action by the different associations to introduce a scheme to replace the present method applied to the non-resident element.

A letter was received from the Rector regretting that owing to ill-health he was unable to be present at the meeting.—Afterwards, the members attended evensong, and subsequently returned to the belfry for further ringing.—At the close, thanks were accorded to the authorities and ringers for having contributed to the comfort and enjoyment of the visitors.

WORKSOP PRIORY CHURCH SOCIETY'S OUTING.

One of the most interesting and enjoyable outings, in which the Priory Church, Worksope, ringers, have participated, was held on Whit-Monday, when they visited Brigg and Scunthorpe, the latter place being the "Gold-Mine" of the Great Central Railway. Having reached Brigg by train, the party at once proceeded by brake to Scunthorpe, a distance of eight miles. The morning was beautifully fine, and not a drop of rain was seen the whole day, but Old King Sol came out in his full glory, and the elements were tempered with a nice south-westerly breeze. The fields, the hedgerows, and the woodland scenery were just in the full beauty of new foliage and blossom, and one might travel very far indeed without finding a fairer prospect than that presented to view in this district. Scunthorpe was reached at 11 a.m., and the cycling contingent of the Gainsborough ringers, and Mr. Parkin and his colleagues of the Scunthorpe company, were waiting to welcome the visitors, and the company had the pleasure of completing everything they attempted on the bells in the methods of Grandsire, Union, Plain Bob, Treble Bob, College Single and Stedman. In the afternoon, Frodingham Fair was visited, and, after returning to the tower for more touches, the party left for Brigg. Prior to 1893 Scunthorpe possessed only one bell, the full octave (tenor 18 cwt.) being then put in by Messrs. Taylor and Sons, of Loughborough, and the splendid "go" and the sweetness and purity of tone leave nothing to be desired. In fact, one of the ringers was heard to say he would like to live within the sound of those bells for the remainder of his days, and on leaving Scunthorpe for Brigg, it was plainly noticeable by the sad picture which his face presented, that he had left his love behind him. At the west end of the church a brass tablet is inscribed as follows: "To the Greater Glory of God. And as a memorial to him who built this Church, this peal of eight bells was completed, the tenor bearing the following inscription: 'A.M.D.C. In memory of Rowland Winn, first Baron St. Oswald, the founder of this church who died 19th January, 1893. We seven bells were added by public subscription.'"

At Brigg the visitors were heartily welcomed by Mr. W. Meanwell and Mr. F. Atkinson. Time just permitted the raising of the bells in peal and a look through the interior of the church, before hurrying off to Mr. Chafen's Cafe in the Market Place for a touch in that well-known method, "Knife and Fork Surprise." This was got through in splendid style, and the cafe can be recommended to those who are passing through the locality.

The ringing at Brigg afterwards included touches of Grandsire, Plain Bob, Stedman and College Single. This ring of six are a musical peal. The church formerly contained a ring of eight, but they were reduced to six two years ago, as the authorities thought they would not have sufficient funds to meet the outlay of rehanging, although when all was finished they had £170 to spare. The Worksope ringers wish to express their gratitude to the stationmaster at Worksope for placing at their disposal two reserved compartments on an excursion train on such a busy day as Whit-Monday; to Mr. F. S. W. Butler, who joined them at Gainsborough on the outward journey, for making all the necessary arrangements; and to the tower keepers and incumbents of each parish for having everything in readiness, and for the use of the bells.

MITCHAM.—At the Parish Church, on Easter Day, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples, in 45 mins.: S. Foster 1, J. D. DREWETT 2, W. D. DREWETT 3, B. MORRIS 4, A. CALVER 5, J. A. LAMBERT 6, W. H. JOINER (conductor) 7, F. TILLEY 8.

CENTRAL NORTHANTS ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Central Northants Association was held at Thrapston, on Whit-Monday, the day's proceedings commencing with a service at the Parish Church, at which the Rector (the Rev. S. Kingsford) officiated, and the Rev. W. Smalley Law, R.D. (Vicar of Oundle) preached an appropriate sermon.

Lunch was provided at the White Hart, at which the President (the Rev. W. St. George Coldwell) presided. At the business meeting which followed, the Hon. Secretary presented the balance sheet, which showed receipts amounting to £51 8s. 10d., including balance in hand £23 18s. 10d., and subscriptions £22 12s., while the expenditure was £27 11s. 9d., leaving a balance in hand of £23 17s. 1d.

The Secretary's report for 1912 was then read by Mr. Wilford. Special mention was made of the band of ringers at Kettering for their remarkable progress in the way of handbell ringing, with the assistance of Mr. E. Maurice Atkins, of Isham. He congratulated the association on the fact that Finedon bells had been put in first-class order, and also the bells at Woodford, while the bells at Ecton and Moulton had been repaired.

The Chairman thought they might congratulate the Secretary upon their satisfactory financial condition. Referring to Tichmarsh being upon the point of putting its bells in order, he proposed that a grant of £2 be made to Tichmarsh (applause).—This was at once agreed to.—The Rector of Tichmarsh (the Rev. A. W. Luckock), in acknowledging the unexpected gift, stated that they were still short of cash. The estimated cost of recasting five of the bells and rehanging them was £303.

TOWERS WANT WAKING UP.

It was decided to make a presentation to the Rev. E. C. Channer, late Rector of Ravensthorpe, and late President of the Association.

The Secretary next brought forward a matter at the request of Mr. J. Nicholls, of Kettering, who was unable to be present, having gone to Newcastle to the Central Council Meeting. They would note that the Association had decreased in membership and balance for several years, and Mr. Nicholls recommended that a committee should be formed to inquire as to whether they could not improve their financial basis.

Canon Hodgson said it seemed to him that they had more money than they could spend (hear, hear, and laughter).

The Secretary thought Mr. Nicholls meant that there were belfries in the county that were fast asleep and wanted waking up.—Twenty new members were then proposed and elected.—It was decided to hold the next annual meeting at Northampton.

The Chairman mentioned that they had the founder of the society present, the Rev. Hugh Bryan (applause), and they could not separate without wishing him good health and thanking him for his past services.—The Rev. Hugh Bryan, who was heartily applauded, briefly referred to his part in forming the society in 1885. It was at first known as the Raunds, Wellingborough, and District Society of Church Bell Ringers, and the first meeting was held at Raunds.

Comprehensive votes of thanks concluded the meeting.

WEDDING BELLS AT LEICESTER.

On Whit-Monday, the Church of St. John the Divine, Leicester, was the scene of a marriage of more than usual interest to ringers, for there and then did James Harris take Ethel S. Bowman to be his lawful wedded wife, for better or worse—may it be always for better. When other brother ringers entered the bonds, Jim had laughed, but at length, cupid shot his dart, and the "Bowman" was triumphant. The day opened auspiciously—a peal of Double Norwich Major was started for, timed to come round at the hour set for the sacrifice of "Bachelorlord" to "Benedict," and as the bridegroom waited for his bride in the church below, he had the pleasure of hearing the peal roll home all right.

The Rev. R. S. C. H. Wood, M.A. (Vicar) conducted the ceremony, and the church was filled. As it would require a lady journalist to describe the bride's attire correctly, the writer refrains from detail, except to say that she wore a wreath of orange blossom, and was in milliners' parlance—"a perfect dream" of silk and lace. Incidentally Jim wore clothes and a number nine smile, which expanded as a shower of confetti enveloped the pair when they left the church to the sound of wedding bells. As was fitting, ringers from other churches turned up, and Stedman Triples was the music from the steeple as the party dispersed.

Afterwards all adjourned to the wedding feast, and ringers included, sat down to a splendid meat tea, the Vicar presiding. At its conclusion, Mr. J. Buttery proposed the health of the bride and bridegroom in a few well-chosen remarks, and it was accompanied with musical honours. The following ringers were present: J. Buttery, A. Martin, G. Burrows, E. Smith, J. Vernon, J. S. Needham, E. M. Atkins, Miss H. Willson, E. Norman, E. Vallance, F. Herbert, W. H. Inglesant, E. H. Stoneley and W. Willson. The festivities were kept up till the early hours of next day, the votaries of Terpsichore, enjoying themselves to the full while vocal music was not lacking. The wedding present from the ringers' society took the shape of a silver dinner cruet, and the writer, on their behalf, wishes the happy couple every happiness and prosperity, with this "rider"—if Jim makes only half as good a husband as he has been a faithful friend, he will never regret the step he has taken, nor his choice.

W. W.

ROMNEY MARSH AND DISTRICT GUILD.

PEAL-BOARD UNVEILED.

The above society has experienced a run of rather unfortunate luck, the March meeting arranged for New Romney not taking place because of very inclement weather and the April meeting in conjunction with the Ashford Division, Kent Association, had to be cancelled owing to the indisposition of the Rector of Woodchurch (the Rev. S. H. Rendall). The Guild, however, held an excellent meeting at Tenterden a fortnight ago. About twenty-five members were present, and, in addition to the local tower, delegates came from Appledore, Rye, Headcorn, Stone-in-Oxney, Benenden, Hawkhurst, and Woodchurch.

A series of touches of Grandsire Triples, and a course of Oxford Bob Triples comprised the ringing, and during the evening a beautiful peal board, with gold lettering, was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. J. A. Babington), who was accompanied to the belfry by his son.

The reverend gentleman, after a suitable prayer, performed the ceremony, and in addressing the company, warmly praised the work of bell ringers, and congratulated those who took part in the peal. He also thanked Mr. C. Tribe for his services in connection with ringing at Tenterden, and apologised for the absence of Miss Babington, who was unable, through indisposition, to accept the invitation to perform the unveiling.

On the proposition of Mr. Phillip Hodgkin (Headcorn), seconded by Mr. C. Tribe, the Vicar was cordially thanked for his attendance.

The peal board is worded as follows: "St. Mildred's, Tenterden, Kent County Association. On Easter Monday, 8th April, 1912, was rung in this tower a peal of Bob Major (5040 changes) in 3 hrs. 15 mins. This is the first peal of Major on these famous bells by eight men only, although several different bands have been here to try. Fine and regular striking was maintained throughout by: Charles Tribe treble, Jim Beach 2, Andrew Marshall 3, Frederick Butchers 4, William H. Lambert 5, Edwin Lambert 6, Frederick J. Lambert 7, Phillip Hodgkin tenor. Composed by B. Annable, and conducted by Edwin Lambert. Rev. J. A. Babington, Vicar; E. H. Hardcastle and J. S. Winsor, Churchwardens. Tenor, 30 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs., in D flat." The board was given by those who rang in the peal.

As regards the record of peals at Tenterden, many peals of Triples have been successfully accomplished, but it appears that all previous attempts for Major have been abortive, with the exception of Treble Bob in 1771, when that famous ringer James Barham, of Leeds, Kent, brought a party, exceeding eight men, who achieved their heart's desire. Besides containing a fine ring of bells, Tenterden tower is considered one of the best specimens of Perpendicular architecture in England. Its height is tremendous, and it is said, that a beacon, in the form of an iron kettle, placed on a high pole, was set ablaze on the top of the tower when the Spanish Armada was sighted. An interesting legend is also attached to the tower, and it is no uncommon thing to be asked: "Why was Tenterden Church the cause of the Goodwin Sands?" It appears that Earl Godwin, who lived many centuries ago, had great connections with Kent and the islands off its coast. The Earl evidently greatly admired Tenterden Church, for instead of spending money to stop the sea encroaching the islands, he displayed his munificence by restoring the sacred edifice. The sequel of the neglect was that the isles were flooded, with the result that the Goodwin Sands were formed, and although the church was saved from decay, at the same time the establishment of the sands caused a perilous spot for mariners to avoid. Many people believe the narrative to be absolutely true, and provided there are grounds for its accuracy, "it is an ill-wind that blows no one any good," and ringers benefit, perhaps as much as any individuals, through the Earl's action. The remarkable coincidence would have taken place years before Tenterden bells were cast. In the circumstances, had it not been for the Earl's generosity, the church might gradually have fallen to ruins, and although the structure would probably have been eventually renovated the famous tower of St. Mildred's might have been reconstructed on a smaller scale, with insufficient accommodation for such large bells as it now contains. Ringers, therefore, if the legend be true, owe a debt of gratitude to Earl Godwin, and they rejoice that such a fine ring as Tenterden is in existence, and at the same time deprecate the fact that the Goodwin Sands are death-traps to navigators.

The Master (Mr. G. Billenness, of Rye) presided at the business meeting, and it was decided to hold the next meeting at Woodchurch on the 31st inst., in conjunction with the Kent Association, and it was resolved to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Appledore to-morrow (Saturday).

The combined meeting of the Kent and Sussex Associations at Rye for next month was discussed, and the Master announced that the date and full programme would be settled shortly.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells concluded the business.

PEAL STANDARDS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—Can you tell me if there are two standards of ringing for peals; one for long peals and another for shorter lengths, as I should think that what is not good enough for the first part of a long peal is certainly not good enough for a peal at all.—Yours truly, R. R.

NOTICES.

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LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—A meeting for practice will be held at Walton-le-Dale on May 31st. Bells available from 3 o'clock.—E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-Dale.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—North and East District.—The next meeting will be held at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, by kind permission of the Rev. O. R. Dawson, on Saturday, May 31st. Bells available at 3.30. Short service, with address, at 5. Tea at 5.45, 6d. each. All members and friends welcome. Homerton bells also available during the evening. — C. T. Coles, Honorary Secretary, 49, Wood Street, Walthamstow.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — Derby District.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at Duffield on Saturday, May 31st, 1913. The ten bells will be available at 2.30 p.m. All ringers and friends invited.—Bart Mitchell, Honorary District Secretary, 149, Leacroft Road, Derby.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD. — Elloe Deaneries Branch.—The next meeting of the above branch will be held at Surfleet (in connection with the opening of the new peal of 10 bells) on Saturday, May 31st. Short service at 3 o'clock, with address, by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, M.A., Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild. Dinner at the Crown Inn at one o'clock. Tickets 2s. 3d. each. Stations: Surfleet, G.N., one mile; Pinchbeck, G.N. and G.E., two miles. Ringing friends will be heartily welcomed.—G. Ladd, Honorary Secretary, Pinchbeck, Spalding.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — Guildford District.—A district meeting will be held at Puttenham, on Saturday, May 31st, 1913. Bells (6) available 3. Service 5.30. The Rector will address the ringers. Tea in the Old School 6.15. Tea tickets, members 6d., visitors 1s. Subscriptions are overdue and should be paid at, or before, the meeting.—John J. Jones, Honorary Secretary, North Street, Guildford.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Eastern District.—The May meeting of the above will be held at Bennington on Saturday, May 31st, when the bells will be open for ringing during the afternoon and evening. The Rector (the Rev. W. Mills) is providing a free tea. It is hoped that a good many will attend a meeting in this old-world and interesting village. I should be glad if those who can will kindly notify me of their intention to be present, so as to have some idea of the number to provide for. All members and friends will be made welcome.—W. H. Lawrence, District Secretary, Little Munden.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of this district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Further particulars will be announced next week.—W. Latter, Hon. District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (association form) and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea 9d. each, to follow at the Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possi-

bly can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor 'buses to Farnborough, and thence 1½ miles through Lord Avebury's park. Will those who wish for tea send me their names not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A bye meeting will be held at Bentley, South Weald, on Saturday, June 7th. Tea will be provided only for those sending in their names to me on or before June 4th.—Henry F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, junr., Secretary.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—Burton-on-Trent District.—A ringing meeting will be held at Alrewas, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Business meeting at 5.—H. Wakley, Local Hon. Sec.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY. — The next meeting of this society will be held on Saturday, June 7th, at Norton. Church of St. James, 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.—J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the northern branch will be held at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea (free to ladies) at Parish Church at 5 o'clock; gentlemen 9d. per head. All intending to be present please notify Miss A. Hick, 6, Graham Avenue, Cardigan Lane, Leeds, by June 3rd.—Lilian A. Willson, District Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION. — Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45., followed by the business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2s. each will be paid to members attending. All members intending to attend are requested to notify the district secretary not later than Tuesday, June 3rd.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting for united practice will be held at the above church on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Abbott, 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 7th. Tea and business meeting at the Lytton Arms.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, Hitchin.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warington, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 2. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch.—The adjourned monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton (6 bells). Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers.—W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

Having frequently had inquiries from ringers for information as to other members of the Exercise who have holiday apartments to let, we offer the use of our columns to those who cater for visitors at seaside and other resorts. Terms for insertion will be sent on application.

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A splendid new peal of eight bells has been placed in Lincoln Cathedral, the product of the Loughborough foundry. The old ring were melted down, and fresh metal added, and the result is a fine octave in D, with a tenor of 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs. The iron and steel frame has been constructed to carry a peal of twelve, and the whole work has been admirably carried out. The bells hang at a great height, and, considering the difficulties experienced, it speaks volumes for the workmen employed that they completed the work in the tower in just over five weeks. Messrs. Taylor and Co. have carried out the work to the satisfaction of all, and Lincoln Cathedral now possesses a peal of eight bells, which are the finest in the diocese, and second to none for their weight anywhere.

The dedication ceremony was performed by the Bishop of the Diocese. Touches of Grandsire were afterwards rung, and the ringers were delighted with the exactness of the striking, and the ease with which the bells can be rung.

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- 2nd. Wordsworth, weight, 5 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.
- 3rd. Sanderson, weight, 6 cwt. 1 qr. 11 lbs.
- 4th. Burghersh, weight, 7 cwt. 3 qrs. 2 lbs.
- 5th. Sutton, weight, 10 cwt. 1 lb. 7 lbs.
- 6th. Grosteste, weight, 12 cwt. 1 qr. 25 lbs.
- 7th. Hugh, 16 cwt. 2 qrs. 11 lbs.
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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,
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MODERN WORK.

HINTS TO C.C. MEMBERS.

There was some justification, we feel, for the comment made by the President of the Central Council, in connection with the debate on the subject of bells and the public, when he said that members sometimes went to the meetings, but did not go back and give their associations the benefit of the knowledge they had acquired. Unquestionably the associations who send representatives to the Council meeting are entitled to receive from them some report upon the proceedings. It need not necessarily be lengthy, so long as the important points of discussion are brought out, in order that the rank and file of the Exercise may at any rate grasp the view of their delegates in regard to the various matters of general interest.

It may be said, of course, that every ringer has the opportunity of reading the report of the proceedings. That is perfectly true, but the circumstances under which the reading is generally done do not provide opportunities for discussion and the ventilation of opinions, whereas when a subject is brought up at a meeting, diversified views can be brought out by debate, and ringers can gain a better knowledge of the various subjects which the Central Council have been considering for their benefit or otherwise. We believe that much good would be done, and certainly a wider interest in the functions and operations of the Council would be taken, if at the various association meetings some of the topics were talked over. Discussion need not necessarily take place at annual gatherings, when there is usually a good deal of routine business to be got through, and it might well be reserved for district meetings, when, not infrequently, there is a dearth of business for transaction.

For our immediate purpose, however, the occasion when these matters might best be considered is not of much consequence. What we are anxious to see is something done to bring home to the members of affiliated societies the results of the Council's labours. It is not even necessary that the whole of the subjects should be considered at one meeting. Indeed, to spread the various questions over a series of meetings would sustain the interest. But whatever steps are taken on these lines they would be bound to prove advantageous in the long run to the members of the associations, and would react upon the Council itself eventually, by bringing it into close and real touch with those in whose interests it exists. It may, perhaps, be a bit difficult to get some representatives to propound their impressions of the Council's proceedings to a meeting of their fellows, for they may look upon that kind of thing as something in the nature of an ordeal. But those who do not already give their members a resume of the meeting should remember that they have, after all, a duty to those who send them.

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TEN BELL PEALS.

HILLINGDON, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, May 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB ROYAL, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 2 qr. 22 lbs.

GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ... Treble	RICHARD BUCKLAND ... 6
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL ... 2	JAMES E. DAVIS ... 7
BERTRAM PREWETT ... 3	JOSEPH J. PRATT ... 8
HARRY BARTON ... 4	GEORGE SPENCER ... 9
WILLIAM WELLING ... 5	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... Tenor

Composed by G. LINDOFF, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

First peal in the method on the bells, and rung on the anniversary of the record peal of Bristol at Hornchurch. It was the conductor's 500th peal.

EVESHAM, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION
(SOUTHERN BRANCH),

AND THE ALL SAINTS AND ST. LAURENCE GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Bell Tower,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANGES;

Tenor 31 cwt.

*HARRY MORTON ... Treble	FREDRICK JOHNSON ... 6
RAYMOND YOUNG ... 2	FRANK COOK ... 7
HERBERT JORDAN ... 3	HENRY J. PHIPPS ... 8
JAMES HEMMING ... 4	HARRY MIDDLETON ... 9
FRANK MOSS ... 5	WILLIAM WORKMAN ... Tenor

Composed by F. G. MAY, and
Conducted by H. MIDDLETON.

* First peal on ten bells and first attempt. This peal was rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a tribute of respect to the Rev. H. A. Holmes, who, for the past three years, has been Curate of All Saints and St. Laurence Churches, and who passed away at Tewkesbury Old Vicarage on May 24th, and was interred at Tewkesbury Cemetery on May 28th. This peal preceded a memorial service in All Saints' Church.

STOCKPORT, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5000 CHANGES;

Tenor 30 cwt.

HIRAM MEAKIN ... Treble	GEORGE ASTBURY ... 6
*ALFRED BARNES ... 2	GEORGE W. BEMROSE ... 7
JOHN HOLMAN ... 3	GEORGE D. WARBURTON ... 8
SAM THOMAS ... 4	JOHN FLINT ... 9
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 5	HARRY CHAPMAN ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* 100th peal.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

DEANE, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Friday, May 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

VICARS' SIX-PART.

FRANK MORRIS ... Treble	FRED ABBOTT ... 5
THOMAS WORSLEY ... 2	TITUS BARLOW ... 6
WILLIAM DUCKWORTH ... 3	RICHARD HEALD ... 7
HAROLD ODDY ... 4	JOHN MOSCROP ... Tenor

Conducted by TITUS BARLOW.

Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, as a last token of respect to Mr. Henry Bentley, who had been a ringer at the above church.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*CLARENCE GOOCH Treble	EDWIN WHITING 5
ERNEST WHITING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
JOHN SNELLING 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
FREDERICK SEAGER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT ... Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and

Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method.

NORTHAMPTON.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(ST. PETER'S SOCIETY.)

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

HARRY BROWN Treble	GEORGE T. HANDSCOMB ... 5
WILLIAM R. PARKER 2	WILLIAM STURGES 6
WALTER H. AUSTIN 3	ALFRED J. MAWBY 7
WILLIAM H. SIBLEY 4	JOSEPH WILKINS Tenor

Conducted by A. J. MAWBY.

First peal by all. Rung on the occasion of Queen Mary's birthday, and of the conductor's wife's. Messrs. Brown and Wilkins were proposed members of the Association previous to starting for the peal.

WOOD GREEN, STAFFORDSHIRE.
THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

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

Composed by J. REEVES, and

Conducted by E. J. TYLER.

First peal in the method by all the band. First peal in the method on the bells by a local band.

OLDHAM.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(ROCHDALE BRANCH AND OLDHAM AMALGAMATION.)

On Tuesday, May 27, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS, MOORSIDE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 18 cwt. o qr. 18 lbs.

HERBERT BARLOW Treble	JOSEPH GREENWOOD 5
HARRY HAMPSON 2	CHARLES E. PLATT 6
JOSEPH OGDEN 3	LUKE HAMPSON 7
EDMUND SCHOFIELD 4	ANDREW SIDEBOTTOM ... Tenor

Composed by C. H. HATTERSLEY, and

Conducted by HARRY HAMPSON.

The ringers of the 4th, 5th and tenor belong to Rochdale.

ROTHERHAM.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Nineteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN, EASTWOOD,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 12½ cwt.

*RALPH A. BROWN Treble	ARTHUR ANDREWS 5
CLEMENT GLENN 2	ARTHUR HAGUE 6
†ARTHUR WHITWORTH ... 3	JOHN W. J. COTTAM 7
ALBERT C. FEARNLEY ... 4	WILLIAM HURST Tenor

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung with the bells muffled as a last tribute of respect to the late Sir Charles Stoddart, who was interred on the above date. He was donor of the tower, spire and bells, and a great benefactor to the town.

WHITLEY BAY, NORTHUMBERLAND.
DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 17 cwt. o qr. 23 lbs.

R. ALDER GOFTON Treble	†ROBERT GOFTON 5
*ARTHUR PAYNE 2	*GEORGE R. HARRISON ... 6
†THOMAS R. PERCIVAL ... 3	THOMAS T. GOFTON 7
JOSEPH A. GOFTON 4	*THOMAS M. WHITFIELD... Tenor

Conducted by R. ALDER GOFTON.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman. First peal as conductor. Rung at the first attempt and by an entirely local band.

NUNEATON.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14½ cwt.

ROWLAND POLLARD Treble	THOMAS W. CHAPMAN ... 5
HARRY ARGYLE 2	JAMES F. CLARKE, Junr... 6
THOMAS VALLANCE 3	E. MAURICE ATKINS 7
*ERNEST STONE 4	E. HARRY STONELEY ... Tenor

Composed and Conducted by E. MAURICE ATKINS.

* First peal in the method.

LODDON, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

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

Tenor 11 cwt., in G.

JOHN ALDIS, Senr. Treble	GEORGE H. CROSS 5
GEORGE HOWCHIN 2	ALBERT G. WARNES... .. 6
BEN S. THOMPSON 3	WILLIAM STEELE 7
FRANK R. COPEMAN 4	FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN... Tenor

Composed by G. H. CROSS, and

Conducted by WM. STEELE.

First peal in the method on the bells.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 8½ cwt.

GEORGE SPENCER... .. Tenor	REUBEN SANDERS 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	ALFRED W. GRIMES 6
ISAAC G. SHADE 3	JAMES E. DAVIS 7
GEORGE R. PYE 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

First peal in the method on the bells.

MILVERTON, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 2.

WILLIAM D. WHITE Treble	HENRY NORMAN 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	ARCHIBALD J. ANDREWS... 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	ISAAC CREED 7
EDWIN CHAPMAN 4	ROBERT CHAPMAN Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. S. Allen, organist and choirmaster of the above Church.

ERDINGTON, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE ABBEY CHURCH OF SS. THOMAS AND EDMUND (R.C.),

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HEYWOOD'S TRANSPOSITION. Tenor 15 cwt., in F.

*CHARLES EDWARD JOYNES ... Treble	BERNARD W. WITCHELL ... 5
JOSEPH W. TIMMS ... 2	EDWIN J. STRINGER ... 6
FREDERICK J. COPE ... 3	GEORGE PARSONS ... 7
JAMES GEORGE ... 4	JACOB SEABORN ... Tenor

Conducted by BERNARD W. WITCHELL.

* First peal of Stedman.

LOW MOOR, BRADFORD, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOE HARDCASTLE ... Treble	JOHN WILLIAM CUNDALL ... 5
JAMES COTTERELL ... 2	JOSEPH BROADLEY ... 6
JAMES H. MAWSON ... 3	JAMES W. EMMETT ... 7
JONAS S. AMBLER ... 4	FRED SALMONS ... Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by FRED SALMONS.

Rung with the bells deeply muffled in memory of Mr. Thomas Simpson, who had been a respected member of the local company during the past 25 years.

BROMLEY COMMON, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LUKE,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr. ... Treble	WALTER SMITH ... 5
FREDK. W. RICHARDSON ... 2	ROBERT BRETT-SMITH ... 6
REGINALD BROUGH ... 3	THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, Senr. ... 7
WILLIAM J. JEFFRIES ... 4	*WILLIAM LYDDIARD ... Tenor

Conducted by THOS. GROOMBRIDGE, SENR.

* First peal. This peal was rung as a birthday compliment to T. Groombridge, Junr.

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

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 13½ cwt.

CHARLES COTTRELL ... Treble	THOMAS RUSSAM ... 5
GEORGE GARRISON ... 2	WILLIAM J. MEERS ... 6
MISS MARGERY F. SAMPSON ... 3	JONATHAN PRESTON ... 7
JOHN SANDERS ... 4	JOHN E. PYWELL ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by WILLIAM J. MEERS.

The ringer of the 3rd hails from Tamworth, the 5th from St. Martin's, Birmingham, and the remainder from Erdington Parish Church. First peal on the bells in which a lady has taken part. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar for the use of the bells.

HODDESDON.

THE SOCIETY OF ROYAL CUMBERLAND YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM IRONS ... Treble	GEORGE RADLEY ... 5
CHARLES H. AUSTIN ... 2	WILLIAM SABAN ... 6
MISS EDITH K. PARKER ... 3	JAMES PARKER ... 7
JESSE PUPLETT ... 4	WILBY J. HAZELL ... Tenor

Conducted by MISS E. K. PARKER.

SMETHWICK, STAFFORDSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Monday, June 2, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

*J. HERBERT BENFIELD ... Treble	†GEORGE GARRISON ... 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 6
*HORACE HOWELL ... 3	JOHN BASS ... 7
*WALTER PIGOTT ... 4	GEORGE F. SWANN ... Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. First peal in the method as conductor. This is John Bass's 150th peal for the Worcestershire Association. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. J. Bass and Mr. J. Swann, the father of the conductor.

SIX BELL PEALS.

BLAXHALL, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, April 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of New London Pleasure, Violet, Woodbine, Oxford Delight, Duke of York, Kent and Oxford.

GEORGE COOPER ... Treble	JAMES STARLING ... 4
DAVID LEGGETT ... 2	HENRY PUTTICK ... 5
GEORGE ABLITT ... 3	WILLIAM SAWYER ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SAWYER.

TUNSTALL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, May 20, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*EDWIN S. NAYLOR ... Treble	WILLIAM E. SPICE ... 4
FREDERICK MACEY ... 2	WILLIAM NYE ... 5
GEORGE EASTMAN ... 3	WILLIAM SPICE ... Tenor

Conducted by W. SPICE.

* First peal of Minor. Rung as a farewell peal to E. S. Naylor, who is leaving Rainham for Canada.

POTTON, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

W. COMPTON ... Treble	A. O. BAILEY ... 4
S. J. COLEMAN ... 2	S. STUBBINGS ... 5
G. D. COLEMAN ... 3	E. C. CHASTY ... Tenor

Conducted by G. D. COLEMAN.

Rung in commemoration of Empire Day.

WALLASEY, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(WIRRAL BRANCH.)

On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HILARY,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of two 720's of Canterbury Pleasure, three of Plain Bob Minor and two of Grandsire Minor.

W. HAZLEHURST ... Treble	W. ROGERS ... 4
E. PEERS ... 2	S. STRONG ... 5
G. R. ROGERS ... 3	J. WALTER ... Tenor

Conducted by J. WALTER.

Rung in honour of Empire Day.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

(ST. ANN'S GUILD, TOTTENHAM.)

*On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Two Hours and Twenty-six Minutes,
At the Church of St. Ann, Tottenham,***A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;**Tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*HENRY C. STUBBS... ..	Treble	THOMAS GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.	4
ALFRED HOWELL	2	FREDERICK A. NUNN, Senr.	5
ERNEST DAVIDSON	3	CHARLES I. DAVIDSON ...	Tenor

Conducted by T. GROOMBRIDGE, Junr.

* First away from tenor. First peal of Doubles on the bells, and by all the band. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. Lovell, the vergier, H. C. Stubbs and F. A. Nunn, Senr. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Churchwardens for the use of the bells, and Mr. Ringrose for having them ready. Quickest peal on the bells. Messrs. Howell, Groombridge and Nunn are from Messrs. Warner and Sons.

MEOPHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 24, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's of Plain Bob, each called differently.

Tenor $14\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE A. JONES	Treble	HERBERT A. HOLDEN ...	4
BASIL C. OWEN	2	JACK BURLS	5
FREDERICK HAYES	3	FREDERICK M. MITCHELL	Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK M. MITCHELL.

Rung in honour of Empire Day. First peal and first attempt by Basil C. Owen, who is to be congratulated on the way he rang his bell. Also first peal of Minor by Herbert A. Holden. Both these ringers are members of the local band.

SEAL CHART.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Monday, May 26, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,
At the Church of St. Laurence,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of Plain Bob, two of Oxford Bob and three of Grandsire, all called differently. Tenor 10 cwt., in G.

*ERNEST C. SAXBY	Treble	†JOHN P. COX	4
*HERBERT H. HARDING ...	2	JAMES FORD	5
*ARTHUR WENBAN	3	DENIS J. GOLDSMITH ...	Tenor

Conducted by JAMES FORD.

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

FULMER, BUCKS.

THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

*On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Being seven 720's. Tenor $7\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

KENNER G. HAWKINS	Treble	LEONARD STILWELL ...	4
JOHN WALDEN	2	WILLIAM WALDEN ...	5
GEORGE H. GUTTERIDGE ...	3	DANIEL F. GIBBONS ...	Tenor

Conducted by G. H. GUTTERIDGE.

Rung as a welcome home to Mrs. Bridges (wife of the rector of the parish). Mr. Gibbons was elected a life member of the Oxford Guild previous to starting, and it was his first peal since returning from America, where he has been carrying out work for Messrs. Mears & Stainbank.

BEDFORD.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Thursday, May 29, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter de Merton,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being 720 each of Cambridge Surprise, College Pleasure, London S. Scholars', College Exercise, Woodbine, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

V&F RNEY COOPER	Treble	CHARLES A. ROBINSON ...	4
ANK WEBB	2	CHARLES W. CLARKE ...	5
WILLIAM STAPLETON	3	HERBERT SHARP	Tenor

Conducted by C. CLARKE.

* First peal.

LAMBERHURST, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. Mary,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being two 720's of College Single, two of Oxford Bob, one of Canterbury Pleasure and two of Plain Bob. Tenor 13 cwt.

FREDK. J. LAMBERT, Junr.	Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ...	4
EDWIN LAMBERT	2	*JAMES WAGHORN	5
JIM BEACH	3	FRANK PATTENDEN ...	Tenor

Conducted by FRANK PATTENDEN.

* First peal.

ORSETT, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
At the Church of St. Giles and All Saints,***A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**

Being seven 720's.

*HARRY CHINNER	Treble	ARTHUR R. KEELING ...	4
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN	2	†ERNEST J. BUTLER ...	5
GEORGE H. JAYE	3	EDWARD H. HAWKINS ...	Tenor

Conducted by ERNEST J. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells, and rung as a birthday compliment to Messrs. Jaye and Keeling.

HUSBORNE CRAWLEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,***A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Tenor $18\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

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

*MISS DOROTHY STEEL ...	Treble	CHARLES STAPLETON ...	
PERCY JOHN COOKE	2	CHARLES ROBINSON ...	5
CHARLES WM. CLARKE	3	WILLIAM STAPLETON ...	Tenor

Conducted by W. STAPLETON.

* First peal of Treble Bob. First peal of seven Treble Bob methods on the bells.

POULTON, LANCASHIRE.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-one Minutes,
At the Church of St. Chad,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Being two 720's of Grandsire, two of Canterbury Pleasure and three of Plain Bob. Tenor $8\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

GEORGE MARIES	Treble	*GEORGE RAWCLIFFE ...	4
†FRED. GREENWOOD	2	†FRANK WHITESIDE ...	5
†JAMES BOLTON	3	ROBERT CARDWELL ...	Tenor

Conducted by GEORGE MARIES.

* First peal. † First peal of Minor. This is the first peal on the bells, which have been in the tower for 209 years.

BRAMPTON ASH.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

*On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
At the Parish Church,***A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;**Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, one of St. Clement's and two of Plain Bob. Tenor $13\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.

*ALBERT E. YORK	Treble	FREDERICK KILBORN ...	4
†BERT KILBORN	2	*HARRY PEET	5
†ROBERT G. BLACK	3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ...	Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

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

LLANGARREN, HEREFORDSHIRE. THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DEINST.

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven different 720's. Tenor II cwt.

HENRY WEALE Treble	FRANK VOYCE 4
JOHN GWYNNE 2	JOSEPH CARTWRIGHT ... 5
EDWARD SUMMERS 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by W. POSTON.

First peal of Minor by the ring of treble; also first of Minor on the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, May 28, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT 129, BRUNSWICK STREET, HAGGERSTON,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5019 CHANCES;

BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 1-2	WILLIAM PYE 7-8
ERNEST PYE 3-4	JAMES HUNT 9-10
GEORGE R. PYE 5-6	ALFRED W. GRIMES ... 11-12

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Umpire: J. E. DAVIS.

Rung as a birthday compliment to J. Hunt. This composition is now rung for the first time.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, May 30, 1913, in Two Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

MAURICE SMITHER... .. 1-2	SEPTIMUS RADFORD ... 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL ... 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. E. Maulden, who was unfortunately unable to take part.

KETTERING, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT 2, CARLTON STREET,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

ALBERT V. INNS 1-2	DAVID J. NICHOLS... .. 5-6
J. EDWARD CHAPMAN ... 3-4	FREDERICK W. SAWFOOT 7-8

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by DAVID J. NICHOLS.

The peal of Minor rung at Watlington, Norfolk, on May 24th, should be credited to the Norwich Diocesan Association.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

DERBY DISTRICT MEETING AT DUFFIELD.

A monthly ringing meeting of the Derby district was held at Duffield on Saturday, and was a very successful gathering. The most striking feature was the wide area represented, showing the great attraction that ten bells have to change ringers. The following places were represented: Alfreton, Burton-on-Trent, Crich, Darley Dale, Derby, Etwell, Ilkeston, Uttoxeter, and Wirksworth. The Rev. C. J. Sturton, of Orston, was also present.—Tea was provided at the Bridge Inn, and the subsequent meeting was held in the belfry, the Rev. C. J. Sturton being voted to the chair.—It was pointed out by the hon. secretary that as the quarterly meeting of the M.C.A. would be held about the end of June, and that it would not be advisable to arrange a district meeting for that month, it was finally decided that the next meeting be held at Brassington in July, if arrangements could be made, Mr. Fox pointing out that Messrs. Taylor and Son, of Loughborough, had just put in a new bell to make a peal of six, and that, as there was no change ringing at the present time at Brassington, it was a good opportune time for "missionary" work there.—Votes of thanks were accorded the clergy and churchwardens for placing the bells at the disposal of the members, and also to the Rev. C. J. Sturton for presiding.—The Chairman, in responding, remarked how delighted he was to visit the Derby district meetings, and said some of the happiest hours of his life were spent amongst ringers. The bells were kept going throughout the afternoon and evening to the standard methods, and the meeting was a great success.

LEEK MAJOR.

By E. A. RIDGWAY.

It has been my ambition for many years to discover a method worthy of the acceptance of the Exercise, and to which I might for a title give the name of my birthplace. After many failures, I have discovered a method which will, I believe, compare favourably with any method yet published, and the following few particulars may be of interest. My ideal has always been to obtain a method in which each and every bell should do the same work throughout the course, and Leek Major is a method of this description.

The changes are alternately quadruple and triple throughout, consequently all places are made the right way, i.e., at hand and back stroke, and, except when a single is used, there are no adjoining places. The method is divided into eight divisions of ten changes each, giving a plain course of eighty changes. At the head of each division the bells are in what may be termed Bob Major coursing order with the Treble one of the working bells. The second division head (rounds of course is the first) is 68472513; and a glance will show the coursing order of the bells to be as follows: 68753124. This will be sufficient proof that the tenors are always kept well together. The musical qualities of the method may be judged by the combinations with the tenor in 7-8 in the plain course. There are three 7-8's, including "Rounds," and three 8-7's; three 6-8's, including "Queen's" and three 8-6's; two 4-8's, including "Tittums," and two 8-4's; two 5-8's and two 8-5's. The method being a double one, the same combinations are found in 1-2, including "Rounds" backwards; "Queen's" backwards; and "Tittums" backwards. The combination of "Queen's" and "Tittums" in one course is, I believe, now published for the first time.

First place instead of third's place is made at a Bob; the three front bells only being affected. At a Single the three front bells lie still. If Bobs only are used, and the tenors kept together, there is only one false course-end against each course, viz., as is 126543 to 123456. With the sixth also a fixed bell, the method has a clean proof scale even if Singles are used. When the sixth is shifted, and Singles are made use of, there are two additional false course-ends, 124635 and 125364.

A Bob before, which would be called at the end of the fourth division, shortens the course thirty changes, and has a similar effect to a Single in changing the resulting course-end into an odd row instead of an even row. Therefore, when a Bob before is made use of, the two additional false course-ends must be taken into consideration in proving compositions.

The extent of Leek Major tenors together is 180 courses, or 14,400 changes. With the 6th, a fixed bell, 120 courses, or 9,600 changes. These figures speak for themselves; the extent in Bob Major or other plain methods with a guiding bell being only 13,440. Below I give the first division in full and the remaining seven division heads, also an example of Bob and Single, and a table of course-ends for conducting and composition, together with a peal of 5120 changes.

1st Div.		Table of Course-ends.								5120			
		3	5	6	8	Will run				12345	3	5	8
12345678	123456	—	—	—	—	3 Courses.	42513	—	—	—	—	—	—
21436587	243156	—	—	—	—	5	25413	—	—	—	—	—	—
12463578	542136	—	—	—	—	4	54213	—	—	—	—	—	—
21645387	512634	—	—	—	—	2	45312	—	—	—	—	—	—
26154837	125634	—	—	—	—	2	53412	—	—	—	—	—	—
62518473	425136	—	—	—	—	2	35214	—	—	—	—	—	—
26581437	213654	—	—	—	—	2	52314	—	—	—	—	—	—
62854173	132654	—	—	—	—	2	12453	—	—	—	—	—	—
68245713	432156	—	—	—	—	2	24153	—	—	—	—	—	—
86427531	521436	—	—	—	—	3	41253	—	—	—	—	—	—
Div. heads	541632	—	—	—	—	3	14352	—	—	—	—	—	—
68472513	415632	—	—	—	—	4	43152	—	—	—	—	—	—
53718264	215436	—	—	—	—	2	31452	—	—	—	—	—	—
24163857	143652	—	—	—	—	3	13254	—	—	—	—	—	—
87654321	431652	—	—	—	—	5	32154	—	—	—	—	—	—
31527486	231456	—	—	—	—	3	21354	—	—	—	—	—	—
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With Bobs before.

		3	4	8	will run in short courses.	Repeat three times Single instead of Bob at 8 at the last call in the second and fourth parts.
123456	325461	—	—	—	4	
Bob	253461	—	—	—	4	
86427531	315264	—	—	—	6	
84672513	153264	—	—	—	4	
Single						
86427531						
86472513						

N.B.—A Bob before shortens the course by thirty changes.

WICKHAM BREAU.—Kent County Association.—On Sunday, March 16th, at St. Andrew's Church, for the christening of the first son of Mr. Sidney Walter (the local captain and secretary), 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor, in 23 mins.: W. Maxted 1, Harrison Smith 2, William Wood 3, Jabez Walter 4, William Norris 5, Stanley White (conductor) 6.—On April 5th, on the occasion of the wedding of Captain Hardy, of the Buffs, and Miss Olive Robertson (grand-daughter of the Rector), 720 Plain Bob Minor, in 21 mins.: Walter Maxted 1, Stanley White 2, Sidney Walter 3, Harrison Smith 4, William Norris 5, Henry G. Castle (conductor) 6.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

RINGERS' OUTINGS.

For their first annual outing the ringers of Barcombe, Sussex, had a circular motor tour from Tunbridge Wells. The party, augmented by a few friends and numbering 16, first had an hour's ringing at St. Peter's Church, touches of Plain Bob and Grandsire being brought round. By car they then journeyed to Tonbridge, where after dinner they exercised themselves on the bells of SS. Peter and Paul's Church, where the tenor (21 cwt.) is about three times as heavy as that at Barcombe. Subsequently the journey was continued to Hadlow, where they were visited in the tower by the Vicar (the Rev. S. H. Money Penny), who gave the party a warm welcome. After tea, another pleasant ride brought the visitors again to Tunbridge Wells. At each tower the ringers were met by local men, who took part in the ringing with them, and whom they wish to thank for making the necessary arrangements. They also desire to thank the various clergy for the use of the bells. The outing was an exceedingly enjoyable one.

ANOTHER MOTOR TRIP.

The Goole and district ringers also favoured a motor tour for their first outing, a party of 20 mustering at Snaith and thoroughly enjoying the delights of the car. Tadcaster was the first stop, and here, in conjunction with the local band, ringing was indulged in on the beautiful bells of the parish church. Afterwards, the journey was continued to Boston Spa, where dinner was partaken of, and then the party walked to Callingham, where the light peal of eight was rung. Next they had a grand spin through the historic Bramham Moor country to Sherburn-in-Elmet, when tea, followed by further ringing, was enjoyed before the return drive to Snaith, which was safely reached, after a most enjoyable day. The thanks of the party are due to the Vicars who allowed their bells to be used, and to the local ringers who met the visitors and did their best to make the trip one to be long remembered.

HORLEY.

An evening trip by motor—it is the fashionable way of going out now—was enjoyed by ten members of the Horley and Burstow towers of the Surrey Association, who, in the course of a delightful spin, were able to reach places as far afield as East Grinstead (Sussex) and Edenbridge (Kent). At each place they rang several touches in various methods, and it is hoped that this will not be the last excursion of its kind during the coming summer. The party wish to thank the respective Vicars for the use of their bells, and the local ringers for meeting them.

TRING.

The second annual outing of the Tring Parish Church ringers was a very enjoyable affair, despite the showery weather. Having journeyed by brake to Berkhamstead they were met by the local men, and rang touches of Grandsire, including 336 of Triples, in which two of the local men took part. Hemel Hempstead was the next objective, and after a welcome by Mr. H. Golding, some capital touches were rung, until tea-time. Afterwards, an attempt for a quarter-peal was made, but came to grief. A good 518 Grandsire Triples was, however, rung by: F. Reeve 1, H. Golding 2, H. Lovel 3, H. Heley 4, W. H. Newell 5, W. Grove 6, W. Melville (conductor) 7, J. Wells 8. The ringers wish to thank the Vicars and steeplekeepers of both towers for the use of the bells.

IN PICTURESQUE SURREY.

The picturesque Surrey district of Guildford, Godalming, and Farnham, was selected by the Henfield (Sussex) ringers for their annual outing. The party, which numbered 16, reached Guildford at 8.45 a.m., and after a brief stay, resumed the journey to Godalming, where 504 Stedman Triples was successfully brought round at the Parish Church by: W. Markwell 1, W. Lish 2, L. Payne 3, C. Tyler 4, E. Lish 5, G. Gatland 6, G. Payne (conductor) 7, A. Hodges 8. Touches of Bob Major and Grandsire were also rung. Returning to Guildford, the interesting old town was inspected, and a visit paid to the Castle Grounds before partaking of dinner at the Star Hotel. In the afternoon, Farnham was the objective, and there another 504 Stedman Triples and touches of Bob Major were successfully rung. On returning to Guildford, tea was partaken of at Brett's Restaurant, by invitation of the Vicar of Henfield (the Rev. R. J. Lea), and a visit was afterwards paid to St. Nicolas' tower, where Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters were rung, together with 504 Stedman Triples, conducted by A. Hodges. Henfield was reached at 9.15 p.m., after a most enjoyable outing. The ringers desire to thank the Vicars of the churches visited for their kindness in granting permission for the use of the bells, and also to the steeplekeepers for having everything in readiness, and their ready help in making the arrangements.

A RAMBLE BY THE RIVER SEVERN.

On a very hot Sunday, recently, members of the Cheltenham and District Guild made a cycle trip to Tewkesbury. Recruits were picked up on the way, and the augmented party went first to Forthampton, where, after having crossed the Severn by that most primitive means, the ferry, they were met by Mr. F. S. Wilson, of Tewkesbury. The bells, a pretty ring of six, were raised and set going in Bob Minor, but a very little of this sufficed, as the "go" of the back bells was characterised as awful, and this with a shade temperature of 80 degrees! Stedman and Grandsire Doubles afterwards sufficed, Mr. C. W. Dyson's little son ringing the treble to a six-score. Tea on the lawn

of the Lower Hode Hotel followed, and after again crossing the Severn, the company went on to Tewkesbury Abbey with its splendid ring of eight. Brook's quarter-peal of Stedman was brought home in 45 mins.: J. T. Dyke (conductor) 1, F. S. Wilson 2, H. Holford 3, C. W. Dyson 4, W. Yeend 5, A. W. Humphris 6, A. S. Boar 7, John Wathen 8. All commented on the splendid "go" of the bells, which were rehung twelve months ago by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank. Incidentally, this was the first quarter of Stedman on the bells since the re-hanging.

On the return journey, Tredington, with its light ring of five in a quaint wooden campanile, was visited, and a six-score each of Stedman, Grandsire and Plain Bob were rung, after which a welcome adjournment was made to the Vicarage, where some excellent cider disappeared in double-quick time. Before the journey was resumed, one of the cycles, being unsound in wind and rim, required attention. After pumping away for some time at a tyre, the owner straightened his back with a sigh of relief. He was then gently led round the corner to his own bike, which was calmly resting on its rims. He had wasted his energy on the wrong machine! Yes! It was Gloucestershire cider. However, with no other stops, the happy little company safely reached the garden town.

ROUND ABOUT CHELMSFORD.

After a charming week-end experience, the members of the St. Matthew's Society, Upper Clapton, are perfectly agreed that a better place than Chelmsford could not have been found for their annual outing at Whitsun. Most of the society cycled down on the Friday, the others joining them on Saturday. After tea, a move was made to Galleywood, where, after exploring the church and learning one or two interesting details about it, a peal of Grandsire Triples was attempted, and was successful, the welcome "this is all" being announced after 3 hrs. and 2 mins. ringing. The next morning turned out very fine, and it was decided to walk the three miles to St. Mary's, Great Baddow, where, long lengths not being permitted, a couple of touches were rung for morning service. In the evening the ringers found their way to the fine peal at All Saints', Writtle, and a quarter-peal was rung for evening service. A peal had been arranged at St. Mary's, Widford, on Whit-Monday, and a start was made at 7 a.m. Half-an-hour later it came to grief, but it was Bank Holiday, and as no one had any objection, a second attempt was made, but again it met with ill-luck, for, although 5040 changes were rung, the peal ended 12354678—4 and 5 having shifted in the last part. However, the party soon recovered the usual serenity of spirit, and after dinner cycled over to St. Mary's, Broomfield, where several touches of Doubles and Minor were rung. A visit was then made to SS. Mary and Lawrence, Great Waltham, where a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples was successfully rung on this grand peal of bells. The society desire to thank Mr. Henry F. Cooper for so kindly arranging such an admirable ringing programme, and both he and Mr. Richell for assisting in the peal at Galleywood; Mr. George Lucas, senr., who accompanied them on their visits to various towers; the incumbents and steeplekeepers of all the churches visited, and last, but not least, Mr. Wm. Lincoln for standing in the quarter-peal at Great Waltham at short notice. The outing, whilst being modest in its ringing (Grandsire being rung nearly all through) was, nevertheless, thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who took part in it.

[Reports of other outings are unavoidably held over.]

WESTHALL CHURCH BELLS, SUFFOLK.

The Parish Church of Westhall was built in the 12th century. It has some fine remains of Norman architecture, and was very probably built on the foundation of a Saxon Church. Various developments and extensions were made in the following centuries from the 13th to the 17th. In the latter century a peal of five bells was placed in the tower, and the tenor, weighing 13½ cwt., is dated 1626, and is a very fine-toned bell. Two others are dated 1616. There is no appearance of anything having been done to framework or to the bearings for many years, and about four years ago the ringers came to the conclusion that it was dangerous to ring the bells, and ceased to do so. Since then they have been very carefully examined by church bell founders and hangers, and an old-established firm in Suffolk very recently offered to take them down, repair and strengthen the framework, provide new stock, gudgeons and bearings, turn the bells, put in new clappers, new wheels, guides, floor, ropes, and all other work necessary to put the peal in good and sound ringing order for £63 2s. 6d. The Vestry meeting at Easter cordially approved of the proposal that this work should be done, and friends in the parish have raised £30 towards the cost. The Vicar (the Rev. S. Smith) and the churchwardens are now appealing to friends outside to help them raise the balance. Any contributions will be thankfully received and acknowledged by the Vicar.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS.—At St. Peter's Church, on Sunday, April 13th, before evening service, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich Court Bob Major, (1328 changes), in 48 mins., by the local band, as a farewell to F. J. Laker, who has recently left the town for Canada: J. Muggridge 1, H. Porter 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, S. J. Perkins, junr., 6, F. J. Laker 7, S. Perkins, senr. (conductor) 8.—On December 22nd, 1912, a quarter-peal of Double Norwich (1328 changes), was rung in 50 mins.: J. Muggridge 1, J. Perkins 2, G. Thompson 3, A. Verralls 4, W. Smith 5, W. Latter 6, J. Laker 7, S. Perkins (conductor) 8.

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THE PRESIDING MASTER OF THE ST. MARTIN'S GUILD.

The Exercise includes in its ranks many men who in other walks of life occupy high places. One such is Mr. J. S. Pritchett, of Hill Top, King's Norton, who for some years has been Presiding Master of the St. Martin's Guild for the Diocese of Birmingham. Mr. Pritchett has had a distinguished career both in his profession as a barrister, and in public life. An erudite scholar, he is a great linguist, while in public affairs he has given much valuable time to matters of local government. His interests are widely diffused, yet amid all, he finds time to pursue the art of ringing, in which he is keenly interested, and has reached no mean pinnacle of fame. With his three brothers he learned to ring at King's Norton as a boy, and followed up the Art at Oxford as a member of the University Guild. He joined the College Youths in 1875 and



MR. J. S. PRITCHETT.

has been a member of St. Martin's Guild since 1874, having occupied the position of Master for about seven years. He is a vice-president of the Worcestershire and Districts Association, a member of the Midland Counties and other Associations. He joined the Central Council many years ago as a representative of the Worcestershire Association, and has been an hon. member for the last ten years. Unfortunately Mr. Pritchett has not kept a record of his peals, but he has rung well over a hundred, including all the standard methods and also Superlative, Cambridge and London Surprise Major and Stedman Cinques, in all of which methods he has conducted peals. Mr. Pritchett's record in this direction is one of which he might well be proud, but he is prouder still of the fact that he has rung regularly for Sunday morning service for more than 40 years.

Educated at Birmingham and Oxford, Mr. Pritchett in 1869 was first in all England in the Oxford (Junior) Local

Examination. An exhibitor to Balliol College in 1873, he took a first class in mathematics in 1877, and became M.A. in 1880, and B.C.L. in 1886. In 1881 he was called to the Bar at the Inner Temple. He was a member of the King's Norton School Board from 1895 to 1898, a county councillor for Worcestershire 1899-1911, and became an alderman of the Birmingham City Council in 1911. In connection with his linguistic attainments it is interesting to note that he took first prize for translation from Welsh into English at the Birmingham Eisteddfod, in 1909; and has made a critical study of Don Quixote in the Spanish of Cervantes, and the Kalevala in the original Finnish. Mr. Pritchett has many distinctions in Freemasonry, Royal Arch and Mark Masonry, while he is also a Provincial Grand Treasurer of Knights Templars, and in Rose Croix is a member of the Thirty-first Degree. He remains also a vice-president of the Birmingham Undeb y Brythoniaid (Union of Britons).

It is extremely pleasant to think that in a life of such great activity Mr. Pritchett is still able to take so important a place in our Exercise.

ODD CHANGES.

Referring to our article upon the Kent ringer and county cricketer, George Collins, a correspondent reminds us that the name of Cox, of Sussex, should be added as that of a ringer and first class cricketer. For some time he formed one of the Warnham band, and was a good striker, but on taking up cricket as a professional his interest in ringing somewhat waned. As is well known, he has been for many years one of the mainstays of the Sussex team, and many performances, both with bat and ball, stand to his credit, though it is more in the bowling department than with the willow that he has made his reputation.

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In reply to the correspondent who inquired if there are any bells hung with iron headstocks and with the cannons retained, we are informed that the front six of the peal of twelve at Christ Church, West Bromwich, were so hung by Messrs. Barwell and Co., some years ago.

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The first twelve-bell peal in Birmingham was rung 140 years ago last Tuesday. This was a peal of Grandsire Cinques, 5324 changes, at St. Martin's, on June 3rd, 1773, in 3 hrs. 30 mins. by: Robert Peck treble, Richard Newman 2, Daniel Veisey 3, Thos. Corbin 4, John Smith 5, Thos. Hadley 6, William Rendall 7, Phineas Smith 8, John Foster 9, Samuel Brooke 10, Thos. Medlam 11, Jame Nock and John Miles tenor. Composed and conducted by P. Smith. There have been a few peals rung at St. Martin's since then!

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Ringers visiting the Agricultural Show at Braintree on June 11th, will be welcomed at the Parish Church tower, which will be open for ringing all day.

HERTS ASSOCIATION MEETING.

A very enjoyable meeting of the Hertfordshire Association (eastern district) was held at Bennington on Saturday afternoon. Touches of Grandsire Triples, Double Norwich, Treble Bob, Stedman Triples and Superlative, were successfully brought round during the afternoon and evening. Fifteen towers were represented, among them being: Hatfield, Hitchin, Oxhey, Great and Little Munden, Wallington, Baldock, Hertford, Luton, Bennington, Barley, Great Wymondley and Ware. A substantial tea was kindly provided by Canon Mills in the Parish Room, following which the usual business meeting was held, Canon Mills being in the chair. At the close of the meeting, a cordial vote of thanks was given Canon Mills and Mr. W. H. Lawrence (secretary to the eastern district of the Herts Association).

HERE AND THERE.

The eight bells at St. Michael, at Coslany, Norwich, are now being rehung in a reconstructed frame by Messrs. Day and Son, of Eye. They have been unpealable, and almost unringable for some years. The dedication will take place on June 22nd. The first peal of Double Norwich was supposed to have been rung on these bells.

The peal of Grandsire Triples rung at St. Peter's, Northampton, last week, was rung, as will be seen by the footnote, by a band of entirely St. Peter's men. It was the first peal by all, and the first peal by St. Peter's Society since the bells were hung in the year 1734. It was accomplished at the fourth attempt. Some of those taking part have been ringers for many years, two of them for over 30 years. The company are very proud of the performance, and are certainly to be congratulated.

When the Alfreton District of the East Derbyshire Association was held at Crich, illness near the church prevented more than two short touches being rung. Members were present from Alfreton, Morton, South Normanton, Swanwich, North Wingfield, South Wingfield, and the local company. The Association was welcomed to Crich by Mr. George Brown, who presided at the meeting, and it was decided to continue the monthly district gatherings during the summer. The next will be held at Morton.

Mr. Ernest Powell, who for nearly three years has acted as bell warden at the Parish Church, Bradpole, Dorset, who is seeking his fortune in Canada, has been presented by the Vicar, churchwardens and ringers with a most useful solid leather travelling bag, with every wish for his future happiness and success. The presentation was made by the Rev. C. F. Langford. A touch of 518 Grandsire Triples was rung before the presentation, by: J. Lathey 1, T. Hervey Beams (conductor) 2, P. Hayden Beams 3, J. W. Zealley 4, H. Haines 5, E. A. Powell 6, T. Lathey 7, A. Hill 8.

At Warsop, Notts, four bells have just been installed, and a scheme is shortly to be started to raise funds for an additional treble and tenor. Of those at present in the tower the treble, second and tenor have been recast, and the third quarter turned. They are hung in a steel frame, supported on massive girders built into the walls, and the work carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co. has given the greatest satisfaction, the "go" of the bells leaving nothing to be desired. After the dedication service, the bells were rung in rounds.

It was stated in the annual report of the Sussex Association that the tenor at Henfield was being recast, and the other bells and the frame restored. We are informed that the whole octave is being recast, and are to be hung in a new steel frame by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough. The dedication will take place on St. Peter's Day, June 29th. The ringing on that occasion will be done entirely by the local ringers, and a special day subsequently will be arranged for other members of the Association. Notice as to date and time will be duly advertised in "The Ringing World."

Another member of the St. Mary's Guild, Acton, Mr. E. G. Mackman, has decided to try his fortune out West, and has gone to join Dr. Nicholl's band at Boston. A farewell ringing gathering was arranged at Christ Church, Ealing, the Acton tower being closed through illness. Touches of Grandsire and a plain course of Stedman were brought round, the ringers taking part being: Messrs. R. and H. Holloway, Phillips, Sims, Paine, Fruin, Cotton, Ridler, M. E. G. and J. R. Mackman. On dispersing, Mr. Mackman received the heartiest wishes of the company for his welfare in his new sphere of life. Mr. W. Holloway, who sailed for Montreal in February last, is reported to be doing well, and it is hoped that he will have had the opportunity of practising the art there.

The winners of the ringing contest between Heathfield and Warbleton, Sussex, for Mr. B. S. Hassell's cup, were the Heathfield Band. In the contest at Clifford, Hereford, open to teams of the Hereford Guild, for the trophy given by Capt. Kidston, the winners were St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth; the second team being St. Mary's, Bridgnorth. We hope to give a full report next week.

We regret to announce the death of Mr. James C. Comb, an old London ringer. He was a contemporary of Woods, Carter and Stockham, and rang what was, we believe, his only peal, with them 66 years ago.

The ring of eight bells of Henbury Church, Bristol (tenor 21 cwt.) are to be restored and rehung in a new steel frame. The work has been entrusted to Messrs. John Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

The new ring of eight bells, from Messrs. John Warner and Sons' foundry, which are being hung at Dalton-in-Furness, are to be dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle, on June 20th. The frame has been arranged for a peal of ten, and the two trebles will be added as soon as funds are raised.

SURPRISE MINOR NAMES.

The naming of the Surprise Minor methods, published in the Central Council Collection has been completed, as follows:—

1 Munden	15 Wells	29 Norwich
2 Alnwick	16 Lincoln	30 Hexham
3 Canterbury	17 Cuneastre	31 Surfleet
4 Morpeth	18 Allendale	32 York
5 Newcastle	19 Bacup	33 Durham
6 Chester	20 Bamborough	34 Berwick
7 Whitley	21 Warkworth	35 Beverley
8 Northumberland	22 Lancashire	36 Norfolk
9 Carlisle	23 Lightfoot	37 Ipswich
10 Wooler	24 Stamford	38 Primrose
11 Sandiacro	25 Wearmouth	39 Cambridge
12 Coldstream	26 Westminster	40 Hull
13 Kelso	27 Annable's London	41 Bourn
14 London	28 Netherseale	42 Superlative

AN ENQUIRY.

The Rev. A. T. Beeston writes: "Has No. 10 Treble Bob in C.C. Collection of Minor Methods been already named? If not, I would name it 'Chadkirk.' The extent was rung at Norbury on May 29th.

SURFLEET BELLS.

THE OPENING.

The residents of Surfleet, Lincs, were charmed with a ceaseless peal of melody on Saturday, when the official opening of the new peal of ten took place. The bells, it will be remembered, were dedicated while in the church, and they have since been placed in position in the tower. The work has been splendidly carried out by Messrs. Taylor and Co., the tone and "go" of the new bells being all that can be desired. In conjunction with the opening, a meeting of the Elloe Deaneries Branch of the Lincoln Guild was held, Ringers attended from Bicker, Donington, Surfleet, Pinchbeck, Spalding, Deeping St. Nicholas, Moulton, Fleet, Long Sutton, Sutton Bridge, Heckington, Great Hale, Derby and Peterborough. Ringing commenced in the morning about 11 o'clock, and was kept up till 9 p.m., touches being rung in Grandsire and Stedman Caters, Bob Royal and Little Boy Royal. Dinner was held at the Crown Inn, where Host Battram provided an excellent spread, to which ample justice was done.—The Rev. F. F. Wayet (President of the branch) presided, supported by the Revs. H. Law James (Vicar and Master of Lincoln Guild), C. W. O. Jenkyn (Master of the Oxford Guild), B. H. T. Drake and Wm. Blandford, and Messrs. J. Richardson, W. E. Burrell (churchwardens), G. W. Hensman and J. W. Taylor.

After dinner the Chairman gave the toast of "Church and King," after which the business meeting was proceeded with.—Mr. W. E. Burrell was elected an hon. member, and Mr. J. W. Lakin a ringing member. Donington was selected as the place at which to hold the next meeting in October.—A short service was held in the church at 3 o'clock, when an excellent address was given by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, who took for his text, Rev. xxi, 16, a collection being taken for the restoration of the Ringers' Chapel in the Cathedral at Lincoln. Tea was provided in the Fraser School, the tables being presided over by Mrs. R. Richardson, Mrs. J. Richardson, Mrs. J. Tomlinson and the Misses Richardson.

PEAL OF EIGHT FOR STANDISH, LANCS.

By the addition of a new treble and tenor, the peal at St. Wilfred's Church, Standish, Lancs, has been increased to eight. The work has been carried out by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, who have also recast two of the old bells and retuned the rest, and hung the whole in a new iron frame. The augmentation of the bells has been rendered possible by the generosity of the Eckersley and Pendlebury families, who have given the new bells as a memorial to their deceased parents, while the parishioners have provided the new frame by public subscription.

For the opening of the bells, ringers attended from the adjacent parishes of Chorley, Coppall, Penwortham, Whittle-le-Woods and Wigan, the dedication being performed by the Bishop of Whalley, assisted by the Rev. C. W. N. Hutton (Rector), and the local clergy. Afterwards, the bells rang out merrily to the delight of the ringers and the inhabitants. The opening touch, 504 Grandsire Triples, was rung by the Chorley ringers: J. Marsden 1, T. Lofthouse 2, R. Clayton 3, W. Hunter 4, T. Lucas 5, R. Taylor 6, F. Rigby 7, J. H. Gartside 8. Touches by mixed bands followed.

At a tea for the ringers, kindly provided by the Rector in the School, Mr. Walker, in moving a vote of thanks, congratulated all concerned upon the fine peal of bells they had got in their tower. They had a peal of bells to be proud of, and Messrs. Mears and Stainbank deserved great praise for carrying out the work so successfully. Great credit was also due to Messrs. Lawrence and Oliver, who had carried out the work of erection for the firm. He expressed the hope that the Standish ringers would receive the assistance of the Chorley and Wigan men. Mr. Mason seconded the vote, and Mr. Marsden (Chorley) supported it in a few well-chosen remarks.



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PEAL RINGING AND THE PUBLIC.

In continuing the discussion introduced by the Rev. H. J. Elsee, Mr. A. T. King remarked that he was very much in sympathy with a great deal that had been said, but there were always two sides to every question. Mr. Elsee talked about the peals they rang and the noise they made, and all the rest of it, but ringers did that years ago. They had only to look through the churchwardens' accounts, and they would find that the bells were rung on any and every occasion. The people in those days did not complain, and why should they do it now? When he (the speaker) saw this resolution he thought to himself, "This is meeting trouble half way, it is rather asking for trouble." What were the clergy about, if ringing was an annoyance to the parishioners? They had the safeguards in their own hands. If the ringers did their duty on Sunday they had a right to have their own pleasure on week-days, if they could get the bells without making themselves obnoxious to anybody. There was no harm in that. They had only to ask permission, and if it was not right that they should have permission, he, as an old secretary, knew that they would not get it. He thought the objection to bells emanated from cranks, who, he believed, mostly lived in garden cities, and who contracted themselves out of everything which gave any pleasure at all to their neighbours. Continuing, Mr. King said when the Council met at Exeter they had the skeleton of this present discussion. The subject was, "Is too much stress laid upon peal ringing?" A number of people spoke upon it from different standpoints, and as a full-dress academic debate, it was exceedingly illuminating. Some looked at it from the point of view of the resident, others from the point of view of the ringer. But it seemed to him now that they had changed, and that they were now going to look at it altogether from the point of view of the resident. Let them take it once more from the point of view of the ringer. They all of them had their work to do on Sunday.

Mr. Burton: Some have and some have not.

THE VALUE OF PEAL RINGING.

Mr. King said perhaps Mr. Burton would give them the names of some of those who had not. He had never been brought in contact with those who had not their Sunday duty to perform, but Mr. Burton's experience may have been different to his. They had a duty to perform, and everybody would say it was their duty to perform it with all the skill of eye and of hand that they could put into it (hear, hear). How were they to get that skill? Were they to get it always on practice night? Some of them possibly might, but they knew the importance attached to bells. They were told that the bells had a message. It was the poet Longfellow who said:—

The bells themselves are the best of preachers,
Their brazen lips are learned teachers;
From their pulpit of stone in the upper air,
Sending aloft without crack or flaw,
Shriller than trumpets under the law,
Now a sermon and now a prayer.

(applause). Very well, if they were to interpret, as it were, their art upon the bells they were bound to get practice of all kinds and experience of all kinds in order that they might become proficient. They could not get that proficiency unless they were allowed to ring peals. That they were obliged to ring, in order that they might get merit, peals of 5,000 changes was due entirely to the Council, who fixed it at that. They were perfectly well aware that there were cases where, if a man had no chance for an occasional peal outside his own tower, he might have to wait half a lifetime before he would have a chance of ringing a peal. There were those who would ring anything in time, given the chance, there were others who were on a dead level of mediocrity and would never rise. Was a man to be blamed because he tried to improve himself and become more proficient by going amongst others who knew more than he? Mr. King pointed out that the great increase in the number of peals of bells was owing to the jubilee of their late beloved Queen, and the accession of the late King Edward and the accession of King George. As an illustration of how the number of peals had increased, he quoted the case where an uncle of his was rector, and in whose time there were only five bells at his church. The ringers rang "stony," and they didn't trouble, and did not want to ring peals. Now there were eight bells in the tower, and the present rector was an able conductor, and they rang a peal a month. That was twelve in a year where there were none before, and that was going on all over the country, and it was not that people were being put to additional annoyance by the ringing of additional peals on the same bells. In the village of which he had spoken the people were proud of their bells, and he believed if every district were polled they would find that there would be a large majority of people in favour of the bells—Nonconformists, as well as people who attended the church (applause). His experience was that as many Nonconformists had contributed to the Christmas fund for the ringers, for whom he had sent round the hat, as people who attended Church, and these people were able to appreciate the fact that the bells had a message, and that the people who had been sending out that message should be encouraged as far as possible. But let them turn to the other side. There were some who had an

almost fanatical objection to bells whenever they were rung and wherever they were rung. They were, happily, not numerous, but they made row enough for a thousand. He contended that they were not the persons they had got to consider. They were the sort of people to be called to worship by a muffin bell, rung by the local muffin boy, for to call them on tower bells probably reminded them of a forgotten duty (applause).

A MATTER FOR THE CLERGY.

Mr. G. P. Burton said the suggestion he made earlier in the meeting, for an alteration in the value of peals, really came into his mind when turning over the proposition before the Council, in order that they might devise something to alter in some way the excessive peal ringing and to temper it down more in conformity with church ideas. Mr. Elsee had given them the point of view of the public, and Mr. King the point of view of the ringers. But surely there was another point of view, that of the church and of themselves as Churchmen. He could not conceive that it was sufficient that ringers should go about ringing peals for practice without special occasion, and it was an excellent suggestion that bands on tour should ring touches instead. As ringing master at St. Peter Mancroft, Norwich, he had had some experience of the difficulties and troubles that arose. They had had to deal with one obnoxious person, and in the main what Mr. King had said about them was right. Most people liked the bells, but he thought that in the end they were bound to study the obnoxious people, because they would have their way. Although he sympathised with what Mr. Elsee had said, he could not conceive that this peal question was a general question. Surely it lay entirely with the clergy and wardens. These people knew the local conditions, which varied so tremendously, and could regulate the ringing accordingly. He thought the Council had no business to trespass on their province. He still felt that if they only had the tariff he suggested and protection for proper peal ringing, it would do something to lessen the cause for public complaint. Mr. King that morning seemed to make the suggestion that he (Mr. Burton) was getting at somebody. He was doing nothing of the kind. He was only thinking of his own conscience, which sometimes told him if he inquired too closely into his own peal ringing that he could not always find that the occasion was proper.

Mr. King said he accepted what Mr. Burton had said, but in the course of a long life so many people had tried to "get at" him that he got a little restless (laughter).

LAWFUL OCCASIONS FOR PEALS.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards said he did not in the least bit agree that they were going too far in meeting matters half-way. It was the wisest thing they could do. They lived in an age when they never knew when someone would spring a Bill upon Parliament to say that no bell was to be sounded in the country until further orders. In Scotland they had that state of things already, and the local authority had power to say to a church when a bell should be rung and for how long. There were always, of course, a number of cranks; let them alone. It depended very much more on the parson of the parish than on anyone else, but the great essential point was that they should be standing on sure ground. The public, as had been already said, were getting much more sensitive, simply because of the perpetual strain and noise of the present age, and, therefore, the ringing of a peal was much more likely to affect them than it was a century ago. There could be no doubt that the irritation caused would be far greater if the public heard peals rung for no conceivable reason than if they heard them ringing for a definite purpose. It was most essential that peal ringing should be done on lawful occasions, the speaker added, and proceeded to enumerate the days in May and June when peals might well be rung to celebrate ecclesiastical and royal occasions. If the peals were rung for these purposes the public would understand the reason, and there would be no irritation because they were rung for a reason which was not in the least apparent to the public, except that the ringers wanted to enjoy themselves.

The Rev. W. W. C. Baker said he was perfectly persuaded that the unfavourable day had already come. In his early days, when they finished a peal, part of the people were waiting to congratulate them and to offer them suitable refreshment. Now, if they were waiting for them at the conclusion of a peal it was for a very different purpose (laughter). He was one of those persons who had a peal of bells that people liked to ring upon, and when he gave leave, it was not because there was no opposition. He knew perfectly well that every time he gave permission he was exposing himself to unpleasant remarks from people who were fond of bells and liked to hear them in reason, but who lived near the church, and found three hours straight off rather more than they cared about. He would ask the Council to believe that there was a strong feeling among those who were not hostile to bells, that a peal of three or three and a half hours constituted an intolerable strain, and he hoped what Mr. Elsee had said would be carefully considered.

INJUNCTIONS THAT WERE THREATENED.

The Rev. H. Law James and Mr. J. R. Newman gave instances of where the noise from the bells had been effectively deadened by judicious blocking up of the windows. Mr. Newman suggested that the Council should issue a pamphlet to church authorities, recommending the boarding up of the louvre holes.

The Rev. H. Law James: Pamphlets are no use, go and do it yourselves all over the country.

The Hon. Secretary quoted an instance in which a parishioner contemplated bringing an action at law against the authorities at a certain church on account of the ringing at practice and on Sundays. The matter was brought to his (the hon. secretary's) notice by the Rural Dean, and he replied that if the gentleman did bring his action he would not get very much by it. He referred the legal question to Mr. Pritchett, who wrote a most illuminating letter on the subject. Sometimes, the hon. secretary added, the public were most unreasonable.

Mr. Griffin said at Burton-on-Trent, although the ringing was restricted to perfectly reasonable limits—there had been only two peals rung since the bells were recast last October—some person had written to the Press offering to start a subscription to obtain an injunction restraining the bells from being rung, and saying that they had no business to be rung except for a wedding (laughter).

Mr. Groombridge said a similar suggestion was made at Bromley Common, when first the bells were put up, but the louvres had been bricked up, and no complaint was made now. With regard to the suggestion by Mr. Edwards that they might ring peals on Sundays, as feast days, he thought this would bring the nation down on their heads, as the greatest objection he had found was to peal ringing on Sundays.

FACING THE FACTS.

The President said he did not think it was necessary to move any resolution on the subject. The matter was first brought prominently to his notice by Mr. F. E. Dawe. Mr. Dawe was a man who had travelled about a good deal, and he told him at the Johnson dinner at Birmingham that he felt certain that the opposition to bell ringing was growing, and not only growing, but becoming more organised. In that organisation lay their danger. They had just heard Mr. Griffin say that someone at Burton had offered to get up a subscription for opposing ringing. That was the beginning of it. He was afraid he could not take the view that Mr. King took, that they should snap their fingers in the face of this growing feeling of opposition. The nerves of the country were becoming much more sensitive, and he thought it would be unwise to go on without recognising the feeling that was growing up. It had been pointed out to them that an Act of Parliament might be passed to stop ringing, and in these days, when any Bill could be got through Parliament if it was only bad enough, there was no reason why a Bill should not pass, even though a very small proportion of the country was really in favour of it. They had an instance in the Welsh Church Bill. It was perfectly certain if that Bill were put before the country as a whole that it would be rejected as an absolutely unfair measure. But they had a certain number of people in Parliament whose position depended on taking a particular line in regard to that Bill, and in consequence of that action the Bill, so far as the Commons was concerned, was an Act. And so they might have a Bill brought in in regard to ringing. It was not at all a fanciful idea. In any case it would be well for them to recognise that things were not as they were; that the country was going through a period of change. There were more brain workers and fewer hand workers, and they were gradually increasing the majority against them. They would find that in the country places the people loved their bells; they found that in the towns the people who objected to bells were the people who worked with their heads, and the people who worked with their heads had "the gift of the gab," which was more effective in getting anything done, especially when they regarded it as a nuisance. It was by no means impossible for a thoroughly organised crusade against ringing to be successful. He earnestly beseeched them to bear this in mind, and see whether, in their arrangements, without making any great change straight off, they could not gradually, in various ways, reduce what so many people considered a very great nuisance.

SUGGESTIONS FOR MINIMISING OPPOSITION.

First of all it had been pointed out how they could check the sound of bells very much, and as a rule they would improve their sound by blocking up the greater part of the tower windows, particularly when the windows were opposite the bells. It was a ridiculous idea to suppose that the noise of the bells, if it were boxed in, could injure the tower. It was just conceivable that the vibration might bring out little loose bits of mortar from the joints in the tower, but it was utterly absurd to suppose it could have any effect on the fabric. They could do a great deal by seeing, when they rang peals that they got a decent band. Mr. Jasper Snowden pointed out that very few people cared what was rung in a tower, but what they did care about and what every person could appreciate was the difference between good striking and bad striking (applause). When peals were rung by a young band—all honour to them—they could not expect anything very first rate in the way of striking, and these peals were exceptional. But in a large number of instances he could name excellent conductors who had dragged incompetent bands through a peal. There could be no possible satisfaction in that, and peals like that should be discountenanced altogether. They had no business to go into a tower and pretend to ring if they could not do so. Practice was a different thing. Excellent suggestions had been made that day as to the occasions on which peals might properly be rung. They would retain, or gain, a very considerable amount of sympathy from the general public if they could give a good reason for ringing. Altogether there were many

ways in which this so-called nuisance could be mitigated, and he would like to point out that it was extremely important that the delegates who came there from the various associations should recognise that it was of very little purpose for them to take part in or listen to a discussion of that kind which might have no inconsiderable value, if they did not go back and make known to their associations what they had heard; at all events in so far as it met with their approval. That was the way in which the Council should do its work, but he was sadly afraid that members were often willing to come and receive information at those meetings, but when they went back, did not impart it to those for whose benefit it was really intended. He hoped in this case they would bring the matter before their associations, because he was certain a case had been made out for their careful consideration (applause).

The matter was then allowed to drop.

SUPERLATIVE ROYAL.

The Rev. H. Law James moved: "That the Council is of opinion that Superlative Surprise Royal, as published by Shipway, is the same method as Superlative Surprise Major." He said something like a hundred years ago, William Shipway produced Superlative Surprise Royal, and nobody had touched it since 1823. At that time a band in Wakefield rang what was called a peal of it. But Shipway's peal was false, and it was quite likely that the peal at Wakefield was this composition. As, however, they had not got the figures of the Wakefield peal, he was not prepared to say whether there had been a peal of it rung or not. The system by which he should prove the method was Superlative could be applied to every double method. The speaker then went into a technical and abstruse analysis of the method of Superlative on eight and ten bells, based upon the relative position of the places, and said that the only method that satisfied his proof for Superlative Royal was the method which Shipway published.—The Hon. Secretary seconded the resolution for the purpose of discussion.

Mr. J. S. Pritchett said the method might be a legitimate extension of Superlative Surprise Major, but he did not think it was. There were two or three problems which people had spent a vast amount of time over, but had never solved, one was the squaring of a circle, and another was the trisection of an angle. The extension of Surprise methods were, in his opinion, problems of a similar character. They could arbitrarily take a method which had some superficial resemblance to the Major, and they might call it, if they liked, the same method in the Royal or Maximus, but it was only so because they called it so. It was not because there was any legitimate way of extending these methods to larger number of bells. No good was to be gained by passing a resolution on the subject.

MORE TIME WANTED.

Mr. J. W. Parker said he followed Mr. James' arguments very closely, and he would not like to say whether he was right or wrong. He did not think they had had time to reason out his arguments, and he thought it would be unwise for Mr. James to press the question that day. The Council had not recognised any law governing the extension of a method, and it was, therefore, not in a position to say whether the method was Superlative Royal or not. He thought Mr. James might let the matter rest for a time, so that they might have more opportunity to study it.

The Rev. H. L. James was willing to let the matter stand over, but if in the meantime he rang a peal of it, he should publish it as Superlative Surprise Royal. The system of working it out had produced Bristol Royal and Cambridge Royal and Maximus, but it would not produce London Royal, which showed that London did not exist.

The President said the Council would hardly be prepared to endorse Mr. James' views that day. He thought there was really a great deal more sympathy between the various exponents of that rather abstruse question than appeared on the surface. He entirely agreed with Mr. Pritchett in regard to the fact that these double methods on an extended number of bells not being the same method. They could extend a single method as a rule, but they could not extend a double method. There was no doubt that Plain Bob and Treble Bob were exactly the same methods on 10 and 12 bells as on eight, but Double Norwich Royal was not a bit like Double Norwich Major. Sir Arthur added that he thought any method in which they had more than five-pull dodging coming frequently, would never be rung to the extent of more than an odd peal. He could not describe to them the monotony of longer dodges. He thought it would be the wisest course to let the question stand over for a year.

This was agreed to.

(To be Continued).

LEEDS SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the Leeds and District Society, held at Shipley, was well attended, being represented by members from the following towers: Queensbury, Holbeck, Headingley St. Michael's, Bolton, Long Mirfield, Hunslet, Calverley, Guiseley, Halifax, and the local company. Some good practice was had in the afternoon, and at the subsequent business meeting, at the Sun Hotel, the President was in the chair.—Two new members were elected (Mr. H. Stott, of Guiseley, and Mr. G. Robinson, of Headingley), and a vote of thanks was passed to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements. Ringing was afterwards again indulged in.

NOTICES.

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THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Lewisham District.—A meeting of the above will be held at Downe on Saturday, June 7th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Service (association form) and address by the Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) at 5.30 p.m. Tea 9d. each, to follow at the Queen's Head Hotel. It is hoped that as many as possible can will attend this meeting. Shoreditch motor buses to Farnborough, and thence $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles through Lord Avebury's park.—T. Groombridge, Honorary District Secretary, 34, Adelaide Road, Chislehurst.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION.—South-Eastern District.—A bye meeting will be held at Bentley, South Weald, on Saturday, June 7th.—Henry F. Cooper, County Offices, Chelmsford.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD (North Bucks Branch).—The annual meeting will be held at Shenley on Saturday, June 7th, next. Service at 3 p.m.—Thos. Best, junr., Secretary.

THE LADIES' GUILD.—A meeting of the northern branch will be held at Burley, Leeds, on Saturday, June 7th. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Tea (free to ladies) at Parish Church at 5 o'clock; gentlemen 9d. per head.—Lillian A. Willson, District Honorary Secretary.

KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Tonbridge District.—The next meeting of the district will be held at Tonbridge on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Tower open at 3. Service in church at 5. Tea at 5.45, followed by the business meeting. Half travelling expenses up to, but not exceeding, 2s. each will be paid to members attending.—W. Latter, Honorary District Secretary, 26, Duke's Road, Tunbridge Wells.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above will be held at All Saints' Church, Hamer, on Saturday, June 7th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Meeting at 6.30 p.m. All ringers welcome.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

LOUGHBOROUGH PARISH CHURCH.—A meeting for united practice will be held at the above church on Saturday, June 7th, at 3 p.m. All ringers welcome.—H. W. Abbott, 2, Curzon Street, Loughborough.

HERTFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Northern District.—A meeting will be held at Knebworth on Saturday, June 7th. Tea and business meeting at the Lytton Arms.—F. R. Bacon, District Secretary, Hitchin.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 10th and 24th; St. Mary-le-Bow, Cheapside, on June 10th; Southwark Cathedral on June 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 2. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—A cycle run will take place to Shreshill (6) on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available at 3 p.m.—Rev. E. V. Cox, 39, Westbourne Road, Walsall.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, June 14th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in school room at 5.30. All ringing friends will be welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—Stockport and Northwich Branches.—A united branch meeting will be held at Lower Peover on Saturday, June 14th.—Rev. A. T. Beeston and H. Parker, Honorary Secretaries.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 14th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea, 8d. each, will be provided in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. Will those wishing to take tea kindly let me know by Wednesday, June 11th. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their secretaries on or before Tuesday, June 17th, as, a large attendance being anticipated, the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea at 6 o'clock in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send word by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available.—R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by June 16th. All subscriptions are now due.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Manchester Branch. — The adjourned monthly meeting will be held at St. Anne's, Denton (6 bells). Bells will be available from 5 p.m. Meeting at 7.30. A hearty welcome to all ringers. —W. W. Wolstencroft, Branch Secretary.

ADDRESS.—Mr. I. Emery's address is 49, Wellington Road, Bromley, not 29, as stated in the Kent County Report.

A peal board commemorating the "John" peal of Stedman Cinques is to be unveiled at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, June 14th, at 4 p.m. Ringers, and particularly members of the Waterloo Society, are invited to be present. The bells will be available until 6 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at The Crown, Crown Court, Fleet Street, at 6.30 p.m., can be arranged for those who send in their names to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., by Wednesday, June 11th. Handbells, etc., afterwards.

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"RAISING THE WIND."

From time to time we get requests to publish appeals for funds to assist in the restoration of bells, and in any work of this kind we are only too happy to give the use of our columns. Any service which we can render in a laudable cause of this kind we are glad to be able to give, and for that reason we commend to our readers the appeals, made last week by the Vicar of Westhall, Suffolk, and in this issue by Captain C. F. Jerram, of Talland, Cornwall. The Vicar of Westhall is asking for a balance of some £30 to put the bells of his historic church in ringing order—they have been practically silent for four years. From Talland, however, the appeal is a larger one, for, up to the present, only £105 has been collected out of about £350 required to restore and augment the ring.

In each case the appeal should come with especial force to the members of the respective diocesan associations within whose areas the towers are situated. But ringers generally are ever ready to give their mite to such a cause, and we have no doubt that from many places far afield contributions will be sent to swell the funds in question. What ringers can do in the way of practical help was instanced just recently in their ready and effective response to the appeal in connection with the recasting of Long Stanton tenor. There is not, of course, any organised means of providing contributions for purposes of this kind, although not a few of the associations do valuable work by contributing with liberality to bell restoration schemes. Some societies have special reserves for this purpose, others give out of the general funds.

It has often occurred to us, however, that something more might be done by the ringers individually. Could not the special funds for this purpose be augmented, for instance, by a voluntary contribution of a penny each by every band that rang a peal? This would not be a very serious levy, but it would help to swell a fund intended to assist an object of vast importance to the ringer. To take a couple of examples. Last year the Norwich Association rang 265 peals. This, at a penny per member, would have represented something over £8. Again, the Middlesex Association rang 153 peals, which, at penny per member, would have provided something over £5. Small amounts these, it may be said, when bell restoration at one tower may run into hundreds of pounds. Very true; but "every mickle makes a muckle," and such a sum contributed by those who enjoy peal ringing might be used with no inconsiderable advantage. We throw the idea out as a suggestion to those who care to consider it. At any rate it may open the way to something further being done by ringers in connection with bell restoration.

St. Peter's Collegiate Church,
Wolverhampton.
Tenor (33 cwt.) of the New Ring of 12.

WULFRUN CHAMBERS, WOLVERHAMPTON,
MESSRS. GILLET 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,
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TEN BELL PEAL.

CARDIFF, GLAMORGANSHIRE.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5003 CHANCES;

Tenor 27 cwt.

SAMUEL WILLIAMS Treble	WILLIAM G. MILLER ... 6
HENRY DAY 2	SIDNEY DAWE 7
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 3	FRED CHAMBERLAIN... .. 8
JOHN W. JONES 4	BENJAMIN THORP 9
JOSEPH E. SYKES 5	SEYMOUR R. BARKER ... Tenor

Composed by SAM WOOD, and

Conducted by BENJAMIN THORP.

Rung as a farewell peal to W. G. Miller, one of the St. John's Guild, who was leaving Cardiff for the West Coast of Africa on the 11th inst., the ringers wishing him every prosperity in his new sphere.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	GEORGE SNELLING 5
† FREDERICK SEAGER 2	ALFRED SMITH 6
CLARENCE GOOCH 3	ERNEST WHITING 7
* ALBERT BROWN... .. 4	JOHN SNELLING... .. Tenor

Composed by A. CRAVEN, and

Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

* First peal in the method. † Fiftieth peal. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the tenor.

EASTBOURNE, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT CHRIST CHURCH,

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

Tenor 8½ cwt., in A.

* WALTER ALCOCK Treble	JOSEPH SHARP 5
JAMES LIVERMORE, Junr... .. 2	ERNEST GOWER 6
GEORGE H. HOWSE... .. 3	EDWARD W. BRAY 7
* FRANK MEDHURST 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by WILLIAM WILLSON, and

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

BISHOPWEARMOUTH, SUNDERLAND.

THE DURHAM AND NEWCASTLE DIOCESAN
ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

SIR A. P. HEYWOOD'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS'.

Tenor 11½ cwt.

ROBERT W. LOVIE Treble	THOMAS W. DITCHBURN... 5
CECIL O. SAYER... .. 2	JOSEPH W. PARKER... .. 6
MICHAEL F. HARRISON ... 3	† ROBERT L. PATTERSON ... 7
JOHN PICKERING 4	* GEORGE PICKERING Tenor

Conducted by J. W. PARKER.

* First peal. † First peal of Stedman away from the tenor. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

FRAMLINGHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours and Six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;
Tenor 16 cwt. 2 qr. 4 lbs.

*CHARLES E. FISHER... ..Treble	ALFRED E. ACKFIELD ... 5
GEORGE R. FINCH 2	DAVID LEGGETT 6
ROBERT H. HAYWARD ... 3	WILLIAM FLORY 7
ROBERT G. MILES 4	GEORGE E. SYMONDS ...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by GEORGE E. SYMONDS.

* 50th peal. Rung in honour of the birthday of H.M. King George V.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION AND
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

*PERCY POTTERTreble	GEORGE WILSON 5
ALFRED KEEBLE 2	ERNEST S. BAILEY 6
ALLEN F. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
JAMES M. BAILEY 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ...Tenor

Composed by D. PRENTICE, and
Conducted by CHARLES F. BAILEY.

* First peal and first attempt. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

NORTH STONEHAM, HAMPSHIRE.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 9 cwt. 0 qr. 26 lbs.

WILLIAM G. EDWARDS ...Treble	JOSIAH D. HARRIS 5
*ARTHUR STUBBINGTON ... 2	EDWIN J. HARDING... .. 6
HENRY W. WILKES 3	WILLIAM H. GEORGE ... 7
WILLIAM T. TUCKER 4	GEORGE WILLIAMSTenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and
Conducted by GEORGE WILLIAMS.

* First peal of Double Norwich. Rung in honour of the King's birthday.

BUSHEY, HERTS.
THE HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

WILLIAM SEELEYTreble	FRANCIS A. SMITH 5
RICHARD DARLOW 2	BERTRAM PREWETT 6
WALTER S. INWOOD 3	ROBERT E. STAVERT ... 7
EDWIN F. PIKE 4	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by BERTRAM PREWETT.

Rung on the 71st birthday of Mr. J. Prewett, father of the conductor and hon. member of the Association.

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

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PAUL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

THOMAS HILLTreble	JAMES TYLER 5
*WILLIAM HILL 2	BERT HORTON 6
CHARLES TYLER 3	EDWIN J. TYLER 7
EDGAR MARLOW 4	AMOS COOPERTenor

* First peal away from the tenor and first attempt. Rung as a birthday compliment to T. Hill and B. Horton. All the ringers belong to the local band. J. Tyler, C. Tyler and W. Hill were proposed members of the Dudley and Districts Guild previous to starting.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 14 cwt., in F.

*WILLIAM STEELETreble	ALFRED SMITH 5
CHARLES BAKER 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
FRANK R. COPEMAN... .. 3	HENRY GARNHAM 7
ALFRED FUNNELL 4	ALBERT G. WARNES ...Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM STEELE.

* 50th peal as conductor.

DARLEY DALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. HELEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5312 CHANCES;
Tenor 17 cwt.

ARTHUR KNIGHTS... ..Treble	JAMES L. WRIGHT 5
HERBERT DAY 2	FRED W. HILL 6
HENRY GREGORY... .. 3	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 7
THOMAS WHITE 4	WILLIAM TAYLORTenor

Composed and Conducted by ARTHUR KNIGHTS.

* First peal in the method.

CONDOVER, SHROPSHIRE.
THE SALOP ARCHIDIACONAL GUILD.
(ST. CHAD'S SOCIETY, SHREWSBURY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;
Tenor 13 cwt.

CHARLES R. LILLEY... ..Treble	WILLIAM R. STOCKDALE... 5
GEORGE TIPTON 2	E. R. TREVOR CORBETT... 6
ERNEST JONES 3	ALFRED FULLOCK 7
WILLIAM J. TAYLOR 4	FRED W. TAYLORTenor

Composed by CHARLES H. HATTERSLEY, and
Conducted by CHARLES R. LILLEY.

Rung as a centenary peal for the opening of the bells. First peal of Major on the bells; also first in the method by the above Guild. It is also the first peal of Major by all except ringers of the treble, 4th and tenor, and was rung at the first attempt.

NEWPORT, MONMOUTHSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5120 CHANCES;
Tenor 15 cwt.

A. VICTOR MORGANTreble	JOHN W. JONES 5
CLARENCE O. HOBBS... .. 2	FRED CHAMBERLAIN ... 6
WILLIAM B. BISS 3	SIDNEY DAWE 7
ARTHUR E. MORGAN 4	CHARLES GREEDYTenor

Conducted by SIDNEY DAWE.

First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Kent Major for the Association. First peal of Kent Major for all except the ringer of the 5th.

LECKHAMPTON, GLOUCESTERSHIRE.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;
GROVES' VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JOSEPH T. DYKETreble	ARTHUR S. BOAR 5
JOHN F. BALLINGER 2	THOMAS PENDRY 6
CHARLES L. SADLER... .. 3	EX-SERGT. J. WILLIAMS... 7
GEORGE WALTERS 4	*W. W. BASTINTenor

Conducted by J. T. DYKE.

* First peal by W. Bastin, who was elected a member before starting. Rung with the bells half muffled, as a tribute of respect to the late Mrs. Phelps, a prominent parishioner.

RANMORE, SURREY.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BARNABAS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S ORIGINAL.		Tenor 20 cwt. 2 qr. 14 lbs., in E.	
ALFRED A. DOBINSON	...Treble	HENRY BOXALL	... 5
BERNARD CLARK	... 2	CHARLES HAZELDEN	... 6
WILLIAM SMITH	... 3	ALFRED H. PULLING	... 7
JOHN H. WHITE	... 4	*WILLIAM J. HILLS	...Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

* First peal. Mr. Dobinson belongs to the local society. This is the first peal on these magnificent bells since the rehanging by Messrs. Mears & Stainbank, the "go" being all that can be desired. The band take this opportunity of thanking the Hon. Henry Cubitt, C.B., Lord-Lieutenant of Surrey, for his kind hospitality after the peal.

SHEFFIELD, YORKSHIRE.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, RANMOOR,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 15 cwt.	
SAM THOMAS	...Treble
*ARTHUR WARD	... 2
*JOSEPH OSGUTHORPE	... 3
*JAMES E. L. COCKEY	... 4
*MAURICE WARD	... 5
FRANCIS WARD	... 6
WILLIAM S. PLANT	... 7
CHARLES HAYNES	...Tenor

Composed and Conducted by SAM THOMAS.

* First peal in the method. Rung with half-muffled clappers as the ringers' tribute of respect to the memory of the late Rev. J. G. Williams, for over 24 years Vicar of St. John's, Ranmoor, and an honorary member of the Yorkshire Association, who was interred at Fulwood, on the above date, the first portion of the service being conducted in Ranmoor Church. The ringers are all members of the local company.

DEBENHAM, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 20 cwt.	
JAMES MOTTS	...Treble
WILLIAM MOTTS	... 2
EDGAR PEMBERTON	... 3
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER	... 4
ROBERT H. BRUNDLE	... 5
DAVID COLLINS	... 6
WILLIAM GRIMES	... 7
ALFRED W. GRIMES	...Tenor

Composed by the late THOMAS DAY, and
Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

Rung to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the 16,608 Oxford Treble Bob Major rung upon these bells by eight members of the above Association, on Whit Monday, June 6th, 1892, in Ten Hours and Thirty-two Minutes. It was also rung to commemorate the 83rd birthday of Mr. Robert Brundle, father of the ringer of the 5th. Alfred W. Grimes was spending a few days in Suffolk.

HADLEIGH, SUFFOLK.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STEDMAN H. SYMONDS	...Treble	THOMAS W. GARRARD	... 5
WILLIAM R. JOHN POULSON	2	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE	6
ARTHUR SYMONDS	... 3	*THOMAS REED	... 7
ARTHUR KEEBLE	... 4	*JOHN KING	...Tenor

Composed by A. T. KING, and
Conducted by S. H. SYMONDS.

* First peal in the method. The ringers of the 4th, 6th, 7th and 8th are of Monk's Eleigh, Ipswich, Hadleigh, and Polstead respectively, the others belong to Lavenham. This was C. A. Catchpole's 50th peal. The visitors wish to thank the Rev. Dean F. E. Carter for the use of the bells.

HAWKHURST.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAWRENCE,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 23 cwt., in E flat.	
WILLIAM HEWETT	...Treble
WILLIAM H. LAMBERT	... 2
CHARLES TRIBE	... 3
CHARLES W. PLAYER	... 4
FRANK BENNETT	... 5
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL	... 6
FREDERICK J. LAMBERT	... 7
JAMES E. DAVIS	...Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

NETHERTON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
(NORTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BRISTOL SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.	
CHARLES E. PERKINS	...Treble
WILLIAM FISHER	... 2
GEORGE PIGOTT	... 3
JOHN BASS	... 4
GEORGE F. SWANN	... 5
ALFRED DAVIES	... 6
WILLIAM SHORT	... 7
ROBERT MATTHEWS	...Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by R. MATTHEWS.

First peal in the method on the bells. Rung on the 85th birthday of Mr. W. Lawrence, grandfather to the ringer of the 4th.

WHITTLE-LE-WOODS, LANCASHIRE.
THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(PRESTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt. 1 qr. 23 lbs.	
*VICTOR BLACKWELL	...Treble
E. ROGER MARTIN	... 2
†ARNOLD A. BLACKWELL	... 3
WILLIAM SHARPLES	... 4
ROBERT SANDERSON	... 5
ALBERT E. WOODHOUSE	... 6
†REGINALD L. INCE	... 7
EDWARD ARMSTRONG	...Tenor

Composed by EDWIN TIMBRELL, and
Conducted by E. R. MARTIN.

* First peal and first attempt in the method. † First peal of Treble Bob

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NORTHBOURNE, KENT.
THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, May 31, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. AUGUSTINE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being three 720's of Kent Treble Bob and four of Plain Bob.

JOHN TRINDER	...Treble	ERNEST VERRIER	... 4
HARRISON SMITH	... 2	HENRY G. CASTLE	... 5
SIDNEY WALTER	... 3	STANLEY G. WHITE	...Tenor

Conducted by STANLEY G. WHITE.

First peal on the bells.

MATHON, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 1, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.	
CHARLES POWELL	...Treble
DAVID HORNE	... 2
CHARLES WEOBLEY	... 3
CHARLES LAYTON	... 4
WILLIAM RANFORD	... 5
GEORGE JORDAN	...Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES LAYTON.

COCKINGTON, TORQUAY.
THE DEVONSHIRE GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. GEORGE AND MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 9 cwt. 3 qr.

*FREDERICK J. BLIGHT ... Treble	ALFRED W. BOWERS ... 4
*FREDERICK J. MOORE ... 2	THOMAS H. STEVENS ... 5
*JAMES OLDING ... 3	*FRANK HECTOR ... Tenor

Conducted by ALFRED W. BOWERS.

* First peal. First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal by the local band.

WRENTHAM, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 3, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 10½ cwt.

GEORGE BERTRAM ... Treble	ALBERT J. L. NAUNTON ... 4
ALBERT J. NAUNTON ... 2	JOHN SPENCER ... 5
*WILLIAM H. P. MELLIN ... 3	FRANCIS W. NAUNTON ... Tenor

Conducted by J. SPENCER.

* First peal and first attempt. First peal as conductor. First peal on the bells by a local company. Rung in honour of the birthday of His Majesty King George V.

PETTESTREE, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Oxford Delight and Woodbine, two 720's each of Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, and 720 of Plain Bob.

*LESTER L. GRAY ... Treble	CHARLES E. FISHER ... 4
*GEORGE R. FINCH ... 2	ROBERT MILES ... 5
HENRY PUTTOCK ... 3	*WILLIAM B. REEVE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES E. FISHER.

* First peal in five methods.

BEDFIELD, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 Oxford Treble Bob, three 720's College Single, 720 Oxford Bob, and two 720's Plain Bob.

CHARLES FRED LING ... Treble	*EDWARD JENKINS ... 4
†WILLIAM SABAN ... 2	HARRY HALL ... 5
WILLIAM G. CRICKMER ... 3	DAVID COLLINS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. G. CRICKMER.

* First peal of Minor. † First peal inside.

OLD WARDEN, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(BIGGLESWADE BRANCH.)

On Thursday, June 5, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-three Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

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

WILLIAM J. MAYES ... Treble	CHARLES A. PRATT ... 4
MISS EVELYN STEEL ... 2	GEORGE W. NEWTON ... 5
JOHN WILLIAM BARKER ... 3	FRED BLOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by F. BLOOD.

First peal in seven methods as conductor.

SELLACK, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-two Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 42 Six-scores, with ten different callings. Tenor 7 cwt.

ALLEN GWYNNE ... Treble	FRANK VOYCE ... 3
EDWARD SUMMERS ... 2	*WILLIAM GARDINER ... 4

WILLIAM POSTON ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First peal on the bells.

SEAL CHART, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. LAURENCE,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of Reverse College Single, Double Oxford, St. Clement's, Plain Bob, Canterbury Pleasure, Oxford Bob and College Single. Tenor 10 cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN ... Treble	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 4
ANDREW MARSHALL ... 2	ALBERT RELFE ... 5
JIM BEACH ... 3	EDWIN LAMBERT ... Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN LAMBERT.

The band tender their sincere thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells and to Mr. H. H. Harding for making arrangements.

COGENHOE, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

*MATTHIAS HOBBS ... Treble	GEORGE LINES ... 4
JAMES HOUGHTON ... 2	WILLIAM JACQUES ... 5
PEARL INSKIP ... 3	CHARLES W. CLARKE ... Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES W. CLARKE.

* Fiftieth peal.

IGHTHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 720 each of St. Clement's, Oxford Bob, College Single and Canterbury Pleasure, and three 720's of Plain Bob each called differently. Tenor 8½ cwt.

JAMES WAGHORN ... Treble	ANDREW MARSHALL ... 4
JIM BEACH ... 2	FREDERICK BUTCHERS ... 5
EDWIN LAMBERT ... 3	ALBERT RELFE ... Tenor

Conducted by ALBERT RELFE.

PERSHORE, WORCESTERSHIRE.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

(SOUTHERN BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Consisting of Plain Bob, Canterbury and Grandsire. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. GODFREY ... Treble	*F. GODFREY ... 4
W. NEED ... 2	†J. DOLPHIN ... 5
S. ANNIS ... 3	*W. CHARLWOOD ... Tenor

Conducted by J. DOLPHIN.

* First peal. † First peal as conductor and first attempt. First peal on the bells and rung by local men. The ringer of the tenor who is 67 years of age, is totally blind. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. F. R. Lawson) for the use of the bells, and Mr. and Mrs. J. Godfrey for entertaining them to tea after the peal.

ALDERSHOT, HANTS.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8 cwt.

WILLIAM FISHER Treble	CORPL. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 4
ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 2	HUBERT CHAFFEY 5
*ALBERT CROUCHER 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

* First peal. First peal in seven methods on the bells.

BODENHAM, HEREFORDSHIRE.

THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Sunday, June 8, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Ten different callings. Tenor 15 cwt.

J. E. LEWIS... .. Treble	*J. P. HYETT 4
E. DOWNES 2	J. K. ARMSTRONG 5
A. F. DOWNES 3	W. J. BULLOCK... .. Tenor

Conducted by J. P. HYETT.

* First peal as conductor.

HANDBELL PEALS.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.

THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifteen Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION.

*WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1—2	MAURICE SMITHER 5—6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3—4	†WILLIAM SMITH 7—8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

* First peal of Stedman on an inside pair. † First peal of Stedman on handbells.

WISBECH, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 4, 1913, in Two Hours and Eight Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

STANLEY EDWARD ANDREWS 1—2	THOMAS HAINEs 3—4
RALPH NARBOROUGH ... 5—6	

Conducted by RALPH NARBOROUGH.

Umpire: GEORGE YATE.

First double-handed peal by S. Andrews and R. Narborough, and first double-handed peal of Minor for the above Association.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Rochdale branch was held at All Saints', Hamer, on Saturday. Members were present from Rochdale, Milnrow, Newhys, Glodwich, Oldham, and the local company.—The business meeting was presided over by Mr. A. Clegg, of Glodwich. It was the first meeting since the bells were overhauled by Messrs. Taylor and Co., of Loughborough, and the ringers were highly satisfied with the way the bells run.

TROWBRIDGE, WILTS.—On April 5th, at St James' Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 41 mins., rung as a birthday compliment to Mr. W. Burbidge, of Melksham: T. J. Hector 1, Jesse Francis 2, A. E. Archard 3, A. West 4, W. Burbidge 5, C. Raison 6, G. H. Harding (conductor) 7, A. K. Harrison 8.

ALLESLEY, COVENTRY.—Warwickshire Guild.—On April 6th, for morning service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire and Bob Doubles in 41 mins.: J. Taylor 1, H. Hastings 2, M. Harris 3, R. Green 4, H. Kettle (conductor) 5, C. Aylett 6. First quarter-peal in two methods on the bells by a local band, and by all the ringers.

RINGING CONTEST.

NINETEEN TEAMS AT CLIFFORD.

The Glasbury (Herefordshire) competition, which was instituted last year by Capt. A. Glen Kidston, of Gwernyfed Park, took place on Empire Day, at the neutral tower of Clifford, where there is a lovely peal of eight, as vouched for by the ringers of the 19 bands which attended to try their best to wrest the magnificent shield from last year's winners, Glasbury. The competition consisted of a six-score Grandsire Doubles, and the same number of Canterbury Pleasure Doubles, the bands being drawn to ring in the following order: Bultth, Bridgnorth (St. Mary's), Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury, Cradley, Bridgnorth (St. Leonard's), Foy, Bodenham, Ross, Glasbury, Talgarth, Brecon, Whitbourne, Leintwardine, Welshpool, Lugwardine, Llangattock, and Bredenbury. Mr. Harry Withers again acted as adjudicator, and when the Vicar (the Rev. T. W. Trumper) had safely "housed" him in a room at the Vicarage completely out of sight of the church, the draw took place, and, the ringers having finished their practice course, the competition proper started.

Lunch, which Capt. Kidston provided, was served in the Parish Room by Mr. T. J. Stokoe, of the Crown Hotel, Hay, after which Mr. J. Cartwright, of Foy, proposed a vote of thanks to Capt. Kidston for the very great kindness he had shown to them in providing the shield and prizes, and paying all expenses of the day, including return railway fares. It would do a great deal in the way of promoting the objects of the Guild. The competition had brought together the pick of the ringers, and they had heard some very fine ringing.—Mr. J. Overton, of Bridgnorth, in seconding, said nothing would create the kind of feeling that was wanted better than those gatherings.—The vote of thanks was then heartily accorded with "three times three," and the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow."

Capt. Kidston was received with loud cheering on rising to reply. He said it was a genuine pleasure to him to be there that day, and he hoped to see them even in larger numbers next year (applause). Another year he thought of adding a little handbell ringing to the competition (applause). They were indebted to the Rev. Trumper for allowing them to come to that lovely spot to hold their competition (applause). The tower was a neutral one, and so all had been placed on an equal footing.

MEDALS FOR WINNERS.

The Captain added that they did not ring for filthy lucre, but for the honour and glory; and he had provided for the winners a memento of the occasion in the shape of medals suitable for attaching to their watch chains, which he hoped would remind them of the occasion to their dying day. (The medals were handed round and were greatly admired.) Continuing, the Captain said there were a large number of towers attached to the Guild, and he hoped to see many more entering the competition another year. In conclusion, he asked them to show their gratitude to the Rev. Trumper for allowing the use of his bells.—Hearty cheers having been given, the Rev. Trumper briefly replied, remarking that he was himself an old bell ringer. He congratulated them on the fine ringing he had heard.

The competition was then resumed, and when the last band had rung and the adjudicator "unearthed" with his book of faults, these were at once totalled up by Capt. Kidston, and proved that St. Leonard's, Bridgnorth, were first with 62 faults, and St. Mary's, Bridgnorth, second with 68 faults.

The first prize medals were silver with gold centres, and the second, bronze, and each bore the inscription: "Glasbury Bell Ringing Competition, Empire Day, 1913." The ringers then partook of tea, and before leaving, Mr. C. A. Morgan took photographs of the winning bands and the whole group of ringers. The day's proceedings were most enjoyable. Subsequently, Capt. Kidston personally thanked the hon. secretary (Mr. J. P. Hyett) for his services, and congratulated him on the success of the day. — Mr. W. Short (instructor to the Hereford Guild) also rendered valuable assistance during the day, being "on guard" to testify as to the bona-fides of the ringers.

THE OXFORD GUILD.

A combined practice of the Sonning Branch was held on Saturday week at Wargrave, the 18 members present representing Binfield, Sandhurst, Easthampstead, Hurst, Twyford, Henley, and the local band, the methods practised were: Cambridge, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob, Plain Bob and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles. A course of Triples on handbells was rung.—Tea was provided by the Rev. B. S. Batty.

On Whitsun Saturday, five members of Stoke Poges and Fulmer bellfries had a very enjoyable cycle run to Norwood Green, near Southall, where they were met by Mr. W. Emmett, the foreman of the ringers, and Mr. C. Edwards, of Heston, and with their assistance rang a 720 each of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob and Oxford Bob, upon the pretty ring of six bells (tenor 7 cwt.), which were recently recast by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston. The ringers were: A. Bateman, W. Henley, W. Walden, K. G. Hawkins, and G. H. Gutteridge, who wish to return their best thanks to everyone concerned.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

YORKSHIRE RINGERS IN THE NORTH.

A number of Yorkshire ringers, with their friend and councillor, Mr. T. Maude, of Pudsey, viz.: Messrs. G. B. Bolland (Tong), W. Idle (Dewsbury), J. Cotterell, F. Salmons, J. Ambler (Halifax), G. Naylor (Lightcliffe), H. Oddy (Thornhill), P. J. Johnson (Holbeck), F. W. Dixon (Guiseley) had an enjoyable outing at Whitsun. The rendezvous chosen this year was Darlington and Newcastle, and the party duly arrived at the first mentioned town about 11 a.m. on the Saturday. They were met by Mr. Bradley, of the local staff, and made for the historic and interesting Church of St. Cuthbert, where was found a musical peal of eight (tenor 18 cwt.), upon which touches were rung. The fine Gothic work of the interior of the church was much admired. The party then proceeded to Hurworth to sample the finest peal (by repute) of six in the county. The visitors were met by Mr. Simpson, and after a delightful walk through this beautiful rural village the bells at the church (tenor 18 cwt.) were raised, and set going to various methods, the tone and "go" of the bells adding another to the laurels of the famous Loughborough founders. Returning to Darlington after tea they rang at St. John's, where the veteran, Mr. J. Moncaster, met and welcomed them.

Newcastle was subsequently safely reached about 8 p.m. Mr. C. L. Routledge had most kindly made all arrangements in the northern city, and joined the party at their headquarters, the Ellis hotel, where a most pleasant evening was spent in handbell ringing, etc. On Sunday morning five of the party were at the fine Cathedral tower at 6 o'clock, and found Mr. T. Groombridge, of London, who had just arrived after an all night journey. The splendid peal of ten was soon set going at Treble Ten, the tone and "go" of the bells being much admired. At 9.30 a.m. a start was made for All Saints', where Stedman Triples and Treble Bob were rung on the peal of eight (tenor 19 cwt.). After dinner the parks and Jesmond Dene were visited in company with London friends, and escorted by Messrs. A. Hillier and J. Kemp, of Newcastle. The beautiful scenery in the district made the party reflect how greatly indebted the city is to the munificence of her townsmen who have placed such delightful woods and parks within such easy reach. Evening saw the party at Gateshead, where touches of Treble Bob were rung, Mr. Stewart having everything in readiness.

On Monday a treat was in store for the grand peal of eight at Gosforth (tenor 22 cwt.) had been placed at the visitors' disposal for a peal attempt. Here Mr. Bird conducted them to the model ringing chamber, and a start was made for a peal of Treble Bob, but after one and a half hour's good ringing the peal was lost. In passing, the writer would like to comment on the excellent arrangements here for deadening the sound of the bells. With a tenor 22 cwt., and a most sonorous note, both inside and out the bells sound delightfully balanced, and if other authorities with rings of bells would only take the same steps, we should hear no more complaints of the noise of bells.

Next a visit was paid to the Durham and Newcastle Association meeting at North Shields, where all visitors were most generously entertained to dinner by the Association. Then some made their way to Whitley Bay to take part in a peal, while others adjourned to Newcastle to hear the Council peal at the Cathedral, and some found their way to the County Hotel to spend a convivial evening with the various ringers there assembled.

Tuesday saw some of the party at the Central Council meeting, while the more adventurous tried a river trip to North Shields. Tuesday evening brought the break up of the party, after a most pleasant outing. The opportunity is here taken of thanking all the clergy and steeplekeepers for the kindly manner in which they received their visitors, to whose lot it has rarely fallen to meet such an excellent band of genial companions as the Newcastle ringers headed by Mr. C. L. Routledge. No pains or trouble were spared by them to make the outing a success, and the especial thanks of the party is tendered to all their Newcastle friends for their efforts, which will long remain a pleasant memory with those who visited the city of the North.—P. J. J.

CHORLEY MEN AT BLACKPOOL.

A most interesting and enjoyable outing, in which the Chorley Parish Church band of change ringers and friends participated, took place on Saturday week, when Blackpool, St. Annes-on-Sea and Lytham were visited.

On reaching Blackpool the party proceeded immediately by electric car to the pretty village of St. Annes-on-Sea, about six miles along the sea coast, where the Vicar of the Parish Church had placed his bells at their disposal, and a few good touches were brought round.

Next they proceeded to St. Cuthbert's, Lytham, where Mr. Miller, the veteran ringer, and two of his band were waiting to welcome the party, and here again, through the Rector's kindness, ringing was indulged in. On returning to Blackpool, a company of twelve sat down to tea, and afterwards thanks were accorded to the Vicar of St. Annes, and the Rector of Lytham for the use of the bells, and to Mr. T. Loft-house, the secretary, for having made such splendid arrangements. The evening was spent at the various places of amusement.

ON THE THAMES.

For their first annual outing, the Hurst bell ringers visited Henley-on-Thames; and in the lovely grounds of Friar Park spent a most en-

joyable afternoon. They then went on by steam launch to Reading, tea being served on board. The evening was spent in the biscuit tower, and the half-day trip was thoroughly enjoyed.

BILSTON.

The St. Leonard's, Bilston, ringers, visited Pattingham on Saturday week, calling en route at "The Firs," Castlecroft, the residence of the hon. secretary's father. The party had a cordial reception, and after refreshments, rang some touches on handbells. At Pattingham they were met by Mr. Poynton, who conducted them to the belfry, and on the fine peal of eight several touches were brought round, including 336 Grandsire Triples, by: J. Hammond 1, J. Harper 2, F. Roberts 3, A. Horsman 4, J. Bate 5, F. Colclough 6, J. A. Brown (conductor) 7, T. Justice 8.—After tea, touches were rung with the local band, and then a pleasant hour was spent with the Pattingham men and the handbells.—Thanks were accorded the Vicar, and the return journey was undertaken, the outing being a most pleasurable one.

A VISIT TO LYDFORD.

The ringers of Buckland Dinham, Frome, by the kind invitation of Mr. H. J. Helps, late of the Manor Farm, Buckland Dinham, paid a visit on Whit-Monday to West Lydford, where the bells have recently been rehung, and a new one added. The party from Buckland Dinham included Messrs. F. Prescott, H. Beauchamp, R. Willis, W. Prescott, E. R. Prescott, H. Carver and P. Bray. They were met at the station by Mr. H. J. Helps, who now resides at West Lydford, and driven to the church, where they were received by Mr. Welchman, the captain of the West Lydford tower, who, by-the-way, has for many years held the office of churchwarden. During the afternoon, when the weather had most considerably put on its best behaviour, several touches of Grandsire Doubles were rung, some of the West Lydford party also taking their share. The bells were fully tested, and the ringing concluded with a fall in "Queen's." Before the return journey, the whole party was entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Helps to a substantial tea, which spoke unmistakably of Somerset hospitality, and was much appreciated by all the visitors.—Mr. F. Prescott, the visiting captain, expressed the thanks of the party for the kindness shown by Mr. and Mrs. Helps, and also for the courtesy of Mr. Welchman in the tower, at the same time expressing the hope that at a very early date the West Lydford party would be able to pay a visit to Buckland Dinham.—Suitable replies by Messrs. Helps and Welchman brought a very enjoyable afternoon and evening to a close.

BELL RESTORATIONS.

The grand old ring of six with a tenor of 18 cwt., in E, at Yalding, Kent, have been quarter-turned and rehung with steel headstocks and all modern fittings, by Mr. Alfred Bowell, of Ipswich. The old oak frame has been strengthened with new timber and massive iron braces and tie bars. Guides have also been fixed to steady the ropes in the rather long draft. On a recent evening several members of the Kent County Association met to try the bells, from Maidstone, Boxley, Linton, Peckham, Hadlow, Horsmonden, Marden, etc., and 720 Kent Treble Bob, 720 Plain Bob, 360 Grandsire Minor, and 120 of Stedman Doubles were rung. All the visitors expressed their entire satisfaction with the "go" of the bells, and it is to be hoped that the local ringers will now take up change ringing, a thing impossible with the bells before they were rehung.

The same firm has also the following restorations in hand: Recast the ring of six and rehang them in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Fenny Stratford, Bucks. Recast the ring of five, add a sixth and hang the peal in a new steel frame with all modern fittings, at Stutton, Suffolk. Recast the tenor and fourth and rehang the ring of five in steel frames with all modern fittings, at Cosgrove, Northants. Rehang the heavy ring of six at Hoo St. Werburgh, Kent, with modern fittings. Rehang the ring of five in steel frames with modern fittings, and add a sixth at Melbourn, Cambridgeshire. Rehang the three middle bells of the heavy ring of five with modern fittings, at Eastry, Kent, Mr. Bowell having done the tenor not long ago.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Bristol Branch took place on Saturday at Westbury-on-Trym, about 20 members attending. The bells are a peal of six, and during the afternoon Cambridge Minor was rung on them, while a course of Grandsire Caters was rung on Mr. Condict's handbells. Service was afterwards held in the church, and tea followed at Mr. Clarke's. At the subsequent meeting, the curate-in-charge (the Rev. A. J. Bartlett) was voted to the chair, and it was proposed to hold the next meeting at St. George's; or, if not convenient there, at Abbots Leigh on July 12th. Various methods were rung on the tower bells in the evening, and Grandsire Caters and Stedman Caters were rung on the splendid peal of handbells belonging to Mr. C. H. Edwards, who has made the generous offer to present them to his company when they get the tower bells made into a peal of eight.

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THE CUMBERLANDS & THEIR BADGE.



The ringing of two peals by the Royal Cumberland Youths on the occasion of the marriage of the German Kaiser's daughter to Prince Ernst August of Cumberland, and the announcement that the bridegroom was a descendant of the founder of the Royal Cumberland Youths, probably aroused a good deal of interest and curiosity among those not acquainted with the facts. The story of the connection between the Royal family of the Cumberlands and the ancient ringing society bearing the same name is a matter of history, but as some thousands of our readers may be unaware of the association, the occasion is not inopportune for recalling the circumstances.

The Royal Cumberlands are believed to have grown out of the London Scholars, a society which was established in the City of London to promote the art and science of change ringing at some time prior to the year 1702. The precise date of its origin is not known, but there seems to be no doubt that it was established long before the end of the seventeenth century. Of its performances some few records are to be found. The first known peal by the London Scholars was a 5040 of Grandsire Caters rung on January 15th, 1716 or 1717, at St. Bride's Church, Fleet Street, and this is supposed to be the first peal of Caters ever rung. The Society also rang the opening peal on the ring of twelve bells at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields on March 14th, 1727—6000 Grandsire Cinques—and on November 24th, 1729, rang 6204 Grandsire Cinques at St. Michael's, Cornhill.

The change of name came about the year 1746. In July, 1745, Charles Stuart, grandson of James II, landed in Scotland with the object of raising a rebellion against George II, driving him from the throne and restoring the House of Stuart. Charles at first met with unbroken success, and got as far south as Derby, whence he might have advanced on London. Instead, however, he retired to Scotland, where he again defeated the king's army at Falkirk. William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland, second son of George II, and the most skilful General the country possessed, was then sent against Charles, and on April 15th, 1746, so decisively defeated him at the Battle of Culloden that the rebellion was completely crushed. The Duke was hailed as a National Deliverer, and so general and enthusiastic was the popular feeling in his favour that it became the rage to adopt the name "Cumberland" on every possible occasion, and the London Scholars, following the fashion, called themselves the Cumberland Youths.

When the Duke entered London in July, 1746, on his return from Scotland, by the old North Road, through Kingsland and Shoreditch, the Society expressed their loyalty and joy by ringing at Shoreditch Church, and, in commemoration, the Duke had the medal, illustrated on this page, struck and presented to the Society. The medallion is about $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, with a Battersea enamel portrait of the Duke, surrounded by a band of dark green enamel inscribed "PRO-PATRIA-ET-AMICO," the whole being enclosed by a chased floral border. The exact date and circumstances of the presentation of the medal are not known, and the silver plate which is appended to the decoration, and which bears the date 1772, is probably later than the medal itself. This oval badge is also of silver, bearing in relief on a hatched ground a large gilt bell. On the field is the inscription:—

WM. MANLEY, ESQR., of ROCHESTER, KENT,

MASTER of the Society of Cumberland Youths, 1772.

Round a marginal belt is engraved

"HEALTH AND STRENGTH—CONCURS TO SUPPORT—THE NOBLE ART."

The medallion and badge, which are worn suspended by a red ribbon, are among the most cherished possessions of the Society, and are still worn by the Master on all special occasions.

The Royal Cumberland Youths, in the course of their long history, have many famous records to their credit, and many celebrated men have adorned their ranks. To this day the Society holds the record for the longest length of Treble Bob Royal—a peal of 12,000 in the Oxford variation, rung at St. Leonard's Shoreditch, in 9 hrs. 5 mins. on March 27th, 1784. To enumerate their many noteworthy performances would require more space than is at disposal in this number, but it is worth while mentioning, in these days when handbell peal ringing has reached such an advanced stage, that to the Royal Cumberlands belongs the honour of having rung the first peal on handbells retained in hand both at home and abroad. Of these two, the former was achieved in 1828, and was conducted by the well-known E. Giles, and the latter in the year 1855 in Paris, where, some members of the Society being on tour through the Continent, rang the first peal of the kind ever accomplished beyond the shores of Great Britain. This was conducted by the celebrated John Cox. The mention of this famous ringer and composer recalls the fact that

many giants of their day in the Exercise have been associated with the Society, and one may specially mention among the ancient worthies George Gross and his two sons, William Shipway, and Messrs. Jones, Reeves and Blackmore, the authors of the "Clavis."

In this article we have endeavoured to touch really upon one point only, namely, how the Cumberlands got their name. With that other famous London society, the College Youths, their history in the past was the history of the progress of the Exercise, and no one can tell what we of the present day owe to the efforts of the men who kept these societies alive and maintained, and improved the standard of ringing.

ODD CHANGES.

At the conclusion of the peal at Cardiff, on Thursday week, Mr. W. G. Miller was presented with a dressing case by his fellow ringers, as a parting gift, and with their best wishes for his future success and prosperity. Mr. Miller sailed on Wednesday for the West Coast of Africa.

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Another blind ringer! At Per shore, on Saturday, Mr. W. Charwood rang the tenor to his first peal. He is 67 years of age and totally blind. We congratulate him upon his performance.

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Mr. James C. Comb, to whose death we briefly referred last week, was one of the ringers who did not care for long touches. "Don't make it more than 500," he often used to say; but he rang one peal at St. Giles-in-the-Fields. He was a capital Grandsire ringer, and for upwards of 40 years he was one of those who met regularly at St. Clement Danes. He was at the time of his death the oldest member of the College Youths. He was also a member of the St. James', Bethnal Green and Hackney societies, and quiet and amiable in disposition, he was greatly respected at Highgate, Hampstead, Gospel Oak, etc. He passed away at an advanced age, from senile decay, and was laid to rest in the beautiful cemetery at New Southgate. A course of Grandsire Triples was rung over the grave by J. Barry, G. J. Smith, C. F. Winney and E. A. Young.

YORK MINSTER BELLS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—As several statements have appeared as to the weight of the tenor bell of York Minster, I would ask you kindly to publish this to prevent wilful inaccuracy being attributed to the founders.

The whole of the twelve bells were cast by Mears at this foundry. In 1844 eleven bells were cast to agree with the old tenor which had been saved from the fire. Five years later the old tenor was recast, the present bell being invoiced, in May, 1849, at 50 cwt. exactly.

By an oversight the weight of the first bell has never been corrected in reprints of our catalogue, consequently the bell has been reputed to weigh 53 cwt. 3 qrs. 7 lbs., which was the weight of the original tenor.

The many ringers who have succeeded in ringing peals on the Southwark Cathedral bells, which we have lately restored, will be interested to learn that the recast Southwark tenor, 50 cwt. 0 qrs. 21 lbs., is slightly heavier than that of York.—I remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

ARTHUR HUGHES (Mears and Stainbank).

LEEDS AND DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The monthly meeting of the above society was held at Tong on Saturday week, and was well attended by members from Pudsey, Mirfield, Guiseley, Burley, Bolton, Bramley, Halifax, Holbeck, Headingley and St. Michael's, together with the local company. The business meeting was held at the Greyhound Inn, the President occupying the chair.—On the motion of Mr. G. A. Jowet, seconded by Mr. W. Walland, the best thanks of the members was given to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells, and to the local company for their kind arrangements.—Mr. G. Bolland responded.

The President then gave a report of the Central Council meeting, which raised some interesting discussions, and every one present got a better insight into the Council's hard and tedious task to meet all sides.—A vote of thanks to the President for his report was carried, on the proposition of Mr. G. Whitaker, seconded by Mr. J. B. Jackson.—The tower was again visited, when some good practice in Minor was secured.

WARWICKSHIRES ON THE WARPATH.

WHERE CHANGE RINGING IS UNKNOWN.

Perhaps there is nothing more interesting than piloting a party of change ringers through a district in which change ringing is absolutely unknown, especially so when the party includes two capable lady ringers. Such was the writer's pleasant office on Saturday week, when a little tour of about thirty miles was successfully negotiated by a few members of the Warwickshire Guild. The programme was due to commence at Whitnash, near Leamington, at 12.0 noon, but, without going into details and apologies, the motor-cycle contingent did not arrive until 12.30. Here we found a pretty peal of six, very easy to handle, and a touch or two of Grandsire Doubles were brought round. The Rector informed us that he used to do a little ringing, but could not be persuaded to take a rope with us. Our next objective was Chadshunt, nine miles south, and far removed from the hurry and bustle of life. The church stands a mile distant from the village of Gaydon, and alone in its ancient glory. Here we picked up another member, who told us that Chadshunt was at one time a larger village than Gaydon, but appears to have been razed to the ground about the time of the battle of Edge Hill—in fact, it was part of the battle ground itself. How the church escaped like demolition is a problem not easy to solve. Perhaps it served too useful a purpose as a stable. We found a ring of six of some quality in very fair going order, and, with the addition to our band, some Bob Minor and Grandsire Doubles was accomplished. Hailstorms on the way had delayed our arrival here considerably, and so a move was made as soon as possible on to Kineton, where lunch was very welcome. We could not ring in this quaint old town owing to bells and tower being out of order, and, after lunch, our two lady members had to make all speed back to Warwick. The rest of us wended our way four miles to the base of the Edge Hill, where nestles the old-world village of Tysoe. This was the premier attraction of the outing, for here Messrs. Taylor had been at work last year, and both bells and tower had undergone thorough restoration. Mr. Shepherd, of Swindon and Birmingham fame, was waiting for us patiently, and the whole village appeared to have assembled to look at these strange men who could ring changes without talking—for we started with a plain course of Kent Minor. The bells are a fine-tone ring of six, and go magnificently, and the locals outside were heard to whisper that we "had rung bells before." Some Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob and Kent were brought round—a local man standing in for some part of the time on the tenor. Another refused to do so, saying, "he did not want to be mesmerised!"—Tea was enjoyed at the Vicar's kind invitation, and a course of Grandsire Triples was given on the handbells. Oxhill was our next port of call—a light ring of five, which went well to Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, and a few miles farther on another ring of five awaited us at Butler's Marston, with a tenor about 15 cwt. These proved very noisy indeed in the tower, but are nice bells, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles sounded well upon them. This was the finale to a round which, it is hoped, may do something towards exciting an interest in south-west Warwickshire in change ringing. It proved most enjoyable to all concerned, and our best thanks are due to the respective incumbents for their permission to ring, and also to the local ringers at every place who had everything in readiness for us. In all the towers visited, except Whitnash, there had never been any change ringing done before, and a rather unique experience of the afternoon was that we never climbed a stair to ring; in every case the ropes came down to the ground floor.

C. C. C.

THE MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the North and East district was held on Saturday week at St. Matthew's, Upper Clapton, and was attended by a fair number of ringers, not quite up to the average. A short but very interesting address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. O. R. Dawson) and the ringers' hymn, "Unchanging God, who livest," was sung. Tea was served in the Parish Hall, under the supervision of Mr. H. J. Sudell, captain of the local band, and some lady friends.

At the meeting following, five new members were elected. The Hon. Secretary (Mr. C. T. Colce) moved a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his very instructive address, and for so kindly presiding at tea, and also to the Rev. W. E. Andrews (Homerton) for placing his bells at the disposal of the members. The Rev. O. R. Dawson replied, welcoming the members once again to Clapton. He hoped that they would soon come in much greater numbers to hold their annual meeting, as they did just over a year ago.—A vote of thanks was also passed to the ladies who had so kindly waited at tea, and to Mr. Sudell and the local ringers for their exceedingly hearty welcome.—Much use was made of the bells during the afternoon and evening, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent, Cambridge Surprise, being rung. Mr. J. Thomas rang two bells to a touch of Stedman Triples, on which feat he was heartily congratulated. A visit was paid to St. Paul's, Homerton, and touches of Grandsire Doubles, Bob Minor, Oxford Treble Bob, and a course of Cambridge Surprise Minor, were rung.—A hearty welcome was given to the Association by Mr. Dymont, and other members of the local band, some of them joining in the ringing.

FROME.—At the Parish Church, recently, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 48 mins.: S. J. Hector 1, H. J. Scammel 2, W. F. Bishop 3, Jesse Francis 4, A. K. Harrison 5, A. M. G. Daniel 6, G. H. Harding (conductor) 7, S. Francis 8.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
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THE CENTRAL COUNCIL MEETING.

SPECIALLY REPORTED FOR "THE RINGING WORLD."

THE REPRESENTATION OF THE LADIES' GUILD.

The question of the representation of the Ladies' Guild on the Central Council was before the Newcastle meeting, the following motion being on the agenda: "That the Ladies' Guild of Change Ringers should be represented on the Council, and if thought well, to move a resolution on the subject."

The President said the Rev. G. F. Coleridge had undertaken to introduce the matter, but he thought he (the President) ought to make an explanation. A year ago, Miss Parker, the secretary of the Ladies' Guild, spoke to him about it, and asked him whether he did not think they ought to have representation. He was then in doubt whether they would be able to muster a sufficient number—seventy-five—to claim representation, and it was suggested that the Council might possibly see their way to reducing the qualifying number in the instance of the Ladies' Guild. That suggestion had been withdrawn by Miss Parker, as she believed that in another year they would number 75 members or thereabouts. She had also written since the agenda came out to say that in her opinion, and that of her advisers, it would be desirable to postpone the whole question for a year. He wrote back, after consulting Mr. Davies, to say that their opinion was, that having been put on the agenda, and in view of the fact that there were a large number of ringers throughout the country that wanted the question discussed, it would be better to let the subject be discussed. The position of the Ladies' Guild was this. They were not definitely at the moment asking for representation on the Council. If they did so ask in another year, it would not be accompanied by any request that the rules of the Council, so far as the qualifying number was concerned, should be altered for them. The direction that the discussion ought to take that day, if he might say so, was that of ventilating the matter. He did not think it was desirable that any resolution should be formulated. It was a matter upon which a large number of ringers felt very strongly one way or the other, and he doubted whether the representatives there dare take on themselves to express a very definite opinion as to what the associations they represented thought about it. They might, therefore, open up the question, and go back to their associations and find out their feeling, so that next year they could go to the Council with definite views.

SHOULD LADIES BE ADMITTED?

The Rev. G. F. Coleridge said he had often noticed at those meetings that a subject which was very abstruse was followed by one which was very much lighter and more interesting to many people. It was so that day. A subject of Superlative complexity, was followed by a matter of superlative grace and beauty (hear, hear). After a facetious reference to the moving times and the aggressive tactics of certain ladies desiring the franchise, the speaker went on to say that many of them would have soon to decide whether women should be represented on the councils of the church, and the question before them that day was whether the ladies should be, not only able to vote for representatives upon the Council, but be represented by one of their own sex. He was not going into the question whether the men cared for the presence of ladies in the belfry—a great deal might be said about it on both sides—the simple question before them was whether the ladies should be represented on that Council. The only answer he could find in his own mind was "Yes." There was nothing to prevent any guild or association sending a lady representative to that meeting, and so, when the Ladies' Guild came up to the number of 75, they would be perfectly right, he took it, in sending their representative. One or two questions, however, cropped up. For instance, they were the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers. But was it a fact that everyone in the Ladies' Guild was a church bell ringer. One or two, he knew, were only handbell ringers. He would not move any resolution on the subject, although if it were thought well after the discussion he would do so.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said he had two lady ringers in his tower, and Miss Alice White, the president of the Ladies' Guild, was a ringer in his own diocese. He could only say from his experience, that he thought the time had come when lady ringers would have to receive their proper recognition and place in that Council. In many places they were setting a most splendid example to the men, and his own experience was that they were the greatest possible help in the tower (hear, hear). The question of the representation of ladies in other church matters had come up, as Mr. Coleridge had said, and the church had discovered what an enormous amount of good they could do. It was only recently they had been welcomed in the belfries, and the time might come when they would serve on some of the important councils of the Church. He hoped that Council would next year welcome a representative from the Ladies' Guild.

LADIES' REPRESENTATION OPPOSED.

Mr. G. P. Burton said he felt he must oppose the introduction of ladies to that Council for every reason. The argument that ladies were not represented was quite fallacious, for the ladies had voted already as regards representation on that Council, because the members of the Ladies' Guild were also members of the ordinary associations. What more did they want? He also opposed it on the ground that it was best for the ladies if they could be kept out of the

belfries altogether ("No, no"). He was glad to say, as regards his own belfry, they had been saved from such an awkward predicament as having ladies there. They were threatened with it, but they had got over the difficulty. It was much too soon after the formation of the Ladies' Guild to consider the question of representation. He did not see what good it was going to do. They were said to have rung a peal—

The President: I don't think that is quite fair.

Mr. Burton said they could not ring the peal without a man in the belfry.

The President: You cannot say that.

Mr. Burton said the fact of that peal seemed to have made a few hot-headed people lose their heads. Then there was the territorial point. The Council had already had to consider whether it was right to have representatives there at all who did not stand for territorial divisions. They knew they must have representatives from the College Youths on the Council, because they looked upon the position of that society's representatives as a historical position, but if they could choose they would not have societies, who had no territorial position, there at all. Apply that to the Ladies' Guild and where were they? They were what would be called plural voters. They would vote with their associations, and then send their own representative there in an unduly privileged position.

Mr. P. J. Johnson thought Mr. Burton was wide of the mark in some respects. He spoke of the delegates of the College Youths coming there out of respect for the society as a historical foundation. He (the speaker) believed the rules of the Council laid down the fact that any society that had a membership of 75 could claim a representative on the Council (hear, hear). If the ladies liked to form an association, and had sufficient intelligence to ring peals, he thought they had sufficient intelligence to be represented on that Council. He had great pleasure in supporting Mr. Coleridge's remarks.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said he should be quite willing to agree to ladies being represented on the Council, but with regard to the wider question, he was very much in sympathy with Mr. Burton. It might be only prejudice, but he felt that ringing was not a suitable exercise for ladies. He was not sufficiently up in medical knowledge to know, but he doubted if bell ringing was as suitable for ladies as for men, from that point of view. He was very much more doubtful as to the advisability of having mixed bands for ladies and men in the same tower. In other sports they did not find them mixing.

Voices: Golf, Hockey, Tennis.

The Rev. H. J. Elsee said wherever they found them mixing in games they would find separate rooms, which would not be easily possible in a tower. He thought if ladies wanted to be ringers they had much better have bands entirely of ladies.

OXFORD GUILD'S DEBT TO LADIES.

The Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn remarked that he would like to say how very much the Oxford Guild owed to the work of the ladies throughout the diocese. In many a benighted country place he could tell them of the excellent work that had been done in promoting the cause of the Guild, in providing instruction, and in organising generally.

The President said he thought there were very few representatives who would be ready to vote on the question without first feeling more accurately the pulse of their associations. To vote for the representation of the Ladies' Guild on that Council did not necessarily imply that they were in favour of mixed bands of ladies and men in the tower. There was also the very nice point of whether a Guild which might be composed of a large number of handbell ringers could very fairly be represented on a body of church bell ringers. This would want thinking out. He did not suppose that they as a Council could have very much to say as to how far this ladies' movement would go, but if, as it appeared likely, it was to go forward it was questionable whether it would be wise to exclude them from their Council, if there was a reasonable prospect of getting them there on fairly logical terms. The whole matter seemed to him to be extremely complicated. He had been asked several times for his opinion, and he had declined to give it for the reason that the question had not been sufficiently ventilated. The members might try before next year to assure themselves of the feeling of their associations, and in all probability public opinion would become more crystallised before then, and they would be in a position to pass some resolution.

The subject was then allowed to drop.

THE REGULATIONS FOR RECORD PEALS.

Mr. George Bolland moved: "To call renewed attention to the Council's recommendation passed in 1902 and incorporated in 'Rules and Decisions' to the effect that not less than seven days' notice shall be given in the columns of the ringing papers, stating the tower, day and hour at which any attempt is to be made to surpass any previous peal." He said people had been ringing record peals and not giving due notice. On Easter Monday, the Kent Association rang four peals in one day, and those peals made 20,000 odd changes. To his mind, he thought they ought to have given seven days' notice of the attempt. The Yorkshire Association held the record on six bells, and he should not like it taken from them without due consideration. He moved this resolution, therefore, in order to jog the memory of those contemplating long peals.

The Rev. H. Law James pointed out that the regulations did not apply to what was done by the Kent Association, because that was four separate peals.

Mr. Bolland: It is the only time there has been four peals rung in one day.

The Rev. H. Law James said the Council's regulations dealt with peals of record length at one standing.

The President said Mr. Bolland's point fell to the ground on that account. These four peals were not making a record length.

There was no seconder for the resolution, which, therefore, fell to the ground.

THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

The President said in accordance with their regular scheme, the South of England was the proper locality for their meeting in 1914. Three places had been suggested: Southampton, Portsmouth and Winchester. The Standing Committee had come to the conclusion that Winchester would be the best of the three.

Mr. Griffin moved, and Mr. Narborough seconded Winchester.

The Rev. F. L. Edwards suggested Portsmouth as providing better facilities for ringing.

The President pointed out that ringing was not the first object.

The Rev. C. E. Matthews said if the Council decided on Winchester he would do everything in his power to help the hon. secretary in regard to the meeting and finding accommodation for the visitors.

Winchester was then carried unanimously.

THANKS.

The Hon. Secretary, amid applause, moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Routledge, as President of Durham and Newcastle Association, and the other members of the Association who had so kindly helped them to have an exceedingly pleasant and agreeable time. Speaking for himself, he owed Mr. Routledge a deep debt of gratitude for the pains he had taken in regard to that meeting. He had taken a great burden off his (the hon. secretary's) shoulders, and had carried through the whole business of making the arrangements from first to last. The members, he was sure, fully appreciated the trouble he had taken to ensure their enjoyment (applause). — The President seconded, and the motion was carried by acclamation. — Mr. Routledge, in replying, said the Durham and Newcastle Association felt highly honoured at getting the Council to go so far north. It was a herculean task to get to Newcastle from the south, and they felt flattered that they had got such a fine collection of men to come there and sample their good city (applause).

In proposing a vote of thanks to the President, the Rev. G. F. Coleridge said so large a gathering in that northern town showed what interest there was in the work of the Council. He was sure that year by year the strength of the Council was increasing, and gradually becoming, what from the first they hoped, by careful nursing it would become, the same authoritative body in regard to ringing that the Marylebone club was in regard to cricket (hear, hear).

The motion having been carried, the President briefly replied, and the meeting terminated at 6 p.m., having lasted from 11 a.m., with an interval of an hour and a half for lunch.

THE SHEFFIELD DISTRICT SOCIETY.

The June meeting of this Society was held at Norton on Saturday, and proved very successful, about 25 ringers being present from Beighton, Bolsterstone, Dore, Dronfield, Eckington, Killamarsh, Leeds, Rammoor, Rotherham, Sheffield, and Worksoy. The methods rung during the day included Superlative Surprise, Double Norwich, Kent Treble Bob, and Plain Bob Major, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, and Oxford and Violet Treble Bob Minor, and some very good striking was heard. — A vote of thanks to the Vicar and to the local company closed the proceedings.

SALISBURY GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING AT ENFORD.

A monthly meeting of the Devizes branch was held at Enford on Saturday last, and the afternoon being very fine and pleasant, a goodly number of ringers attended from Fittleton, Beechingstoke, Enford, Potterne, Devizes, St. John, Great Cheverell, Southbroom, Market Lavington, Upavon, Marlborough, St. Mary, Christchurch, Swindon, and Chilton. The bells were kept going, with short intervals, during the afternoon and evening, and the bells of Upavon and Fittleton were also in use, many of the ringers availing themselves of the opportunity of visiting these towers in addition to that at Enford.

Tea was very kindly provided in the Parish Room at Enford by the Vicar and Miss Branfoot, when 50 ringers, with the Enford Church choir, and several visitors, sat down to an excellent spread, which was thoroughly enjoyed. — The Rev. W. H. Branfoot, the genial Vicar of Enford, presided, supported by the Rev. H. E. Tilney-Bassett, Rector of Beechingstoke, and Master of the Guild; the Rev. J. A. Sturton, Vicar of Market Lavington, chairman of the branch; the Rev. P. J. Dale, Rector of Fittleton; and Mr. H. Brownlee West, hon. branch secretary. Evensong was afterwards said by the Vicar in the church, the nave of which was fairly well filled. The short service was most impressive, the music and the singing of the choir being like the "go" of the bells—most excellent. Everyone enjoyed that simple service very much, and after it was concluded, the tower was re-visited and the bells pealed forth again their sweet melody.

A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar and Miss Branfoot for the generous and cordial manner in which they welcomed this, the first visit of the Guild, to Enford; a visit so thoroughly enjoyed by all who participated in it.

A DOUBLE MEETING.

KENT ASSOCIATION AND ROMNEY MARSH GUILD AT WOODCHURCH.

An interim meeting of the Ashford Division of the Kent Association, in conjunction with the Romney Marsh and District Guild, was held at Woodchurch on Saturday week. The Guild assembles annually at this tower, but on former occasions, the meeting has been convened in the depth of winter. The present experience, however, proved that summer was a far more pleasant time of the year for the visit. The members were pleased to notice that the belfry has undergone complete renovation, and presents a far more comfortable appearance. Change ringing has also been taken up, and the young band has made a capital start, under the tuition of Mr. C. Tribe. All these alterations are due to the energies of the Rector (the Rev. S. H. Rendall), who intimated to the Guild members over twelve months ago, his intention of endeavouring to revive method ringing in the parish. Now that a start has been made, it is hoped that change ringing will continue to progress. The new band ring Bob Doubles proficiently, and two of their members participated in several courses of Bob Minor on inside bells. The other ringing consisted of many 120's of Grandsire and Bob Doubles, and a 720 of Bob Minor. The towers represented, in addition to the local one, were: Rye, Tenterden, Stone-in-Oxney, Rolvenden and Biddenden.

The Rector presided at the business meeting, and it was decided that the combined meeting of the Sussex and Kent Associations at Rye on the 21st inst. would suffice for the June meeting of the Guild.

The Rector and the Woodchurch band were invited to attend this gathering, and, in reply, the reverend gentleman said he would do all he could to get his ringers to be present. He would like to be there himself, and offered to drive some of his own ringers in his conveyance.

Mr. Percy Milton, of Woodchurch, was elected a member of the Guild, and it was decided to attempt a peal of Grandsire Triples at Rolvenden on the 14th inst. The Guild were very unlucky with their last monthly peal at Appledore. The place for rounds to come up was reached, but a shift course had taken place during the last ten minutes.

The Rector extended to the visitors a very warm welcome to Woodchurch. He thought it was good for them to meet together, for by so doing, it produced a harmony of bells and hearts. He owed a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Tribe for all his labours in assisting the Woodchurch ringers, and he heartily thanked him. When they came again, he would be pleased for the party to visit the rectory and partake of tea, prior to the ringing. Continuing, he referred to the great progress made in the status of the ringer during the past twenty years. Ringers had become Church workers, and were reverent and of good behaviour. They were grateful that such an improvement had taken place.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Rector concluded the business.

Another combined meeting is to be held by the Kent Association on June 21st, when members of Ashford District will meet the Sussex Eastern Division at Rye. It is hoped there will be a large attendance, in order that the meeting may be a great success.

A RINGER'S WEDDING.

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday at the historic Church of St. Andrew's, Clewer, near Windsor, when Miss F. Bailey, of Clewer, was married to Mr. Frederick Spring, of Holly Bush Hill, Stoke Poges. The bridegroom has been a much respected member of the Stoke Poges belfry for several years, and also a member of the choir since quite a small boy. By the courtesy of the Rector and ringers of St. Andrew's, six Oxford Guild members visited the church to ring as the wedding party left. A 360 Bob Minor was rung by: G. H. Gutteridge 1, A. Bateman 2, D. F. Gibbons 3, J. J. Parker 4, W. Henley (conductor) 5, J. L. Bateman 6; and a 720 of Oxford Bob, conducted by G. Gutteridge. The bells are a nice musical ring of six by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank, and the ringers, who represented Farnham Royal, Fulmer, Stoke Poges and the Whitechapel Foundry, united in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spring every happiness.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Hunts District of the above was held at Somersham on Saturday week. The proceedings commenced with a tea at the Black Bull Inn, at 4 p.m., followed by a meeting at which, in the temporary absence of the Vicar, the Rev. W. H. Hamilton took the chair. Among others present were: The Rev. H. B. Woolley (district secretary), and Messrs. W. J. Goss (Ramsey), T. Creasey, T. Metcalf (Somersham), F. Rowlinson, A. J. Abrams, D. Crashley (Chatteris), E. Townhead (Sutton), etc.—Mr. G. D. Coleman was elected to serve on the committee with Mr. W. J. Goss, and several new members were admitted. — It was decided to hold the next meeting (with the consent of the authorities) at Huntingdon some time in October.

Afterwards an adjournment was made to the tower, where, despite the bad "go" of the bells, 360 Bob Minor and touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob were successfully brought round, besides a touch of Bob Major on handbells. The tower was visited during the evening by the Rev. A. H. Walker (Vicar), who had just returned from a holiday, and the Rev. B. H. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who took part in the ringing.

The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells.

NOTICES.

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POSTPONEMENT.—The unveiling of the peal board at Cripplegate, commemorating the "John" peal of Cinques, is unavoidably postponed to Saturday, June 28th.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS (Established 1637).—Meetings for practice will be held at St. John's, Hackney, on June 24th; Southwark Cathedral on June 17th; St. Magnus, Lower Thames Street, on June 19th; St. Paul's Cathedral, on June 24th; St. Mary's, Walthamstow, on Saturdays. St. Magnus at 7.30; the others at 8 p.m.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Bolton Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Newchurch, near Warrington, on Saturday, June 14th. Bells available from 2. Meeting at 6 o'clock.—G. Pincott, Branch Secretary.

ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—A district meeting will be held at Long Stanton on Saturday, June 14th. Short service at 5 o'clock. Tea in school room at 5.30. All ringing friends will be welcome.—P. Webb, Ickleton, Saffron Walden, District Secretary.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Liverpool Branch.—A meeting will be held at Childwall on Saturday, June 14th. Bells ready at 4.30.—Walter Hughes.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Northern Branch.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Bromsgrove on Saturday, June 14th. The bells (10) will be available at 3 p.m. Service in the church at 4.45 p.m. Tea, 8d. each, will be provided in the schools at 5.30 p.m. Business meeting to follow. All ringers and friends cordially invited.—E. J. Dowler, Branch Secretary, 9, Edward Road, Bournbrook, Birmingham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below. It is particularly requested that all members intending to be present will advise their secretaries on or before Tuesday, June 17th, as, a large attendance being anticipated, the arrangements for tea will involve a considerable amount of time and work.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea (9d.) at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Please send work by Tuesday, 17th inst. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room. Will those intending to be present kindly notify Mr. W. E. Higgs, King's Road, Oakham, not later than Thursday, June 19th, so that proper arrangements may be made.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. Tea will be provided at 6d. each for those who order from me by June 16th. All subscriptions are now due.—F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual festival will be held at Greens Norton on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Service in church at 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 o'clock. Dinner 12.30. Ringing at 2 o'clock.—Frank Causebrook, Hon. Secretary.

ST. PETER'S AMALGAMATED SOCIETY, SHEFFIELD.—The next meeting of the above society will be held at Dronfield on Saturday, June 21st. Tower open from 4 to 8.30.—J. Evinson, 91, Clarence Street, Sheffield.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

SAFFRON WALDEN SOCIETY.—The 290th anniversary of this Society will be held on Friday, the 27th June. All friends welcome.—R. A. Strong, Secretary.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. S. Bulpit and W. Benthall, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send

notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. and St. Nicholas' by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., Shottery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Western Division).—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bull Inn at 5.30, to members who notify me by June 25th, at 9d. All ringers and friends invited.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. A. J. Trappitt, of Beddington, has removed to 41, Alston Road, High Barnet, Herts.

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WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

Puttenham was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Guildford District of the Winchester Guild held on May 31st. There was a large attendance, and a short service was held. At the service, the Rector (the Rev. D. G. Clarke) gave an appropriate address. Church bell ringers, he said, were the oldest band of workers in the English Church, and he had great pleasure in welcoming them to Puttenham. He hoped that the work they were engaged in would always prosper, and that they would carry out the duty of ringing in the spirit in which the church wished them to do: namely, to help those around them in times of joy and in times of sorrow, by sympathising with them in the changing circumstances of life.

After the service, tea was served in the old Schoolroom, and subsequently a business meeting was held.—During the day touches of Plain Bob, Kent Treble Bob, Canterbury and Cambridge Surprise Minor were rung.

TALLAND CHURCH, CORNWALL.

To the Editor.

Sir.—The tower and four bells of Talland having fallen into a state of disrepair, which makes the bells very dangerous to ring, a scheme has been set on foot to collect about £350 to effect a thorough restoration and add two more bells to make a ring of six, at the earnest desire of the ringers. Since Christmas, £105 has been collected locally, and from friends; but in such a poor parish it is difficult to see how the entire balance can be raised, and I, as treasurer, have, therefore, decided to appeal to all the ringers of England (through "The Ringing World") to help us.

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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,

Architect, Diocesan Surveyor.

MODERN WORK.

WAKE UP, HEREFORD!

Thanks to the interest evinced by a correspondent, who may be termed somewhat of an "outsider," we are able to publish this week a report of the annual festival of the Hereford Diocesan Guild. But for this gentleman's thoughtful desire that the successful day's proceedings should not go unchronicled, no record would, we are informed, have been sent to the ringing papers. Now is this as it should be? We do not say that anyone is to blame, for very frequently it happens that what is anybody's business is nobody's business. At the same time it is surely in the interests of any association that the doings at its annual meeting should be known not only to those of its members who attend, but to that far larger section who are, for a variety of reasons, unable to be present—to say nothing of the general interest which other associations have in their neighbours. But on that point we need not dwell. A word to the wise is sufficient, and perhaps in future someone officially connected with the Guild will make himself responsible for sending a report of the proceedings, so that the members in particular and the Exercise in general may learn of the progress that is being made. In the present instance the friendly correspondent has supplied a concise and happily worded report.

There is, however, another matter in which Hereford may well "wake up." In some respects it is abreast of the times, such, for instance, as the provision of a paid instructor. But we learn with some surprise that there is apparently no system in operation for periodical meetings. Only once a year does the association meet—on the occasion of the annual festival, and it seems to us that by the absence of minor gatherings at frequent intervals it misses one of the greatest opportunities for extending its work and bringing it into close touch with the ringers of the diocese.

We are told that there are difficulties in the way of quarterly meetings. Surely they are not insurmountable! A little thoughtful organisation and much might be done; for what is possible in practically all the other associations ought to be feasible in Herefordshire. The advantages of quarterly or district meetings are so manifest and so well recognised that there is no need to enlarge upon the subject; indeed the Hereford Guild have gone some way to acknowledge the principle in "sanctioning" unofficial combined practices. We should like to see Herefordshire bring its organisation up to date. It has a lot of five and six bell towers, to say nothing of the churches with greater numbers, and there is no reason why it should not extend its activities, if organised on progressive lines.

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AT THE CHURCH OF ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE ROYAL, 5040 CHANCES;

Tenor 21 cwt.

GEORGE W. TOMKINS ... Treble	CHARLES H. GORDON ... 6
HARRY BROWNJOHN ... 2	WILLIAM KNIGHT ... 7
ALFRED E. REEVES ... 3	WILLIAM STOWELL ... 8
ALBERT STOWELL ... 4	JOHN A. BURFORD ... 9
GEORGE CONDICK, Junr. ... 5	WILLIAM A. CAVE ... Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

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The conductor's rooth peal. Rung on the occasion of the great demonstration in Bristol against the Welsh Disestablishment Bill.

CHESTERFIELD, DERBYSHIRE.

THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Eighteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY AND ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF LITTLE BOB ROYAL, 5184 CHANCES;

Tenor 24½ cwt.

*GEORGE HOLLIS ... Treble	*JOHN C. DICKEN ... 6
WALTER ALLWOOD ... 2	*ALFRED C. WRIGHT ... 7
SAMUEL WESLEY ... 3	JOHN H. BROTHWELL ... 8
GEORGE LEWIS ... 4	*THOMAS W. GORE ... 9
CLEMENT GLENN ... 5	*ARTHUR KNIGHTS ... Tenor

Composed by GEORGE LEWIS, and

Conducted by CLEMENT GLENN.

* First peal in the method. First peal of Royal in the method by the Association. First peal in the method on the bells. First peal of Royal in the method by the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 8th.

WEDNESBURY, STAFFORDSHIRE.

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Ten Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5063 CHANCES;

Tenor 24 cwt. 0 qr. 18 lbs.

WALTER E. BRITAIN ... Treble	GEORGE HUGHES ... 6
EDGAR T. SMITH ... 2	*THOMAS HUGHES ... 7
CHRISTOPHER WALLATER ... 3	ALFRED ROWLEY ... 8
ALBERT C. BLONDELL ... 4	WILLIAM E. COOPER ... 9
JESSE SCREEN ... 5	BENJAMIN GOUGH ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by GEORGE HUGHES.

* First peal of Stedman Caters. First peal of Stedman Caters on the bells. It is also the first peal of Stedman Caters for the Dudley and District Guild. This peal has the 6th 23 courses behind the 9th in the tittums, and 24 courses behind the 8th with 72 sixes with 8—6 behind in the hand stroke home position.

ASTON MANOR, BIRMINGHAM.

THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

(ASTON BRANCH.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF SS. PETER AND PAUL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANCES;

Tenor 22 cwt.

*WALTER SEATON ... Treble	THOMAS BLOORE ... 6
ALFRED JONES ... 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS ... 7
†WILLIAM G. ANKER ... 3	JOHN JENNINGS ... 8
JAMES JONES ... 4	WILLIAM G. ELLIS ... 9
WILLIAM H. JONES ... 5	WILLIAM DAVIES ... Tenor

Composed by JOHN CARTER, and

Conducted by WILLIAM G. ELLIS.

* First peal. † First peal of Caters with a bob bell. W. Seaton was made a member before starting.

LONDON.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND THE
ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY, WESTMINSTER.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Seventeen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET, WESTMINSTER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CATERS, 5043 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt.

ALFRED W. GRIMES Treble	JAMES E. DAVIS 6
CHARLES T. COLES 2	ARTHUR HUGHES 7
ARTHUR N. HARDY 3	REUBEN SAUNDERS 8
HAROLD N. BURTON 4	WILLIAM PYE 9
ERNEST BRETT 5	JOHN H. B. HESSE Tenor

Composed by C. CHARGE, and
Conducted by JAMES E. DAVIS.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

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THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12 cwt.

JAMES WHEELER... .. Treble	WILLIAM WHEELER... .. 5
GEORGE DENT 2	WALTER TARLING 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	HENRY BOTTRILL 7
WILLIAM DELLAR 4	HARRY SMALE Tenor

Composed by H. DAINS, and
Conducted by G. DENT.

Rung as a farewell peal to H. Smale, who has since left for
Australia.

PULHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING Treble	JOHN SNELLING... .. 5
*BERTIE TURNER 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
FREDERICK SEAGER 3	CHARLES BRICE 7
ERNEST WHITING 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by J. W. WASHBROOK, and
Conducted by C. BRICE.

* First peal in the method.

REDDISH, STOCKPORT.
THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ELIZABETH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANCES;

Tenor 12½ cwt.

REV. A. T. BEESTON Treble	ALBERT HOUGH 5
*HARRY WASHBROOK 2	WALTER W. WOLSTENCROFT 6
ALFRED BARNES... .. 3	FREDERICK PAGE 7
TOM WILDE 4	JOHN T. BOTTRILL Tenor

Composed by E. C. GOBEY, and
Conducted by REV. A. T. BEESTON.

* First peal in the method.

STOKE COVENTRY.

THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

(THE ST. MICHAEL'S SOCIETY.)

On Wednesday, June 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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PENTRE RHONDDA.

THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Three Hours and Seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 26 cwt. 3 qr. 10 lbs., in E flat.

*HARRY PAGE Treble	FREDERICK CHAMBERLAIN 5
*GEORGE CROSS 2	*WILLIAM PAGE 6
*TOM PAGE 3	*JAMES CROSS 7
JOSEPH E. SYKES 4	BENJAMIN THORPE Tenor

Composed by JOHN THORPE, and
Conducted by BENJAMIN THORPE.

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

HETHERSETT, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 12, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. REMIGIUS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

A VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

FREDERICK J. HOWCHIN ... Treble	BENJAMIN THOMPSON ... 5
WILLIAM HEMPEL 2	GEORGE H. CROSS 6
GEORGE HOWCHIN 3	ALBERT G. WARNES 7
WILLIAM STEELE 4	FREDERICK MIDDLETON ... Tenor

Conducted by A. G. WARNES.

First peal in the method on the bells. This was the first of a series
of farewell peals to the ringer of the 2nd prior to his leaving the
district.

ISLEWORTH, MIDDLESEX.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Friday, June 13, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF OXFORD TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 16 cwt. 0 qr. 24 lbs.

JOHN H. B. HESSE Treble	WILLIAM J. NEW 5
BERTRAM PREWETT 2	JOHN SPARROW 6
GEORGE SPENCER 3	ALFRED W. GRIMES 7
WILLIAM H. FUSSELL 4	WILLIAM SHEPHERD... .. Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by ALFRED W. GRIMES.

WYMONDHAM, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Forty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF LONDON SURPRISE MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 25 cwt.

EDWIN WHITING... .. Treble	FREDERICK MANSER... .. 5
JOHN SNELLING 2	GEORGE SNELLING 6
ERNEST WHITING 3	FREDERICK SEAGER 7
BERTIE TURNER 4	FREDERICK BORRETT Tenor

Composed by N. J. PITSTOW, and
Conducted by EDWIN WHITING.

First peal in the method as conductor. First peal in the method on
the bells.

HERNEHILL, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MICHAEL,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S ONE-PART.

*EDWARD R. TRENDELL ... Treble	EDWARD E. FOREMAN ... 5
IVO HADLOW 2	HORACE GILBERT 6
ALFRED T. W. BONES 3	EDWARD TRENDELL... .. 7
FRANK ELSEY 4	PERCY J. PRICE Tenor

Conducted by E. TRENDELL.

* First peal. The ringer of the treble is 14 years of age.

LEISTON, SUFFOLK.
THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

(ST. MARGARET'S SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARGARET,

A PEAL OF CAMBRIDGE SURPRISE MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 20½ cwt., in E.

ALFRED KEEBLE Treble	ERNEST S. BAILEY 5
ALLEN F. BAILEY 2	EDGAR H. BAILEY 6
JAMES M. BAILEY 3	CHARLES SAMPSON 7
GEORGE WILSON 4	CHARLES F. BAILEY ... Tenor

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

First peal in the method by Allen F. Bailey, who is only 17 years of age.

NETHERSEALE, DERBYSHIRE.
THE MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Two Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PITSTOW'S VARIATION. Tenor 11½ cwt.

EDWARD I. STONE Treble	JOHN HOUGH 5
WILLIAM W. WORTHINGTON 2	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 6
*WALTER HAIR 3	JOSEPH GRIFFIN 7
HERBERT HURDMAN 4	*ALBERT WAGG Tenor

Conducted by J. GRIFFIN.

* First peal in the method.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Three Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. GILES-IN-THE FIELDS,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

REV. C. D. P. DAVIES' FIVE-PART. Tenor 18 cwt.

*ALBERT E. MILLETT ... Treble	HENRY RUMENS 5
GEORGE B. LUCAS, Senr. 2	WILLIAM J. COOPER ... 6
ALFRED HOWELL 3	FRED C. MAYNARD 7
JAMES C. ADAMS 4	CHARLES J. DAVIDSON ... Tenor

Conducted by G. B. LUCAS, Senr.

* First peal.

STANSTED, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5088 CHANCES;

Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE JORDAN Treble	JOHN LUCKEY 5
ALFRED PRIOR 2	THOMAS JORDAN 6
HENRY J. TUCKER 3	THOMAS J. WATTS 7
WALTER PRIOR 4	WILLIAM WATTS Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and
Conducted by WILLIAM WATTS.

First peal by A. Prior who hails from Leyton. Rung as a birthday compliment to Mrs. F. Butler.

BOLTON, YORKS.
THE YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-eight Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

PARKER'S TWELVE-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN PALFRAMAN Treble	FREDERICK W. DIXON ... 5
FIRTH HOPWOOD 2	JOHN MCKELL 6
FRANCIS WOODHEAD 3	WILLIAM B. SMITH 7
JOHN B. JACKSON 4	JOHN W. WRIGHT Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK W. DIXON.

Rung as a birthday compliment to A. Gill, a member of the local band.

LUTTERWORTH, LEICESTERSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours,
AT THE WYCLIFFE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

TAYLOR'S SIX-PART. Tenor 15 cwt.

HARRY O. WHITE Treble	FREDERICK J. HERBERT ... 5
PETER ROURKE 2	*WALTER WILLIAMS 6
SAMUEL POOLE 3	WALTER MALINS 7
ARCHIBALD J. ROSS 4	WILLIAM G. TILCOCK ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER WILLIAMS.

* First peal as conductor. This is the first peal on the bells conducted by a local man. Messrs. W. Malins and H. O. White hail from Rugby, and the remainder are members of the St. Mary's Society.

ROTHERFIELD, SUSSEX.
THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. DENIS,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 24½ cwt.

ALBERT D. STONE Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
GEORGE H. HOWSE 2	OLIVER SIPPETTS 6
*HORACE ROFFE BUTCHER 3	KEITH HART 7
EDWARD C. MERRITT ... 4	WILLIAM JENNER Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

* First peal in the method and first attempt. Rung as the usual quarterly peal of the Eastern Division of the County.

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

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Fourteen Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANCES;

Tenor 19 cwt. 1 qr. 24 lbs.

FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER Treble	JOHN THOMAS LADD ... 5
†WILLIAM DICKENSON ... 2	†CHARLES HENRY BAKER 6
*JOHN THOMAS BARTRAM ... 3	†PERCY BALLANCE ... 7
JOHN CHARLES TINKER ... 4	†WALTER AYRE Tenor

Composed by J. ARMIGER TROLLOPE, and

Conducted by FREDERICK S. W. BUTLER.

* First peal. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal of Bob Major First peal of Major as conductor. Arranged for W. Ayre, who hails from Lenton, Nottingham.

LONDON.
THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND
LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-one Minutes,
AT CHRIST CHURCH, CUBITT TOWN, E,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART. Tenor 12 cwt.

WILLIAM A. DONALDSON ... Treble	REUBEN SANDERS 5
EDWARD T. WIGG 2	HAROLD W. CLARK 6
ARTHUR J. NEALE 3	EDWIN BARNETT, Senr. ... 7
THOMAS H. HAWKINS ... 4	DALBY HODGSON Tenor

Conducted by EDWIN BARNETT, Senr.

This peal was rung as a farewell to W. A. Donaldson, who was leaving for Canada on the 19th.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

OVER, CAMBRIDGESHIRE.
THE ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being one 720 of Woodbine and three each of Oxford and Kent.

Tenor 15½ cwt.

*J. BRUCE WILLIAMSON ... Treble	WILLIAM D. JAMES ... 4
FREDERICK BARKER 2	FRANK E. KEMPTON ... 5
ABRAHAM WILKINSON ... 3	A. GEORGE RIVERS ... Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM D. JAMES.

* First peal on tower bells. This is the first peal on the bells.

BRIDSTOW, HEREFORDSHIRE.
THE HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Tuesday, June 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-six Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. BRIDGET,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

*JOHN BEVAN Treble	JOHN GWYNNE 4
ALLEN GWYNNE 2	EDWARD SUMMERS 5
JAMES BLAKE 3	WILLIAM POSTON Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM POSTON.

* First peal. First in seven methods for all. The ringers are all members of the local company, and the peal was rung on the first occasion the complete band met to make the attempt.

TOLLESHUNT D'ARCY, ESSEX.
THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(THE MALDON AND DISTRICT GUILD.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-eight Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 720 each of Norwich Surprise, College Exercise, Cambridge Surprise, Woodbine, New London Pleasure, Kent and Oxford.

Tenor 6½ cwt.

JOHN D. BUCKINGHAM ... Treble	WALTER NICE 4
FRED CHALK 2	ALFRED SOUTH 5
FREDERICK WHITE 3	HORACE J. MANSFIELD ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE J. MANSFIELD.

First peal in seven methods on the bells.

CHAWTON, HANTS.
THE WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. NICHOLAS,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

Tenor 9 cwt.

ALFRED R. ELKINS Treble	ALFRED J. CROUCHER ... 4
ALBERT CROUCHER 2	CORPL. GEO. GILBERT, R.E. 5
HUBERT CHAFFEY 3	CHARLES EDWARDS Tenor

Conducted by CHARLES EDWARDS.

First peal on the bells. It is believed to be the first time that even a 720 has been rung on these bells, and, as a result of this visit, the local ringers are going to take up change ringing.

WYKEHAM, NEAR SCARBOROUGH, YORKS.
THE CLEVELAND & NORTH YORKSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-one Minutes,

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Being 12 Six-Scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, called in eleven different ways. Tenor 10 cwt.

*THOMAS COLE Treble	*FRANK DAVISON 3
HARRY GIBSON 2	HERBERT MILLNER 4
JOHN R. BARTON Tenor	

Conducted by J. R. BARTON.

* First peal away from a covering bell. First peal on the bells which were installed by Taylor and Sons in 1901. First peal of Doubles by all the band. First peal as conductor on tower bells.

BAGLAN, GLAMORGANSHIRE.
THE LLANDAFF DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. CATHERINE,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE DOUBLES, 5040 CHANGES;

Tenor 14 cwt.

*ERNEST DAVIES Treble	THOMAS WOOD 4
DAVID THOMAS 2	ERNEST WILLIAMS 5
*JAMES PARTRIDGE 3	RUPERT SHARP Tenor

Conducted by T. WOOD.

* First peal and first attempt. The ringers wish to thank the Rector for the use of the bells, and Miss Llewellyn for kindly providing tea after the peal.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS.
THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.
(THE ISHAM SOCIETY.)

On Saturday, June 14, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5520 CHANGES;

Being seven 720's, as follows: i Double Court Bob and Single Court Bob, ii Double Bob and Plain Bob, iii Double Oxford Bob and Oxford Bob, iv St. Clement's Bob, v Woodbine Treble Bob, vi Oxford Treble Bob, vii Kent Treble Bob, and 480 changes of Little Bob.

Tenor 9½ cwt.

REX T. BUSWELL Treble	WILLIAM C. LEWIS 4
WALTER T. WILSON 2	E. MAURICE ATKINS 5
FRANK H. TALBUTT 3	GEORGE A. BLAXLEY Tenor

Conducted by E. M. ATKINS.

The above is the first peal in eleven methods by the Association and by all the band. It was rung on the seventh anniversary of the dedication of the bells.

HANDBELL PEALS.

PETERBOROUGH.

THE PETERBOROUGH AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 9, 1913, in One Hour and Fifty Minutes,

IN THE BELFRY OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANGES;

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

FRANK DAINTY 1	WALTER CROSS 4
THOMAS VAUGHAN 2	GEORGE JUTSON 5-6
HUGH BEECHEY 3	

Conducted by G. JUTSON.

GUILDFORD, SURREY.
THE OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Wednesday, June 11, 1913, in Two Hours and Six Minutes,

AT THE RESIDENCE OF A. H. PULLING,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANGES;

REV. H. EARLE BULWER'S IRREGULAR TEN-PART.

WILLOUGHBY E. MAULDEN 1-2	MAURICE SMITHER 5-6
ALFRED H. PULLING ... 3-4	FRANK BLONDELL 7-8

Conducted by ALFRED H. PULLING.

Umpire: SYDNEY G. STEER.

Witness: MRS. PULLING.

LATE PEALS.

TURVEY, BEDS.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 7, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 19 cwt.

*MISS DOROTHY STEEL ... Treble	*EDMUND J. HOBBS 5
HERBERT L. HARLOW 2	*EDWARD WHITE 6
†HORACE H. SMITH 3	FRANK WEBB 7
†MISS EVELYN STEEL 4	JOHN W. BARKER Tenor

Composed and Conducted by JOHN W. BARKER.

* First peal on eight bells. † First peal of Treble Bob Major. ‡ First peal of Treble Bob Major inside.

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

On Monday, June 16, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-eight Minutes,

AT THE OLD CHURCH,

A PEAL OF BOB MAJOR, 5056 CHANGES;

Tenor 10 cwt.

†MISS MAUD PIGOTT Treble	*GEORGE GARRISON 5
MISS SARAH PIGOTT 2	MORRIS J. MORRIS 6
†J. HERBERT BENFIELD 3	GEORGE F. SWANN 7
HORACE HOWELL 4	JOSEPH PIGGOTT Tenor

Composed by J. R. PRITCHARD, and

Conducted by GEORGE F. SWANN.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal in the method away from the treble. First peal in the method as conductor.

PROGRESS IN AMERICA.

ASSOCIATION FORMED AT BOSTON.

This week's mail from Boston, U.S.A., brings news from Dr. A. H. Nichols of a real start being made in the Art in the land of the Stars and Stripes. The band is now practically complete, and as no less than five of the number rank as conductors, it is obvious that the company is a very capable one. A society has been formally organised under the name of the Boston Association of Change Ringers, Dr. Nichols having been elected President and Secretary, and Mr. P. J. Allfrey, Master.

On Tuesday of last week, the Association, by special invitation, gave an exhibition of change ringing before the Boston Society of Architects, and other friends. This meeting was in the line of a plan to educate the community as to the advantage of installing musical peals of bells, and encouraging skilled ringers.

THE FIRST RINGERS' OUTING IN AMERICA.

Friday, May 20th, a holiday devoted to the veterans of the civil war and the decoration of soldiers' graves, was rendered noteworthy as being the occasion of the first ringers' outing held in the western hemisphere. The Boston Guild, now equipped for any service, contributed to the celebration of the day by ringing in three towers in detached districts, giving in each locality a meritorious performance. Inasmuch as it was thought expedient to admit the curious public to the ringing chamber, and even the belfry, no peal was practicable; but the regularity of rhythm with which the touches of Grandsire, Stedman and Treble Bob were tapped off did not fail to impress the listeners as a novel treatment of bells, conveying the conception of a kaleidoscope of agreeable, musical changes.

After performing at Watertown and Christ Church, the band dined at the house of Dr. Nichols, and then proceeded by train to Hingham. Here it was arranged that to the ringers should be assigned a prominent part in the public ceremony, and as the procession of soldiers and civilians marched around the memorial tower containing the fine ring of ten, the bells were set in motion, deeply muffled, except the back stroke of the tenor, and rung until the audience was seated in the adjacent church. Upon the conclusion of the services, the bells were again rung for nearly two hours to an appreciative throng which had been attracted by previous announcements in the schools and local newspaper of the visit of the English ringers.

The men were assured that one result of this visit was the demonstration of the wisdom of the committee in charge of the tower in selecting English bells adapted to half-pull ringing. The following members took part in the outing: P. J. Allfrey, Wm. Bashford, Frank Bugar, Jas. F. Laker, G. Mackman, G. Moore, R. Newton, Dr. Nichols, S. J. Perkins, S. W. Sturgis.

At the Perkins' Institute on May 23rd, 720 of Kent Treble Bob Minor was rung in 34 minutes, by: P. J. Allfrey 1, S. J. Perkins 2, Geo. Moore 3, J. F. Laker 4, Wm. Bashford (conductor) 5, R. Newton 6.

WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

CENTRAL COUNCIL TOPICS DISCUSSED.

The quarterly meeting of the Northern Branch was held at Bromsgrove on Saturday. About 40 members were present from Old Hill, Tipton, Brierley Hill, Wordsley, Stourbridge, Hallow, Worcester, Redditch, Northfield, King's Norton, Clent, Edgbaston, Wolverley, Elmley Lovett, Birmingham, and Selly Oak, together with the local ringers. Service was held in the Parish Church, where the Vicar (the Rev. H. T. Noel Patterson) gave a very interesting and instructive address from Proverbs xviii, 10. In passing, he said how pleased he was to welcome the Association to that church, which, he said, had been a landmark for the last 500 years. There was a great deal of talk about war, but the battle they were fighting was much harder. The speaker alluded to the great loss they had sustained in the death of the captain of the Bromsgrove ringers, Mr. Oliver James, who, he said, was a straightforward and conscientious man, but as time rolled by the gaps would have to be filled, and it gave him the greatest pleasure to see so many young men among them that day taking such a great interest in the art of change ringing. It was a great art, and one which required great skill and patience and plenty of hard work, but as members of the Church, they made it a labour of love.

After the service, tea, which was kindly provided by the Vicar, took place in the Vicarage grounds, and was followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding. Redditch was selected for the next quarterly meeting, on Saturday, September 27th. The quarterly peal is to be attempted at Bromsgrove, a very old and respected ringer, Mr. Geo. Hayward, being selected as conductor. It was decided to hold a meeting for combined practice at Halesowen, on July 19th, the methods to practice being Stedman Triples, Grandsire Triples and Treble Bob Major.

REPRESENTATION OF LADIES.

Mr. J. R. Newiman, the general secretary, gave an account of the Central Council meeting. The two matters he specially referred to were the representation on the Central Council of the Ladies' Guild and peal ringing in relation of the public. He said no vote would be taken at that meeting, as it would be a question that would come before them at the annual meeting.—Mr. Rock Small strongly advocated

the claims of the ladies to be represented on the Council, saying there was no doubt that all ringers would be better for their presence among them. He was speaking from practical experience, as it had been his pleasure to ring peals with some of them. He also referred to the splendid way in which the ladies' annual meeting was conducted at Harborne on Whit-Monday.—Mr. H. Mason, while advocating the claims of the Ladies Guild, said they should move slowly in the matter until it was shown that they were strong enough to have a representative on the Council.

In the discussion which followed, on peal ringing, the Vicar said his opinion was that the Central Council should have nothing to do with the matter. It was one for the local authorities only. As Vicar of a church which had a good peal of bells, and one who lived in the shadow of the church he was never tired of hearing them ringing, a remark which called forth an emphatic "hear, hear."

On the proposition of Mr. Mason, and seconded by Mr. R. Small, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Vicar for the address, and to him and Mrs. Noel Patterson for their kindness in providing such an excellent repast.—The Vicar, in responding, said it was eight years since a meeting was held there, but he hoped it would not be so long again before another was held.—Touches of Stedman and Grandsire Caters, Stedman and Grandsire Triples and various other methods brought to a close a very successful meeting.

HEREFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.

THE ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

After an interval of eleven years, the annual festival was held again at Hereford on Thursday week, and certainly no trouble had been spared to present the members with a good day's programme. That the Dean and Chapter are only too ready to give all the encouragement in their power to ringers as church workers was plainly evident from the fact that the Cathedral bells were available for about four hours during the day. It made the writer, whose lot is not cast in such fair ground, positively envious.

The proceedings commenced with a fully-choral service in St. Nicholas' Church at 10.15, at which the special preacher was the Rev. E. V. Cox, who took for his text Eph. vi, 10, "Be strong in the Lord," and emphasised the duty of ringers as church workers to strengthen the hand of him who was sent to minister among them by their own conduct and example in fulfilling their obligations of church membership, especially in the matter of being regular and devout communicants. The service was intoned by the Rector, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wilson, and the special lesson was read by the secretary, the Rev. J. S. Roper, Rector of Quatt. A collection was taken for the funds of the Guild, and amounted to well over £1.

MORE MEETINGS WANTED.

The business meeting in the College Hall occupied the next hour. The Rev. A. O. Lee, Vicar of Lugwardine, presided in the unavoidable absence of the Master, Mr. J. G. Buchanan. The officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. After a letter had been read from Coalbrookdale tower suggesting that the festival be held on a Saturday, the feeling of the meeting was taken and found to be unanimously in favour of a Saturday not being entertained. "Minorities must suffer." However a very good suggestion was thrown out that interim meetings might be arranged unofficially for combined practices. Apparently, quarterly meetings are as yet unknown in this Guild, doubtless owing to the peculiar difficulties inseparable from workers in purely agricultural districts. The next annual festival was fixed to take place at Church Stretton.

An adjournment was then made to dinner at — well, no one seemed to know. It was not found at either of the alternative places on the programme, but with appetites by this time fully whetted, the members finally discovered it at the Wellington Hotel. — The Secretary apologised and made it quite clear that not he but the caterers were responsible for this "hide-and-seek" game. However, "all's well that ends well," and a party of nearly 90 sat down to an excellent dinner.

After the loyal toast had been honoured, the Rev. A. B. Wynne-Wilson proposed "Success to the Guild," and coupled the toast with the name of the secretary, who, in his reply, drew attention to the afternoon's programme, and announced that the Rev. A. C. Lee was very kindly providing tea at Lugwardine for all who were going to ring there.

Beside the Cathedral (10) and St. Nicholas (6) in the city, the following towers were visited: Burghill (8), Holme Lacy (8), Lugwardine (6), Stoke Edith, Tarrington, and Withington. Ringers were present from the Cathedral, St. Nicholas, Lugwardine, Quatt, Ross, Newent, Birmingham, Ludlow, Walsall, Gloucester, Stoke Edith, Allenmore, Kingsland, Clifford, Leominster, Withington, Eardisland, Pembroke, Stokesay, Tarrington, Llangorron, Colwall, Coddington, Bosbury, Handsworth, Swindon, Madley, Norton Canon, and other places.

On learning that no official record of the meeting was going to be sent to the ringing papers, the writer has penned these notes with the conviction that such a festival was worthy of some printer's ink, and a place among the records of other similar gatherings.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

CAMPANOLOGY IN THE COTSWOLDS.

On Sunday week, an enjoyable afternoon was spent by members of the Cheltenham and District Guild, when a faithful band of six started out. Eight miles of easy riding brought them to Withington. Here the bells were raised, and Grandsire and Stedman Doubles rung multo labore. Tea having been partaken of at the Old Mill Inn, the company continued their journey through the picturesque Chedworth Woods, justly famed for their wonderful growth of wild flowers. On emerging from the other side of the wood, a splendid view presented itself, inasmuch that it made one feel that it was good to be alive. The air was so clear that the famous Westbury White Horse, over forty miles distant, was plainly visible.

At Chedworth, the six bells recently rehung, were rung for service in Stedman and Grandsire Doubles. After a pleasant little service—no collection—the bells were again set going, and 720 Bob Minor, with two of the local men ringing inside—although they had rung no Minor for some years—was successfully brought round in 23 minutes: H. Holford 1, W. Yeend 2, J. T. Dyke (conductor) 3, O. Bartlett 4, W. Greenwood 5, A. S. Boar 6. Three of the party were now introduced to a new method, "New Bob or Double Extreme." With two locals, one calling, they started off with the sole knowledge that the "go-off" was 21435. Lo! they found themselves ringing Plain Bob. At the end of the plain course the conductor called "New Bob." However, the fourth's place single was made, and behold they had rung a six-score of "Double Extreme!" The return journey was soon resumed, and, after an hour's wandering over the unbeaconed Cotswold roads, four of the party finally reached the Oxford Road at Northleach, 12 miles from Cheltenham. However, they put their heads down and "plugged" into the wind, to such purpose that they caught up with the other members of the party (they had started before the 720 was rung), pedalling gently along Cheltenham High Street. The well-satisfied members of the expedition were: H. Holford, J. Pugh, J. Cooper, W. Yeend, J. T. Dyke and A. S. Boar, the conducting being shared by the three last-named.

BOLNEY, SUSSEX.

The third annual outing of the Bolney band was an unqualified success. A programme had been drawn up, which included a visit to Woolwich Arsenal as the principal item, and thanks to the excellent arrangements made beforehand, the whole programme was carried through without a hitch. Leaving Bolney in waggonettes, at 6.30 a.m., a most enjoyable drive brought the party to Hayward's Heath Station, where train was boarded for London Bridge. After breakfast, the journey was continued to Woolwich. A most enjoyable and instructive 2½ hours were spent in looking over the vast factories and workshops, the party, 13 in number, being divided into two sections, and conducted through the most interesting parts of factories. On leaving the Arsenal they visited Greenwich, and after dinner, at the Gloucester Hotel, the party visited St. Alfege Church, where permission had been granted for a short pull.

Here the party were welcomed by Mr. H. Hoskins, the hon. secretary of the St. Alfege tower, and during the short stay, the visitors had the pleasure of meeting Mr. I. G. Shade and other members of the Greenwich band. The party essayed to try their 'prentice hands in Grandsire Caters, but perhaps (owing to the heat, the number of bells, weight of metal, length of draught, or some other cause) the less said about the ringing the better. It was of the "outing order," and bad at that. The failure to obtain good striking, however, was quite overshadowed by the cordial welcome extended to the party by the local ringers, and which the visitors wish to take this opportunity of acknowledging, especially that of Mr. Hoskins, whose kindness in obtaining the use of the bells, and in looking out such excellent catering accommodation was highly appreciated. On leaving Greenwich, a short visit was paid to St. Paul's Cathedral, followed by tea, after which a move was made for the Palladium, where seats had been booked for the first "house." Hayward's Heath was reached just before eleven o'clock, and the journey to Bolney, by waggonettes, was completed just after 12 o'clock.

GRANTHAM MEN AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

The Grantham ringers held a very enjoyable outing on Whit-Tuesday, when they visited the celebrated bell foundry at Loughborough. The visitors were met by the foreman of the works and several of the Loughborough ringers. After inspecting the various departments and processes used in the making of bells, touches of Grandsire and Stedman, Plain Bob and Treble Bob were rung on the light peal of eight at the foundry. A very pleasant surprise then awaited the visitors, for in the pattern shop, Messrs. Taylor had kindly provided refreshments for them. Several courses were very successfully brought round at the Churnwood Coffee House, where dinner was provided. Through the kindness of the Vicar of Loughborough (the Rev. T. Pitts) and the help of the local ringers, touches of Grandsire, Stedman Caters and Treble Ten were brought round on the bells of All Saints' Church. In the evening, the visitors closed a very successful outing, by ringing with the help of the Nottingham men, touches of Grandsire and Stedman Caters on the bells of St. Mary's, Nottingham. The Grantham ringers wish to tender, through "The Ringing World," their hearty thanks to Messrs. Taylor and Co; also to the Loughborough and Nottingham ringers for the kindness and the help given to them, and which helped to make the outing an unforgettable one.

MEETING AT LOUGHBOROUGH.

A ringing meeting took place on Saturday week at All Saints', Loughborough, when about 20 ringers turned up to ring on the famous bells, "where they rang the clock round." Repairs to the fabric and masonry had kept the peal silent for some time, so the re-opening was all the more pleasant. Mr. H. W. Abbott had made the necessary arrangements, and the bells were open for ringing between three o'clock and 5.30, Treble Ten, Stedman Caters, Grandsire Caters, and a course of Superlative on the back eight kept the bells going merrily. Among those present were: Messrs. J. W. Taylor, R. Lane, I. Hardy, T. Oldham, H. W. Abbott, H. Stubbs, and others, of Loughborough; Revs. C. J. Sturton and R. P. Farrow, M.A., Messrs. Bartram, of Melton; Norman, Vallance, Hardy and Willson, of Leicester; A. Coppock, Nottingham; W. W. Worthington, of Netherseale; and others. It is intended to hold another united practice shortly.

THE LATE MR. JOSEPH BAINES.

A NONOGENARIAN RINGER.

The Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association has lost its oldest member, by the death of Mr. Joseph Baines, who passed away at the great age of 92 years. In presenting his annual report, the Hon. Secretary of the Association (Mr. T. Metcalfe) made a sympathetic reference to the loss which the Association had sustained, and expressed deep sorrow and regret at the passing away of so venerable a figure. Mr. Baines, he said, did not go in greatly for peal ringing, having rung only two 5000's during his whole ringing career, but as a Sunday service ringer he was always to be relied upon for punctuality and regularity of attendance. In this respect he was a man whom a great many of the present day ringers might well take a pattern from.



His ringing career commenced, when he was about the age of 22 years, under the tuition of his father at Sharow, when there were only six bells in the church. He followed ringing at that time only for a short period of about three years. Thinking that bell ringing was not a fit and proper work for Sunday, he gave it up, left the church and joined a dissenting body, associated with which he continued for about 40 years. He then rejoined the Church, and took up ringing again, but not before he had had an interview with the Vicar of Sharow (the Rev. Canon Nunn), and had satisfied himself that there was nothing wrong in any man ringing church bells on a Sunday, so long as they were rung for the purpose that they were intended for.

At this time, Mr. Baines was about 60 years of age, but he set himself to master the art of change ringing in the tower with which he was connected in his younger days, and where in the meantime the bells had been augmented from six to eight. After a few years at Sharow Church, he joined the Ripon Cathedral Society, and rang at both Sharow and Ripon for some years, the time for ringing in those days at the Cathedral allowing ringers to get to Sharow to ring there for service. Mr. Baines picked up Stedman and Double Norwich equally as quick as the junior ringers, his favourite methods being Stedman and Grandsire Triples. He finished his ringing career at Sharow, and although his home was some two miles distant from the church, despite his age he would be the first in the belfry ready to take his rope. At last, however, his strength failed him, and he was unable to ring for something like twelve months before his death. He was a man of high character, and one who was looked up to and respected.

Several members of the Association attended the funeral at Sharow, and rang the bells, deeply muffled and half-muffled, as a last tribute to one who was esteemed throughout the Association.

CENTRAL COUNCIL PUBLICATIONS.

To the Editor.

Sir,—In accordance with the resolution of the Council passed at the recent meeting at Newcastle-on-Tyne, the Council's publications have been removed from the custody of Messrs. G. Allen and Co., and are now in the keeping of the hon. librarian (the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Broadlands, Caversham, Reading), to whom alone all applications for copies should be made. All copies of the "Report on Calls, 1874" (sometimes known as "Catalogue of Peals"), and of "Bells, Belfries and Ringers," are sold out. All other publications are for sale at the prices hitherto advertised.

CHARLES D. P. DAVIES,
Hon. Secretary.

MARSTON MAGNA.—Bath and Wells Association.—On April 19th, 720 Bob Minor: T. Jeanes 1, A. Wheaden 2, G. H. Head 3, T. W. Creed 4, G. Locke 5, T. J. Lloyd (conductor) 6. First 720 of Minor on the bells.

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OUR ILLUSTRATION.

MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

One of the best known ringers in the South of England is Mr. James Edward Davis, who has just lately joined the select band of those who have scored upwards of five hundred peals. By birth a Londoner, he first saw the light of day in the parish of St. James, Bermondsey, and he came of a family which has produced more than one good ringer. A dozen years ago his cousin, Mr. Harold N. Davis, was widely known as a ringer and composer of more than average ability. Mr. J. E. Davis learnt to handle a bell and ring rounds at St. George's, Camberwell, in 1892, and shortly after he went to live at Deptford, where he joined the St. John's band. These were the times before the present great increase of the number of peals and methods rung; when men rang one peal where now they ring a dozen, and when Grandsire and Stedman



MR. JAMES E. DAVIS.

Triples were good enough for the very best bands. It was therefore inevitable that his first peal should be Grandsire Triples, and this was rung on April 19th, 1893. For some years his work prevented him from making many peal attempts, but he had 54 to his credit in 1899, when he went to South Africa with the 2nd East Surrey Regiment to fight against the Boers. He served for sixteen months in Natal and the Transvaal mostly under General Sir Redvers Buller, and holds the Queen's medal and clasps for his services. How many of the enemy he accounted for we do not know. It must be, till you get used to it, a rather peculiar sensation to kill a man, but he was fortunate enough to keep his own skin whole, and in due time came home to London, when he took up ringing in real earnest.

Thirty years before the Waterloo Society had been formed, and for years it was one of the largest and most energetic of the Metropolitan Societies outside the two

original ones; being important enough to have representation on the Central Council. It included quite a large number of clever conductors, and the ambition of every conductor then was to call Holt's Original. Several of them, including Mr. Davis, called the peal many times, and the culminating feat was a non-conducted peal at St. John's, Waterloo Road, in which Mr. Davis rang the sixth. Take it all in all there are not many peals anywhere near so difficult to call as the Original, and that was a feat that anyone might be proud of. Mr. Davis holds the opinion that calling the Original is something like ringing London Surprise—it takes “a deuce of a trouble” to learn, but once learnt it is not easily forgotten. Not so long after this the Waterloo Society began to show signs of decay, perhaps its usefulness was passing. First the headquarters were moved from Waterloo Road to Vassal Road, Brixton, and shortly afterwards it peacefully expired, unless, as some think, it is only sleeping waiting for the time when some one will galvanise it into fresh activity. Our friend was the last Master who held office—we suppose he is still Master. But though the society was dead he did not let the practices at St. John's, Waterloo, lapse. He gathered together a band who met regularly, and before long the ringing was far better than it had ever been. Where Triples was almost the only thing rung, now Major, and the higher Major methods, are practiced. You will have to go back many years for the last peal of Stedman rung there by the local band, while it is quite the rule to ring on practice nights as many as six or seven Surprise methods. It is only stating the bare truth to say that the success of the ringing at Waterloo has depended entirely on Mr. Davis, and it is a wonderful tribute to the personality of the man that he has held his position all these years as the informal leader in a free community without rules, without officers, and without any interference from church authorities, able to do what he has done simply because he has earned the respect and confidence of the band.

Besides the ringing at Waterloo Mr. Davis has long been connected with St. Margaret's, Westminster. The conditions of these two towers are such that the two can be worked together without any clashing of interests. At St. Margaret's the Sunday ringing (which can only be done in the evening owing to the Abbey services) is purely voluntary, and the task of getting together and keeping together a band has been Mr. Davis'. It was a good thing for ringing when rather more than a twelve-month ago he was appointed steeple-keeper, and since that time there has not been, we believe, more than a single occasion when the bells have not been rung and rung well for service.

At the last Coronation he was one selected for the honour of ringing at the Abbey, for which he holds the medal given to all, from the Archbishop downwards, who took part in that historic ceremony. Below is a list of his peals, and it is one which for quality and variety of five thousands on tower bells has few equals and probably no superior. It ranges from Doubles to Cambridge Maximus and London Major, and includes the first peals in London of Duffield Royal, Forward Royal and Major, Cambridge Surprise Royal, Norfolk Surprise Major, and the only peal of Waterloo Major ever rung.

A strong man, Mr. Davis is usually found at the heavy end, and he is pre-eminently a “safe” ringer, rarely making a trip. As will be seen from his list he is quite at home in any of the highest methods, but probably the one

he likes the best is Double Norwich, of which we believe he has rung more peals than any one. Certainly no one has rung one bell more times to the same method than he has rung Waterloo tenor to Double Norwich. That bell and he know each other. His peal list will take a lot of beating, but there is this even better thing to be said of him, that everybody knows Jim Davis, and everybody likes and respects him.

Appended is the list of Mr. Davis' 500 peals:—

	Rung.	Conducted
Doubles	1	
Grandsire Triples	*23	5
Grandsire Major	1	
Grandsire Caters	16	
Bob Major	9	
Treble Bob Major	33	11
Treble Bob Royal	25	16
Treble Bob Maximus	3	
Stedman Triples	47	
Stedman Caters	71	26
Stedman Cinques	16	
Double Oxford Major	1	
Double Norwich Major	125	75
Double Norwich Royal	1	
Real Double Norwich Major	2	
Waterloo Reverse Bob Major	1	
Forward Major	1	1
Forward Royal	1	
Duffield Major	1	1
Duffield Royal	1	
Superlative Surprise Major	39	6
New Cumberland Surprise Major	5	
Norfolk Surprise Major	5	1
Bristol Surprise Major	15	1
London Surprise Major	6	
New Cambridge Surprise Major	4	1
Cambridge Surprise Major	34	7
Cambridge Surprise Royal	12	1
Cambridge Surprise Maximus	1	
	500	152

*Including Holt's Original rung silent.

ODD CHANGES.

It is satisfactory to see that the appeal made to the Central Council representatives to discuss the Central Council topics with their members is being acted upon. At meetings both in the Worcestershire and Ely Diocesan Associations matters discussed at Newcastle were ventilated. This is as it should be.

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There are not, we believe, a great many campaniles attached to churches in this country—Chichester Cathedral, Evesham and Beccles are perhaps the best known. But at the church of Wykeham, near Scarborough, there is a campanile containing a ring of five bells and upon them the first peal has just been rung by members of the Yorkshire Association belonging to the St. Mary's, Scarborough, band, who wish to thank the Vicar (the Rev. A. C. Newman) for the use of the bells, and Mr. Riby, the steeple-keeper, for having them in readiness. The tower is at the entrance to the churchyard, and, with the bells, was the gift of Lady Downes.

"James Smith," giving the somewhat vague address of "London," has sent us for publication a letter criticising the speech by Mr. A. T. King, at the Central Council meeting, in reference to peal ringing, and suggesting that members of the Middlesex Association, while doing much peal ringing, do not fulfil their duty with regard to ringing for Sunday services, and quotes St. Margaret's, Westminster, as an example.

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"James Smith" has seized upon, for him, a most unfortunate instance. In the first place the service ringing at St. Margaret's, Westminster, is not connected with the Middlesex Association, but is carried out by the St. Margaret's Society; while the band which would do "better if they rang for morning and evening service, and afterwards attended church," are, it should be known, entirely precluded from ringing on Sunday mornings on account of the Abbey services. On the rest of the letter there is no need to comment. Had "James Smith" given evidence of his bona-fides by enclosing his address we might have been able privately to put him right upon one or two points upon which he shows a decided ignorance of the facts.

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A peal board commemorating the "John" peal of Stedman Cinques is to be unveiled at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, June 28th, at 4 p.m. Ringers, and particularly members of the Waterloo Society, are invited to be present. The bells will be available until 6 p.m. Tea, 1s. each, at The Crown, Crown Court, Fleet Street, at 6.30 p.m., can be arranged for those who send in their names to Mr. J. D. Matthews, 130, Clonmore Street, Southfields, S.W., by Wednesday, June 25th. Handbells, etc., afterwards.

THE LADIES' GUILD.

A MEETING IN YORKSHIRE.

The first northern district meeting of the Ladies' Guild was held on Saturday week, at Burley, near Leeds, when Miss Willson, of Leicester, visited the Northern Counties. Although the lady ringers live so far apart, those who are identified with the Guild put in an appearance. With the help of a brother ringer on the tenor, the six bells of Burley were put through Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles, the following members ringing the working bells: Miss C. Lumley (Middleham), Miss R. Stanford (Mirfield), Miss W. Hague (Rotherham), Miss A. Hicks (Leeds), Miss L. Willson (Leicester). Afterwards, a mixed band rang touches of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob Minor. In contra-distinction to the adverse criticism by certain members of the "C.C." brother ringers to the number of 25 came from many parts of Yorkshire to encourage the Guild members, and all sat down to a good tea provided in the Parish Room by Miss Hicks and Mr. Heap.

After tea, a business meeting followed, the Vicar (the Rev. W. James, M.A.), in the chair. The reverend gentleman said how pleased he was for the visitors to ring, and how proud he was that his church possessed one lady ringer (Miss Hicks), and hoped it would attract more young ladies to the belfry.

Miss Lilian Willson reported that there were now upwards of 70 members of the Guild. It was 20 years ago since Miss Alice White, of Basingstoke, startled the Exercise by ringing the first peal in the tower. Miss White was now unable to ring owing to ill-health, but the lady ringers of to-day showed their fraternity by making her the President, and young women were taking to ringing in most towns where opportunity offered.

Miss Ruth Coles, of Bridgwater, Somerset, was elected a member. Votes of thanks closed the meeting. Afterwards, Headingley tower, with its grand ring of eight bells, was visited, and touches of Stedman Triples, Treble Bob, Double Norwich and a course of Superlative rung.

Many thanks are due to Miss Hicks and the local branch for their kind services, and to the Headingley ringers for their warm welcome. —Mr. J. W. Moorhouse, of Wakefield, invited Miss Willson to ring at the Cathedral of that city on the following Tuesday, which invitation was accepted, she afterwards passing on to Scunthorpe, Lincolnshire.

It is hoped this filip will be followed by more recruits to the ranks of the Ladies' Guild.



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THE SALISBURY GUILD.

SUCCESSFUL FESTIVAL AT WIMBORNE.

The annual festival of the Salisbury Diocesan Guild at Wimborne was extremely successful, and was attended by a large gathering of ringers from all parts of the diocese. The fine peal of bells at the Minster, recast and augmented to ten by Messrs. Gillett and Johnston, were a great attraction, and touches were rung upon them in a variety of methods throughout the day, Miss Alice White (President of the Ladies' Guild) being among those who took part. At the service, the singing was led by the Minster choristers. The prayers were read by the Rev. A. D. H. Allan, and the Lesson by the Rev. W. P. Schuster, Vicar of West Lulworth, hon. secretary of the Guild. There was a large congregation.

The Vicar (Canon J. M. J. Fletcher), in the course of his sermon, having traced the history of the use of bells and their introduction into this country, referred to the ancient character of the Minster bells, which were originally hung in the lantern tower of the building. At that time there was nothing in the form of a peal, but each bell, according to its depth of tone or size, had its special purpose. The art of change ringing was purely English, and he thought he was right in saying dated from post Reformation times. Some 300 years ago it was elaborated into a science, and after the restoration of the Monarchy of King Charles it became a popular pastime. It, however, gradually sank in favour and also with reference to those who took part. He quoted from the records of the Minster Churchwardens' accounts to show the quantity of beer that was granted the ringers in past days, and that they were on one occasion allowed a larger quantity in order to test the stability of the bell tower, irrespective of the danger that might accrue to their lives. They were pleased that all that was altered and the bells now formed an important part of Christian worship, and the ringers were honoured and responsible Church officers. He welcomed the members of the Guild to that ancient Minster, where for many centuries bells had been hung in one or other of the two towers. He thought there were many lessons to be learnt in change ringing. First there was attention, care, preparation, and concentration in the work; secondly, it taught the lesson of harmony and charity in its truest sense; thirdly, it taught the lesson of sympathy; and, lastly, the lesson of holiness and worship.

THE BUSINESS MEETING.

Dinner was partaken of at the Masonic Hall, the visitors being the guests of the Wimborne branch. There was a record gathering, over 200 being present. The Vicar presided, and was supported by the officers of the Guild, Mrs. Allan, Miss White, and Mr. W. J. Stanton (churchwarden).—The toast of "The King" was heartily received, on the proposition of the Vicar, after which a business meeting was held.

The Master of the Guild, Mr. Martin Stewart, proposed the election of the Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett, of Pewsey, as his successor, and remarked Mr. Bassett had worked very hard on behalf of the Guild.—The motion was carried unanimously, and the new Master, in expressing his thanks for the honour done him, said it would be his purpose to bring Wiltshire somewhat nearer to Dorset in the art of change ringing.—It was decided to ask Sir Everard Hambro to accept the office of President in the place of the late Earl Nelson. The other officers were re-elected.

Mr. Cyril Johnston proposed "Long Life and Prosperity to the

Guild," and said he had seen some of the excellent work that had been done by the Guild, whose officers could not be beaten for energy, perseverance, and enthusiasm. Change ringing was progressing by leaps and bounds in that part of England.—Mr. Martin Stewart, in reply, stated for some years the Guild had a struggle for existence, but it was now in a flourishing condition. There had been a change in the ringing world, and the art had now a firm hold in all parts of the diocese.

The Rev. H. E. Tilney Bassett thanked the Vicar for presiding, also for his excellent and interesting sermon; the custodians of towers in the district; and the choir.—The Vicar and Mr. Stanton responded.

The Rev. F. Ll. Edwards gave the toast of "The Ladies."

Parties were then made up and visits paid to the towers of the Parish Churches of St. Giles, Cranborne, Canford, Poole, Lytchett Minster, Sturminster Marshall, Ringwood, and Fordingbridge.

The arrangements for the day were made by a local committee, consisting of the Vicar, the Revs. J. A. Bouquet (St. Giles), O. A. Phillips (Bournemouth), hon. secretary of the Wimborne branch, A. D. H. Allan, treasurer, and J. Cross (Sturminster Marshall), Messrs. T. G. Coles and W. J. Stanton (churchwardens), G. Lock, A. Osman, H. Burling (Colehill), and Sprake (Sturminster Marshall). The appeal to



WIMBORNE MINSTER.

residents in the neighbourhood to subscribe towards entertaining the ringers met with a cordial response, and funds also permitted of the provision of brakes for the ringers in their tour. Besides those mentioned, the Master of the Guild and the Rev. W. P. Schuster rendered appreciated assistance in regard to the arrangements for a very successful festival.

HERE AND THERE.

A well-attended meeting of the Bolton branch was held at Newchurch on Saturday last, when 18 members were present from Bolton, Walkden Leigh, and Hindley, together with a good muster of the local company. Some very good touches of Oxford, Kent and Plain Bob, were rung. It was decided to hold the next meeting at Westoughton.

At a successful meeting of the Middlesex Association at St. Stephen's, West Ealing, the members were entertained by the Vicar and Mrs. Thompson, and at the business meeting, presided over by Mr. J. H. B. Hesse (vice-president), the two sons of Mr. G. Harham (West Ealing), were among those elected members. In the presence of the company these youthful ringers each took a pair of handbells in a touch of Grandsire Triples, their performance being warmly applauded. Prior to tea, the ringers attended service, which was conducted by the Vicar, and during the day a variety of touches was brought round on the bells. Incidentally it may be mentioned that the St. Stephen's, Ealing, band, is by no means strong, and recruits will be welcomed any Tuesday evening from 7.30 to 9 p.m.

There has been a lot of talk at Dereham, and a practical joker got to work in connection with Empire Day celebrations—or the absence of them. According to a local paper: "The Town Crier flourishes his bell, and ears strain to catch his voice, and they hear: 'Ladies and gentlemen, this is Empire Day, Royal Wedding Day and Royal Birthday! Where are the bells? Where are the decorations? What about the Empire Committee? Wake up, Dereham!' Result: Several flags

appear. Later the bell again, then the voice: 'Is it true? Is it true? Are all the flags and decorations put away for the Dereham Show? If so, don't be afraid to put them out then. Let us show outsiders we have not lost all our enthusiasm. Wake up! Wake up! Dereham town.'"

"These announcements caused a good deal of humorous comment, but some people were a little piqued over them, and regarded the action of the author or authors as more or less ridiculous nonsense. 'That's one for 'em,' chuckled one old chap, 'fancy three big royal events and no bells ringing. I never heard such a thing. I'd gone and pulled one rope myself if they'd asked me, and for nothing, so we could have had a ring of some sort or kind.'"

"Opinions vary as to who should be responsible for the ringing of the bells if they are to be rung in celebration of national events. Some do not consider that the expense should be borne by the church, but by the town or the Urban Council, and some think that the ringers might be patriotic enough to pull the ropes at such intervals of the day as they could conveniently spare without payment."

To celebrate the wedding of Mr. A. Garnham, a member of the Garboldisham band, and Miss Gertrude Hall, at Farsfield Church, a touch of 2640 Plain Bob Minor was rung in 1 hr. 30 mins., at Garboldisham, by: F. Chaplin 1, W. Bloomfield 2, S. Moule 3, T. Leapy 4, J. Bason (conductor) 5, J. Bennett 6. In the evening, 720 Plain Bob was rung, by: F. Chaplin (conductor) 1, O. Garnham 2, W. Bloomfield 3, J. Bennett 4, J. Bason 5, S. Moule 6.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY. ENTERTAINING RURAL EXPERIENCES.

How unlike a church a church can be was very strongly brought to the notice of members who cycled to Shreshill last Saturday. The Perpendicular tower, with a pretty band of ornament still stands, but the rest of the old church was destroyed about 1740, and was unfortunately replaced by "a hideous 'classical' monstrosity of red brick, with blue glass windows." However, the bells are a nice light ring of six, tenor 9 cwt. Our surprise can, therefore, be better imagined than described, when one of the locals assured us it was 21 cwt.; we much doubt if he is convinced of the true weight even now! The local band turned up well, and were able to make full use of the visiting "learners," as they called us, from Bloxwich, Rushall, Stafford, and St. Peter's, Wolverhampton. The band at Shreshill has been in the habit of ringing by whole-pulls, but after this visit they will receive proper instruction, and should come on well. Grandsire, Stedman, Plain and Kent Treble Bob all found a place in the afternoon's ringing. An adjournment to the post office for tea was a means of our becoming acquainted with a little of the "lighter vein" of village life.

The old postman informed us—as though such things occurred every week—that last Sunday morning he went to church in the waistcoat he was married in fifty years ago; but he added, "yer know, it's goin' a bit brown." Later on, he came out into the garden again, and the following brief conversation took place.

Postman: "Yer know, we had the Postmaster-General here the other day, to see about a pillar box being put up."

Ringer: "What part did he come from; not London, I suppose?"

Postman: "No, from Wolverhampton; that's the General Postmaster what's up in London."

The next cycle run takes place to Haughton and Church Eaton on July 26th.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

A ringing meeting of the Burton-on-Trent district was held at Alrewas on Saturday week, members being present from Burton, Lichfield, Alrewas, Tamworth, Rolleston, Newhall and Etwell. The bells are a very nice ring of six, but the "go" of two or three of them leaves much to be desired. Touches of Minor and Doubles in various methods were rung before and after tea, which, by the kindness of the Vicar, the Rev. — Webb, was provided for all attending.

At the business meeting, the Vicar, who presided, gave a hearty welcome to the ringers, and said he hoped they would pay another visit to his church on a future occasion.—One new ringing member was elected, and the place of the next meeting was left for the local secretary to arrange.—A vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. A. P. Wakley, and seconded by Mr. C. Draper, to the Vicar for so kindly providing tea, for the use of the bells, and for presiding at the meeting, was carried unanimously.—The meeting over, an adjournment was made to the tower, the bells being kept going until it was time to disperse for home.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL MEETING.

A meeting of the Cirencester branch of the Gloucester and Bristol Diocesan Association was held at Lechlade on Thursday week, and was well attended. At the service, the address was given by the Vicar (the Rev. R. G. P. Brownrigg), and 24 members were present.—Tea and business meeting followed, at which a vote of thanks was passed to the Rev. R. Brownrigg for the use of the bells, and for arranging for the service, and to the organist for his services. The bells, a nice toned peal of six, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire, Stedman and Plain Bob, a 360 Grandsire Minor, and 720 Bob Minor being among the touches brought round. Some of the party also went boating on the river Thames.

THE CUMBERLANDS.

To the Editor.

Dear Sir,—It is not correct as stated recently that Prince Ernst of Cumberland is descended from the Duke from whom the Cumberland take their name. The latter was the second son of George II, the first is the great grandson of George III's fourth son. George III was the nephew of the first Duke of Cumberland, who had no son. Also, is there any real evidence that the medal was presented by the Duke? That it was made in honour of him cannot be doubted.

J. A. TROLLOPE.

"Ineruditus."—Three simple courses of College Single Minor can be had by calling any bell to run "out" three times, that is, when the treble is coming to take the observation bell off the lead. Or again, they can be got by calling any bell to run "in" three times, which occurs after turning the treble from behind. Two courses can be got by calling the 6th "in" and "out" in each course.—"Conductor."

THE CLEVELAND AND NORTH YORKS ASSOCIATION.

SUCCESSFUL GATHERING AT RIPON.

The annual meeting of the Cleveland and North Yorkshire Association at Ripon was attended by ringers from Richmond, Tanfield, Stockton, Middleham, Thirsk, Sharow, Hemingbrough, Ripon, Skelton, Maske, Ormesby, Middlesbrough, Whitby, Wath, Darlington, Patley Bridge, Kettering and Ashby de la Zouche.

Dinner was provided at the Black Bull Hotel, Ripon, the President (the Rev. W. P. Wright) being in the chair, supported by the Rev. R. Macpherson (Precentor at Ripon Cathedral), Mr. W. W. Worthington, and the secretary (Mr. T. Metcalfe), a company numbering 60 sitting down.—The usual toasts were honoured, and the President welcomed Mr. Nicholls, of Kettering, and Mr. Worthington, of Ashby de la Zouche. He also proposed that the best thanks of this Association be given to the Dean and Chapter of the Ripon Cathedral, and to Canon Palmer, Vicar of Sharow, for the use of their bells.—The Rev. R. Macpherson, in replying, gave the Association, in the name of the Dean and Chapter of Ripon, a most hearty welcome to Ripon. He had no idea that bell ringing was taken such a great interest in, but judging by that gathering, it was quite evident that there was a great deal more in bell ringing than the outside world was aware of. He hoped that they all would enjoy themselves on the Cathedral bells, and be able to give a good account of their work.—The report of the Association's work during the year was read by the secretary, who made a reference to the Welsh Disestablishment Bill, and pointed out that they as bell ringers and church workers should put their shoulder to the wheel and do everything in their power to keep their ancient rights, because if this Bill became law in Wales there was nothing to say that a similar Bill would not be brought into force in England, and if this were done it might very seriously interfere with the art so many of them loved. Turning to the work of the Association, the report complained of the slackness of local secretaries not sending tower reports for the Annual Report. This report showed that 24 peals had been rung during the year, which was a record in number of peals for the Association. They had been rung in the following methods:—Grandsire Caters, 1; Grandsire Triples, 10; Stedman Triples, 2; Bob Triples, 1; Bob Major, 1; Kent Major, 1; Double Norwich Major, 1; Minor, 2. On handbells: Minor, 2; Bob Major, 2. Eleven conductors and 57 ringers had taken part in these peals, which compared favourably with previous years, being similar in point average. During the year, 27 members had been elected. The balance sheet showed that the Association stood in a good financial position, having a credit balance at the bank after paying all accounts and granting a sum of £5 to the Vicar of Whorlton towards defraying the cost of repairing the church bells, of £27 9s. 10½d. The meetings held by the Association had been well attended, and much useful work done among young ringers. The report concluded by expressing great appreciation of the work done by the President, and making a sympathetic reference to the death of Mr. Joseph Baines, a member of the Association, who had passed away at the advanced age of 92 years.

The report was adopted.

The Rev. R. Macpherson was elected an hon. member, Mr. W. W. Worthington a life member, and four lady members were also elected.

The President reported that the following places had been recommended by the committee for the meetings during the ensuing year: August Bank Holiday, Middlesbrough; September, Middleham; Easter Monday, 1914, Malton; and the annual meeting, Whit-Monday, 1914, Northallerton.

Mr. T. Stephenson proposed that the whole of the retiring officers be re-elected; this was seconded by Mr. J. W. Newton, and carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. A. MacFarlane, seconded by Mr. W. Pollard, the President and secretary were elected representatives to the Central Council.

During the day, a good deal of ringing was done on the bells at the Cathedral and Sharow, the following methods being rung: Bob Minor, Kent Minor, Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob Major, Kent and Double Norwich Major, Grandsire and Stedman Caters, and Kent Royal. The meeting proved one of the most successful and enjoyable in the annals of the Association.

LINCOLN GUILD.

A meeting of the Grimsby district of the Lincoln Guild was held at Scunthorpe on Saturday week, under the presidency of the Vicar (the Rev. T. Boughton). Members were present from Gainsborough, Grimsby, Barrow, and the local tower. Previous to the meeting, the members sat down to a splendid tea.—Mr. Chapman, of Scunthorpe, was elected a ringing member.

Mr. J. Parkin, of Scunthorpe, read an interesting paper entitled "Why do I ring and why am I a church bell ringer?" In the course of a discussion, which followed, Mr. Tinker, of Gainsborough, and Mr. Richardson, of Grimsby, referred to the position of ringers fifty or sixty years ago, proving what good work the different associations in the country had done.—The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, to Mr. Parkin for the paper he had read, and to Mr. Bird for the excellent arrangements he had made.

The methods rung during the afternoon and evening included Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Treble Bob and Plain Bob. The improvement noticeable in the striking was evidence of the value of the practice obtained at these meetings.

NOTICES.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late the St. James' Society, Established 1824).—Southern District.—The next meeting will be held on Saturday, June 21st, at Christ Church, Blackfriars. Tower open from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Business meeting at 8.15. All ringers and friends invited.—F. A. Smith, Honorary Secretary, 86, Gaskarth Road, Balham Hill, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Blackburn Branch.—A branch meeting will be held at Clitheroe on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Bells ready at 3 o'clock. Meeting 6.30 p.m.—J. Watson, Branch Secretary.

SUSSEX AND KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS.—A combined meeting of the Eastern Division of the former and the Ashford District of the latter will be held at Rye on Saturday, June 21st. Bells available (Rye 6 and Iden 6) from 2 till 9. Special service at St. Mary's, Rye, at 5 o'clock. Preacher, the Vicar (Rev. A. P. Howes, M.A.), who has also kindly invited all the members attending to the Monastery immediately after the service as his guests to tea. A short business meeting will follow. The usual travelling allowances will be made to the Sussex members attending on application to their secretary as below.—Secretary Eastern Division, Sussex, G. H. Howse, Kenilworth, Latimer Road, Eastbourne; Secretary Ashford District, Kent, Charles Tribe, British School Villas, Tenterden, Kent.

SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.—Quarterly meeting at Stafford, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available at 3. Service at 5.30, with address by the Rector. Tea (9d.) at 6 p.m. in St. Mary's Church Institute, Mount Street. Reports are ready.—H. Knight, Honorary Secretary, 15, Rugby Street, Wolverhampton.

WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.—Western Branch.—A quarterly meeting will be held at Ombersley on Saturday, June 21st. Service at 4 p.m. Business meeting afterwards. The bells will be available. — R. G. Knowles, Branch Secretary, Madresfield, Malvern.

MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION. — The next quarterly meeting will be held at Oakham on Saturday, June 21st. Bells ready at 2.30. Committee meeting at 4 o'clock. Tea (1s. each) at a quarter to five, in the Church Room.—W. E. White, Honorary Secretary.

HALIFAX AND DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. — The annual meeting and 8 bell contest will take place at Ripponden Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Tenor 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ cwt. Draw for order of ringing at 3 p.m. at the Waterloo Inn. All subscriptions are now due. — F. Salmons, 8, Salisbury Place, Halifax.

TOWCESTER AND DISTRICT BELLRINGERS' ASSOCIATION. — The annual festival will be held at Greens Norton on Saturday, June 21st, 1913. Service in church at 11 a.m. Business meeting 12 o'clock. Dinner 12.30. Ringing at 2 o'clock.—Frank Causebrook, Hon. Secretary.

BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Biggleswade Branch.—The next meeting will be held at Sandy tomorrow, Saturday, June 21st. Bells available from 3 to 9 p.m.—F. Blood, Branch Secretary.

WINCHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual festival will be held at Winchester on Monday, June 23rd. Meeting at the Guildhall at 2 p.m. Services in Cathedral at 4 p.m. Preacher, the Rev. A. D. Hill, the original

founder and first secretary of the Guild. Tea at 5 p.m. The Cathedral bells will be available.—George Williams, Honorary Secretary, West End, Near Southampton.

LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD. — The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. S. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome. — H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. Those requiring tea please send notice by June 20th. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. and St. Nicholas' by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., Shottery.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Western Division).—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bull Inn at 5.30, to members who notify me by June 25th, at 9d. All ringers and friends invited.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION. — Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, June 28th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business to follow. All members intending to be present at tea please inform me by Wednesday, June 25th.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 5th, bells (6) available all day, service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Five Bells Inn at 4.45 p.m., business meeting following. It is hoped that ringers and friends will turn up in large numbers, and so make this meeting a very successful one. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's, and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided for all who send their names to me by July 1st. A social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock. — William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from

8 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.

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ELY DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

A district meeting of the Ely Archdeaconry was held at Long Stanton on Saturday, members being present from Cambridge, Cottenham, Fen Ditton, Stapleford, Ickleton, Lolworth, Royston, and the local tower.

A short service was held in the church, the Vicar (the Rev. H. B. Woolley) giving a very encouraging address from Hebrews x, 25, "Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is."

A meat tea was provided in the Schoolroom, followed by the business meeting, the Vicar presiding, and Mrs. Woolley being also present. Several new members were elected, and it was decided to hold the next district meeting at Ickleton, in September.—A vote of thanks was accorded to the Vicar for the kind welcome he had given to the Association, and for the use of the bells, and for his address, on the motion of Mr. T. R. Dennis, who, referring to what was said at the Central Council meeting regarding peal ringing and the public, urged all members present to see that the striking was good, even if it was only in a simple method, whenever they rang peals, as good striking pleased the public, although they did not understand the art themselves. The resolution was seconded by Mr P. Webb, who endorsed all Mr Dennis had said, and suggested that ringers, when they met for peals or even at meetings, should give a penny each to help the restoration of bells at various places. Though only a small sum, it would all help on the work.—The Vicar, in reply, said how pleased he was to welcome the ringers to Long Stanton.

During the afternoon and evening, the sweet little peal of eight bells were rung in the following methods, the Vicar taking a rope in most touches: Bob Minor, Bob Major, Grandsire Triples and Kent Treble Bob Major.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

A meeting of the Lewisham District was held at Downe on Saturday week, when twenty-three were present from Beckenham, Bromley, Chislehurst, Crayford, Dartford, Deptford, Farningham, Hayes, and Lewisham. Touches of Doubles and Minor were brought round, and at the service, the Association's special form was used. The Rev. A. A. Gibson (Vicar) had most kindly secured the service of an organist and some of the choir boys, and the singing made the service very bright. An admirable address was given by the Vicar. Tea followed at the Queen's Head Hotel, the Vicar presiding.—Mr. W. J. Jeffries ably explained the advantages of belonging to the Association, and trusted the Downe band would soon become affiliated. In conclusion, he proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for so kindly arranging the service, and for the use of the bells, also to the organist and choir boys in their kindness.—The motion was seconded by the District Secretary (Mr. T. Groombridge), and carried with applause.—The Vicar, in reply, said the visit had given him very great pleasure, and he trusted the Downe band would become affiliated. He (the Vicar) was very interested in change ringing, but at present lacked rope-sight. It would give him great pleasure to become an hon. member (applause).—A course of Grandsire Triples was then rung on the Vicar's handbells, and afterwards the tower was again visited, various touches being rung, including two courses of Cambridge Surprise Minor.

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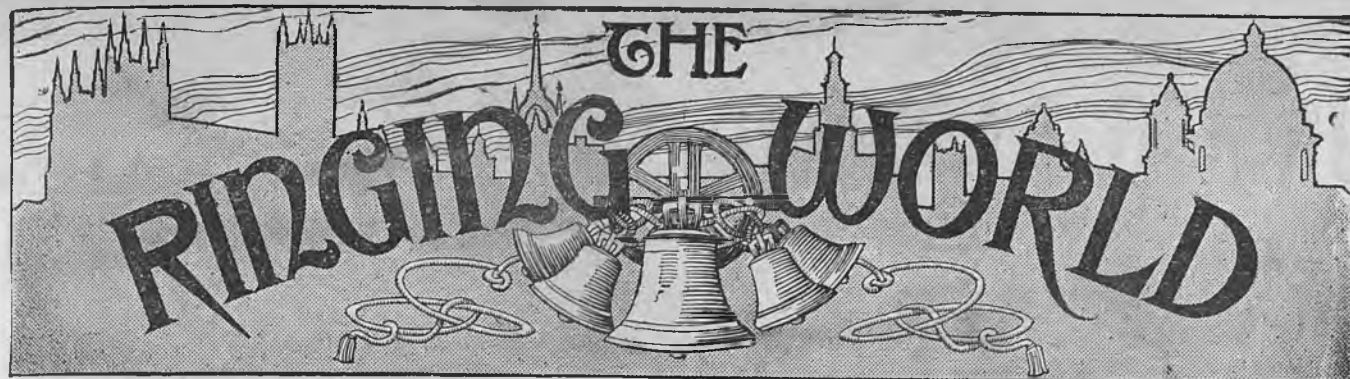
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IN AMERICA.

The news which we have had from America recently is as gratifying as it is interesting, for it tells of organised effort made for the first time to establish the Art in a land where hitherto the spasmodic attempts to plant the flag have had but singularly short-lived success. We frequently talk of the Art being peculiarly English in its character, and it is true that even in our dominions overseas it has proved exceedingly difficult to promote. The cause has not been in this case so much the fact that the uses of bells, as we know them, are not so fully appreciated in the Colonies—as might be the fact in other lands—as to the trouble in getting together enough ringers in one centre. And although there have been a few rings of bells in America the same difficulties have been experienced. Many ringers from the old country have settled in the States, but at places so far apart that co-operative effort has been impossible.

Thanks, however, to the interest displayed in the Art by Dr. A. H. Nicholls, of Boston, Massachusetts, and to his untiring efforts, rings of bells have been provided in that city and its environs, and he has now gathered round him from England a band capable of demonstrating to the Americans the superior qualities of English bells hung for ringing over the harsher and far less melodious castings of the foundries in the Western hemisphere. From the reports which we have been able to publish the citizens of Boston seem readily to have appreciated the rhythm of well-tuned bells rung in changes, and now the newly-formed Guild have gone a step further, and, by demonstrating before a society of architects, have been able to show those responsible for the construction of towers something of the requirements necessary for the successful erection of bells on English principles. Dr. Nicholls is certainly beginning at the right end. He tells us that the frequent performances of long lengths are not to be expected. Americans, who have the reputation for living at high pressure, and who are specially sensitive to noise, have not been habituated to the ringing of bells, and peals would probably only tend to set them against the establishment of the Art in their country. The conditions in England and America, it must be remembered, are vastly different. Here at home the public have grown up with the bells in their midst and ringing both by custom and tradition is part and parcel of English life. In America it is far different. Our Art is an innovation, and it is far better to go slowly and to educate the public, as Dr. Nicholls is evidently doing, than plunge into a campaign of peal ringing, and so, perhaps, create at the outset a lasting spirit of hostility.

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TWELVE BELL PEAL.

IPSWICH, SUFFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION
AND THE ST. MARY-LE-TOWER SOCIETY, IPSWICH.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-seven Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. MARY-LE-TOWER,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN CINQUES, 5002 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

JAMES MOTTS Treble	WILLIAM MOTTS 7
WILLIAM L. CATCHPOLE ... 2	ERNEST G. STIBBONS ... 8
WILLIAM A. GARRARD ... 3	WILLIAM P. GARRETT ... 9
EDGAR PEMBERTON ... 4	WILLIAM E. GARRARD ... 10
CHARLES J. SEDGLEY ... 5	ROBERT H. BRUNDLE ... 11
CHARLES H. GILLINGHAM 6	CHARLES A. CATCHPOLE Tenor

Composed by FREDERICK DENCH, and

Conducted by JAMES MOTTS.

* First peal of Stedman Cinques. Rung specially to oblige Wm. E. Garrard and as a birthday peal to his son, Wm. A. Garrard, who was 19 years of age on Monday, June 23rd. Both these ringers and Ernest G. Stibbons belong to St. Mary Abbott's Society, London, and were spending the week-end in Suffolk.

TEN BELL PEALS.

WOLVERHAMPTON.

THE SOCIETY FOR THE ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD.

On Thursday, June 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Twenty-two Minutes,

AT THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5057 CHANGES;

Tenor 33 cwt.

*HARRY M. HAWKSWOOD ... Treble	HERBERT JONES 6
*HARRY MITCHELL 2	†WILLIAM H. LAWLEY ... 7
†FREDERICK DARRALL ... 3	BENJAMIN CLARK 8
*HAROLD GIBSON 4	ALBERT LITTLE 9
HERBERT KNIGHT 5	†EDWARD F. MITCHELL ... Tenor

Composed by JAMES E. GROVES, and

Conducted by HERBERT KNIGHT.

* First peal. † First peal on ten bells. First peal on the bells by an entirely local band.

GRANTHAM, LINCOLNSHIRE.
THE LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirty-three Minutes,

AT THE CHURCH OF ST. WULFRUM,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE CATERS, 5021 CHANGES;

Tenor 32 cwt.

HARRY THORPE Treble	WILLIAM G. THORPE ... 6
GEORGE CHESTER 2	SIDNEY PROCTOR 7
ALBERT C. DARNELL ... 3	*JOHN A. FREEMAN 8
J. FRANK PROCTOR ... 4	BENJAMIN A. KNIGHTS ... 9
*TOM PYLE 5	THOMAS H. HALL Tenor

Composed by ARTHUR KNIGHTS, and

Conducted by SIDNEY PROCTOR.

* First peal of Caters. This composition, now rung for the first time, contains the 6th the extent wrong in the titbits and inverted home positions. The peal was arranged for Messrs. Chester, Pyle and Freeman, of Lincoln, and as a birthday compliment to Miss K. M. Thorpe, sister of the ringers of the treble and 6th bells.

EIGHT BELL PEALS.

MOTTRAM, CHESHIRE.

THE CHESTER DIOCESAN GUILD.
(BOWDON AND STOCKPORT BRANCH.)

On Tuesday, June 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes,

AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF KENT TREBLE BOB MAJOR, 5024 CHANGES;

Tenor 15 cwt.

JOHN STOPFORD Treble	TOM WILDE 5
REV. A. T. BEESTON ... 2	ISAAC SIDEBOTHAM ... 6
WILLIAM H. BRADLEY ... 3	JOSEPH GODDARD 7
JOHN HARROP 4	ALBERT HOUGH Tenor

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

BUSHEY, HERTS.

THE HERTFORD COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Tuesday, June 17, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. James,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HALEY'S VARIATION OF THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

GEORGE EDWARDS Treble	BERTRAM PREWETT... .. 5
THOMAS R. SCOTT 2	MAURICE F. R. HIBBERT 6
ROBERT E. STAVERT 3	WILLIAM SEELEY 7
WALTER S. INWOOD 4	FRANCIS A. SMITH Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM SEELEY.

Mr. G. Edwards hails from Chiddingstone.

BARKING, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

(St. Margaret's Society, BARKING.)

On Tuesday, June 17, 1913, in Three Hours and Thirteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Margaret,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

CARTER'S VARIATION OF PARKER'S TWELVE-PART.

Tenor 22½ cwt.

WILLIAM G. JACKSON ... Treble	GEORGE COTTIS 5
ALBERT C. HARDY 2	JAMES NORRIS 6
GEORGE W. FAULKNER ... 3	CALEB FENN 7
HENRY E. PARKER 4	ERNEST G. FENN Tenor

Conducted by CALEB FENN.

Rung, with the bells half-muffled, as a token of respect to D'oyley S. Simons, a member of the above Society, who was buried on the above date.

BURGESS HILL, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Wednesday, June 18, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Evangelist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 14 cwt.

ALFRED J. TURNER ... Treble	RICHARD STREDWICK ... 5
ERIC FILTNESS 2	ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... 6
FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH... 3	KEITH HART 7
HORACE ROFFE BUTCHER... 4	THOMAS STRINGER Tenor

Conducted by KEITH HART.

Rung on the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the church.

BRIGHTON, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Thursday, June 19, 1913, in Three Hours and Nine Minutes,
At the Church of St. Peter,

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

ARTHUR W. GRAVETT ... Treble	ERNEST GOWER 5
ARTHUR H. WHITE 2	JOHN CAPP... .. 6
RICHARD STREDWICK 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
ERIC FILTNESS 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by REV. H. EARLE BULWER, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

SOUTHOVER, LEWES, SUSSEX.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Five Minutes,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

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

Tenor 17½ cwt.

FREDERICK PROTHEROUGH... Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 5
ERIC FILTNESS 2	ALFRED J. TURNER 6
WILLIAM C. HART 3	ALBERT D. STONE 7
JOHN CAPP 4	KEITH HART Tenor

Composed by HENRY DAINS, and
Conducted by KEITH HART.

BISHOP'S LYDEARD, SOMERSET.

THE BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-nine Minutes,
At the Parish Church,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLLIS'S FIVE-PART No. 2.

Tenor 24½ cwt., in E flat.

ALBERT TOUT Treble	FRANK SADD 5
HENRY J. CREED 2	ISAAC CREED 6
ROBERT SCOTT 3	PERCY S. MERSON 7
HENRY NORMAN 4	WILLIAM D. WHITE... .. Tenor

Conducted by ROBERT SCOTT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to H. J. Creed. Great credit is due to A. Tout for the manner in which he rang the treble, it being his first peal and rung at the first attempt. He has only taken up change ringing for about three months, and was elected a member of the Association in the tower.

ERITH, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours,
At the Church of St. John the Baptist,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 15 cwt.

ISAAC EMERY Treble	FRANK BENNETT 5
THOMAS H. COLBURN 2	THOMAS KING 6
LOUIS J. ATTWATER 3	THOMAS JAKEMAN 7
HUBERT J. BLACKWELL ... 4	WALTER ROWE... .. Tenor

Conducted by FRANK BENNETT.

It was intended to have rung this peal by all blacksmiths, but unfortunately Mr. Wightman, through meeting with an accident, was prevented from taking part at the last minute. The conductor filled his place at short notice.

WOOLWICH, KENT.

THE MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. Mary Magdalene,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART. Tenor 13 cwt.

ISAAC G. SHADE Treble	HARRY BECKFORD 5
EDWARD T. WIGG 2	REUBEN SANDERS 6
HAROLD W. CLARK 3	WILLIAM PYE 7
ARTHUR J. NEALE 4	WILLIAM HORSLEY Tenor

Conducted by WILLIAM PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to W. Horsley.

BECKENHAM, KENT.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
At the Church of St. George,

A PEAL OF GRANDSIRE TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

HOLT'S TEN-PART.

*ERNEST TIGWELL ... Treble	FREDRIC KING 5
WALTER SMITH... .. 2	GEORGE DURLING 6
GEORGE W. CLARKE 3	FREDRICK TERRY 7
†GEORGE WICKENS 4	*FREDRICK SCUTCHER ... Tenor

Conducted by WALTER SMITH.

* First peal. † First peal in the method. Rung as a birthday compliment to E. Tigwell.

HORNCHURCH, ESSEX.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Sixteen Minutes,
At the Church of St. Andrew,

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

Tenor 19 cwt.

EDWARD HAWKINS ... Treble	GEORGE JAYE 5
ARTHUR C. CHAPLIN... .. 2	FRANK NEWMAN 6
GEORGE R. PYE... .. 3	JOHN DALE... .. 7
ERNEST J. BUTLER 4	ERNEST PYE Tenor

Composed by GABRIEL LINDOFF, and
Conducted by GEORGE R. PYE.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Arthur C. Chaplin and Robert Jaye, father of the ringer of the 5th.

WOOTTON BASSETT, WILTS.
GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.
On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Three Hours and Twelve Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS,

A PEAL OF DOUBLE NORWICH COURT BOB MAJOR, 5040 CHANCES;
Tenor 18 cwt. 3 qr.

*LOUIS A. WILSON Treble	†FRANK LOOKER 5
ROBERT W. HYNER 2	HENRY W. L. WELLS 6
*GILBERT H. HARDING 3	GEORGE LANCASTER 7
†WILLIAM G. LANCASTER 4	CHARLES J. GARDINER ... Tenor

Composed by BENJAMIN ANNABLE, and
Conducted by CHARLES J. GARDINER.

* First peal in the method. † First peal of Major. ‡ First peal on eight bells. First peal in the method as conductor. Rung to welcome home Mrs. Mathias, wife of the Vicar (the Rev. J. C. S. Mathias), after several months' absence through ill-health. Gilbert H. Harding was elected a member of the above Association before starting the peal. First peal in the method on the bells.

HARTLEBURY, WORCESTERSHIRE.
THE WORCESTERSHIRE AND DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION.
On Sunday, June 22, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. JAMES,

A PEAL OF STEDMAN TRIPLES, 5040 CHANCES;

THURSTANS' FOUR-PART.

WILLIAM SHORT Treble	GEORGE HINTON, Junr. ... 5
ERNEST E. BARBER 2	ROBERT G. KNOWLES ... 6
WILLIAM C. JONES 3	WILLIAM PAGE 7
J. H. R. FREEBORN 4	GORDON CHECKETTS ... Tenor

Conducted by W. PAGE.

Rung on the anniversary of the Coronation of King George V.

SIX & FIVE BELL PEALS.

NEWDIGATE, SURREY.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.

On Saturday, May 10, 1913, in Two Hours and Thirty-nine Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. PETER,

A PEAL OF TREBLE BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 8½ cwt.

ALBERT ELLIS Treble	OLIVER SIPPETTS 4
JOHN AKEHURST 2	ARTHUR W. TULLETT ... 5
PERCY F. WELLER 3	FREDK. R. TULLETT, Junr. Tenor

Conducted by FREDERICK R. TULLETT.

Rung as a birthday compliment to Oliver Sippetts.

ISLIP, NORTHANTS.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

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

Tenor 12½ cwt.

*JOHN COLEMAN Treble	*ALFRED KNIGHT 4
*JAMES B. HUDSON 2	THOMAS JERVIS 5
*LEONARD WYMAN 3	REGINALD C. LOVEDAY ... Tenor

Conducted by R. C. LOVEDAY.

* First peal in seven methods, and rung at the first attempt. It was a birthday compliment to the conductor.

STOKE ALBANY, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE.

THE CENTRAL NORTHAMPTONSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE PARISH CHURCH,

A PEAL OF MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being two 720's each of Oxford and Kent Treble Bob, and one each of Oxford Bob, St. Clement's and Plain Bob each called differently.

FOSTER DEACON Treble	BERT KILBORN 4
HARRY PEET 2	FRED KILBORN 5
FREDERICK KILBORN 3	HORACE W. SHARMAN ... Tenor

Conducted by HORACE W. SHARMAN.

First peal in five methods by all except the conductor, to whom the peal was rung as a birthday compliment.

KERESLEY, WARWICKSHIRE.
THE WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.

On Saturday, June 21, 1913, in Two Hours and Forty-four Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS;

A PEAL OF DOUBLES, 5040 CHANCES;

Being 12 Six-scores of Plain Bob and 30 of Grandsire, called in 14 different ways.

Tenor 6 cwt. 1 qr.

WILLIAM PRYCE Treble	CHARLES FREEMAN 3
ROBERT GREEN 2	G. HARRY KETTLE 4
JOSEPH H. W. WHITE ... Tenor	

Conducted by J. H. W. WHITE.

This is the first peal on the bells.

BUXTON, NORFOLK.

THE NORWICH DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.

On Monday, June 23, 1913, in Two Hours and Fifty-five Minutes,
AT THE CHURCH OF ST. ANDREW,

A PEAL OF BOB MINOR, 5040 CHANCES;

Being seven 720's.

Tenor 12 cwt.

*STEPHEN BULLER Treble	WALTER ALLEN 4
GEORGE FURROW 2	*CHARLES E. NEWLAND ... 5
*ALBERT TAYLOR 3	WALTER C. MEDLAR ... Tenor

Conducted by W. C. MEDLAR.

* First peal.

The peal of Stedman Triples rung at Wood Green, Wednesbury, on June 5th, was conducted by S. J. Tyler.

THE WINCHESTER GUILD.

The annual meeting of the Winchester Diocesan Guild, at Winchester, on Monday, was attended by about a hundred members. The President (Mr. J. P. Stillwell), the Master (the Rev. C. E. Matthews), the hon. secretary (Mr. G. Williams), the hon. treasurer (the Rev. W. E. Colchester), the auditor (Mr. H. White), and the recorder of peals (Mr. Fairey), were re-elected.—It was decided that district secretaries unable to attend the Central Committee meetings should in future be allowed to send the assistant secretary, with full power to vote.—The Master gave a resume of the Central Council meeting, and referred particularly to the warm welcome given to the Southerners at Newcastle. He pointed out that the next meeting of the Council was to take place at Winchester, and said they came back from Newcastle with the determination to do all they could to give the Northerners an equally warm welcome in the south.—A committee, consisting of the President, the Master, the Hon. Secretary, the Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. W. J. Elkins, was appointed to carry out the necessary arrangements.

The usual service was held in the Cathedral, the special preacher being the Rev. De Boulay Hill, one of the founders of the Guild 33 years ago. At that time, the Guild started with seven towers in union, and it now had 89.

The tea took place in St. Maurice's Hall, and afterwards the usual votes of thanks were accorded.

We hope to give a fuller report of the proceedings next week.

GLOUCESTER AND BRISTOL ASSOCIATION.

A well-attended meeting of the Wotton-under-Edge and district branch was held at Wickwar on Saturday last, when nine towers were represented. A tea and meeting were held at the White Horse Inn, where Mr. F. G. Ansell, one of the churchwardens, presided over a gathering of 28 members. Previous to the meeting, a few of the members visited the Rector (the Rev. Canon Lyon), who, owing to his age, was unable to meet them, he being over 90 years of age. He gave them a hearty welcome to his church, and hoped they would spend a pleasant afternoon.—Mr. F. K. Howell (chairman of the branch), on behalf of the members, thanked the Rector for granting them the use of the bells.

The meeting passed off very successfully, and included the election of Mr. F. E. Ward as an hon. member of the district. Mr. Ward is a past master of the Association, and for some years acted as hon. treasurer. He has lately come to reside in the district, but owing to ill-health has been obliged to give up ringing.—It was decided to hold the next meeting at Slymbridge, on July 26th.—The bells, a nice peal of six, were kept going during the afternoon and evening in Grandsire, Stedman, Plain Bob, Kent and Oxford Treble Bob.

SWANMORE.—The Winchester Guild.—On Sunday afternoon, April 6th, at the residence of Mr. W. Linter, three 120's of Grandsire Doubles, on handbells: Miss May Linter 1, Miss Ethel Linter 2, Fred Linter 3, Roy Linter 4, W. Linter 5—6. In the evening, three 120's, Walter Linter 1, remainder as above; and 108 Grandsire Minor: Miss May Linter 1, Miss Ethel Linter 2, Roy Linter 3, Fred Linter 4, Walter Linter 5, W. Linter (conductor) 6.

A 20th CENTURY PILGRIMAGE.

The parochial records of Christ Church, Mitcham, contain an unique entry for Saturday, 14th June, for although the bells "given by Wm. Jmo. Harris and Fanny his wife," have been hung for 29 years, it is the first occasion that the ringers there have emulated the example of their elder brethren of the Parish Church in the felicity of a sunny summer's day ringing tour.

The members of the band, with the Vicar and both wardens and five staunch friends of ringing fame, met in the belfry at 7.30 a.m., and joined as a devoted body of Church workers in Common Prayer ("if the prayer be good, the Commoner, the better"). Short opening touches were rung by the local band, and then by the visitors without a "stand." They then grouped, with their various insignia of office, under the tower in the churchyard where a camera made a permanent record of form and feature of the pilgrim band. Meanwhile a well-appointed saloon motor (Tillings, Ltd.) had arrived at the churchyard gate, which the 16 Pilgrims quickly boarded, decorating it with a symbol of their art, and the Guildford Pilgrimage had commenced before the scheduled time of 8 o'clock.

Being a six-bell band, six-bell towers were the objective points; therefore, Ewell, with its eight and Leatherhead with its ten, were passed by, and the Norman Church (and rebuilt Saxon Tower) of St. Andrew, Cobham, was made the first stopping place. The pilgrims being sufficiently numerous for division into two bands was a distinct advantage at all the towers throughout the day, for while one band were handling the ropes, the other band were able to inspect archaeological features and appreciate the rural surroundings (so different to High Street, Olliers Wood), and to realise somewhat of the "Peace of God" that seems to brood upon these quiet resting places consecrated by the use of the hoary ages of antiquity. Half an hour was the allotted span at each church, rigidly adhered to; therefore, no stop was made for lunch, but a pilgrim's portion was handed round in passing through Wisley and Ripley—for early birds had had only time to catch just one early worm.

The Onslow Churches of West Clandon, and then of Merrow, both of Norman origin, were next visited, and the county town of Surrey reached by 11.45 when the Pilgrim band was joined by an old friend, in the person of Mr. J. J. Jones, the hon. secretary of the local branch of the Winchester Guild. Plain courses of Doubles were well struck, and quickly brought round at Brett's Restaurant, and although Archbishop Abbot's Hospital was closed to visitors through fears of wanton damage, recently engendered by some of those who profess and call themselves Christians, the Jacobean Town Hall was opened (thanks to Mr. Jones), and here the famous 15th century gilt and silver mace, the finest in England, was inspected, together with its younger and larger Stuart brother.

The church and belfry (under repair) of Holy Trinity—the latter now being made famous throughout the ringing world by the wonderful feats of Mr. Pulling—and then the Anglo-Saxon castle ruins, with memories of the murdered sons of King Alfred, and of Stephen Langton of Magna Charta fame (15th June, 1215), came in for a hasty survey. Want of time alone prevented a visit to the Saxon and mediæval Church of St. Mary with all its interesting work, or a pull on the ten of St. Nicolas at the Ford.

A charming walk along the tow-path of the Way to the ruined Pilgrim Chapel on the summit of St. Catherine's Hill, brought the 20th century Pilgrims on to what is still known as "the Pilgrims Way," of the 13th century Winchester-Canterbury Pilgrims, who, in their day and time, only used what is probably the most ancient track-way in the country, viz., the prehistoric track-way along the southern slope of the North Downs from the Stonehenge Metropolis (possibly the old Tin way from the West) to the Kentish coast—some would even take us further on and longer back in this same track-way over the site of the English Channel to the stone circles of Brittany.

Crossing the Pilgrim Ford by ferry, the track-way was continued in (for although here covered by private golf links, it is still the ancient high way) till a slight detour brought the present pilgrims to Shalford Church, with its 19 cwt. tenor. It was hot work after dinner, and the tenor-man perspired; then re-boarding the car, Bramley belfry (more Norman work), with its outside stair, was soon tintinabulating with the bells—

"That ring so slow
So mellow, musical and low,"

and here the Pilgrim band were strengthened by Mr. and Mrs. Whittington, of county ringing fame.

Wonersh, the church in the park, clearly "a case of the pious ancestor," who built the church for himself, his tenants, and fellow parishioners, on his own land and next his own house—the origin of so many of our ancient parish churches—a most interesting building, with a curious crypt and mortuary chapel, the whole place (save the ringing chamber!) both beautifully appointed and kept; and the bells, like those of Bramley, recently rehung.

Leaving the restored Norman Church (and erstwhile Pilgrim Chapel) of St. Martha, Chilworth, unvisited, high upon the summit of the

North Downs, with its world-old traditional memories of human sacrifices on the site, and of Christian Martyrdoms in the dim early age of Christianity—of beacon fires—and of Mediæval Pilgrimage associations, the motor flew through Albury on to Shere, where the monthly combined practice of the Guildford district had been arranged to meet the Mitcham Pilgrims.

The church here is an exceedingly quaint mixture of Norman, Early English, decorated, churchwarden and Victorian Gothic—with its big heavy tower over the central crossing, and a beautiful ring of eight. The camera again played its part here as the "furthest extent" of the Pilgrimage.

The journey on through Gomshall and Wotton was chiefly associated with memories of "Jehu the son of Jehosaphat, the son of Nimshi, for he driveth furiously," and tea at Dorking came as a welcome tonic to strained nerves. Buckland, with its quaint squat spire, was the scene of the only disappointment of the day, a recent death and present sore sickness in the village preventing ringing.

Reigate and its hill were next negotiated, and then Kingswood, the finest six-bell ring in the county, was reached soon after 8 o'clock. The customary half hour was extended here till "Twilight and evening bell—and after that the dark" brought "one clear call for" home; the little incident of a tyre coming off in crossing Burgh Heath, while causing a little "bumping" to which ringers are not unaccustomed, did nothing to mar the content of a day well spent, and a visit to the Sutton Garage soon enabled the captain to call another "Go for Home"—yes Home—"poor benighted Mitcham"—the land of market gardens and of stinks—still, our home, the place of our trivial round and common task and the scene of deep-seated affections. At 10.45, tired out and virtuous, after 17 hours (for some left home at 6.0 a.m.), and 70 miles of pure enjoyment with ringing echoes of Grandsire (good old Grandsire), Bob Doubles, Oxford Single, Plain Bob, Canterbury, Stedman, and Kent Treble Bob.

The programme issued to the Pilgrims enjoined on all Joseph's advice to his brethren on their journey, "See that ye fall not out by the way." It was obeyed literally, for on one occasion one Pilgrim was observed to be holding on like grim death, while Godly love and concord was the order, and memory, of a very happy day.

The Pilgrims desire to publicly acknowledge and to express their gratitude to the Rectors and Vicars of the various parishes for the ready and kindly assents given, weeks ago, for the use of the bells; and to the local captains and steeplekeepers for their presence, their help, and for their kind and brotherly expressions of goodwill, and, last, but not least, to the chauffeur who made the running.

EXHIBITION OF CHANGE RINGING. BOSTON GUILD DEMONSTRATE BEFORE AMERICAN ARCHITECTS.

The Boston (U.S.A.) Guild of Ringers, recently organised, having been honoured with an invitation to give a practical demonstration of their art before the Boston Society of Architects, met for this purpose on June 10th in the tower of the Perkin's Institution for the Blind. A full turnout of the society afforded a rare opportunity of illustrating to an intelligent and appreciative audience, not only the scientific character and superiority of change ringing, but also of directing attention to our reasonable requirements in the design and equipment of bell towers.

A useful object lesson was thus given in certain details of tower construction, wherein architects are not unfrequently delinquent, such, for example, as the relation of belfry floor to arches, and its height from the ground, the lighting, ventilation and furnishing of the ringing chamber, and location of hatchways. Especial interest was shown in watching, from the spiral stairway mounting from the bell deck, the rhythmical revolution of the bells, and the effect of their lateral thrust upon the stability of the stone walls.

It seems to be a wise policy to encourage in future similar visits of the laity to our towers as tending to develop more intimate relations between ringers, who are too little inclined to cultivate acquaintance outside their own numbers, and the members of other professions. Such inter-communication cannot fail to be helpful in stimulating the design of improved towers, the selection of better bells, the promotion of good ringing; and, what is of like importance, the advancement of the ringers themselves. Indeed it is by the vehicle of associations thus formed that certain members of our band have been already introduced to desirable employment.

It must be admitted that this proposition, directed less to the scoring of points than to the edification and education of the public, precludes the idea of prolonged ringing to which our communities are not habituated, and are less inclined to tolerate by reason of recent agitation against objectionable noises. Hence our English confreres must not look for the achievement of many complete peals in this region, which will be permissible only upon general holidays. Meanwhile we shall try to avoid the danger of incurring an unsympathetic rebuke like that administered to some unskilled performers upon one of our American chimes, viz., that they should suspend practice until they had learned to recognise the difference between harmony and assault and battery.

A. H. NICHOLS, M.D.

ON PLEASURE BENT.

A HUNDRED MILE MOTOR TRIP.

The ringers of St. John the Evangelist's, Bournemouth, had their annual outing on Saturday, when the party, numbering 13, and including the Vicar, visited Southampton. The journey was made by motor-car, in all a circuit of about 100 miles. Starting about 8.30 a.m., a short halt was made in the New Forest to inspect the Rufus Stone, and then Romsey was reached, where a brief inspection of the fine old abbey was made. Dinner was partaken of at Southampton, and afterwards the docks were visited, and the party were extremely lucky in getting a good view of the s.s. "Olympic," which had arrived during the morning. The next move was to Hursley, about nine miles away, where the Vicar, Curate and steeplekeeper met the party, and a few short touches were rung. Returning to Southampton for tea, a quiet hour's stroll was enjoyed, and then the journey home was made via Lyndhurst, a successful and enjoyable day finishing at 10.30 p.m. The ringers wish to thank the Vicar and Curate of Hursley for their welcome and kindness, and the steeplekeeper for having everything in readiness.

IN "ZUMMERSET."

A very pleasant afternoon was spent by eight members of the Gloucester and the Bristol Association, on Saturday. Leaving Bristol at 2.30 in a waggonette, a drive through some of the famous Somerset lanes brought them to Chem-Magna, where the band made a great effort to score the first 720 on the bells, which, with a tenor of 34 cwt., do not go very well. The bells were raised in peal and after ringing three courses of Plain Bob, an adjournment was made for tea. The party then returned to the tower, and after paying some small attentions to the bells, the extent on six was brought round in 28 minutes, by: R. J. Wilkins 1, W. Lansdown 2, C. H. Gordon 3, G. Wiltshire 4, H. Howell (conductor) 5, T. Long 6. After ringing a six-score and lowering the bells, the visitors proceeded to Winford, where there is a very pretty ring of six (tenor 16 cwt.), and upon these another 720 was rung, by: F. Price 1, W. Lansdown 2, A. Maggs 3, R. J. Wilkins (conductor) 4, H. Howell 5, G. Wiltshire 6. A couple of six-scores, in which two of the local men and W. Stafford, took part, followed. The ringers wish to thank the clergy for the use of the bells, and hope to pay several more visits to "Zummerzet," which is noted for its towers and rings. The bells at Chem-Magna are a very fine peal of six, and with four trebles would run Wrington very close for first place as a peal of ten. A pleasant drive of seven miles brought the visitors to Bristol at 10.30, and everyone agreed that the outing had been much more enjoyable than ringing a 5040.—R.J.W.

THE BUSHEY SOCIETY.

The annual outing of the Bushey Society took place on Saturday week in pleasant weather. Meeting at the church at 8 a.m., a start was made by brake to Barnet, where, permission for ringing having already been obtained, a touch of Stedman Triples was first brought round, the tone of the bells being greatly admired. A plain course of Bristol and touches of Bob Major and Grandsire Triples finished the ringing here, one of the local men taking a rope in the latter. Adjourning to a neighbouring hostelry, a pleasant half-hour was spent in the company of Mr. J. Sumpter, the genial steeplekeeper, and the evergreen Mr. Bolton. Afterwards the party proceeded to Southgate, where a pleasant half-hour was whiled away in watching the cricket match between M.C.C. and Southgate. Dinner at the Cherry Tree was the next item, and the visitors were agreeably surprised when their Rector walked into the room, he having motored over from Bushey in order to be present. Having done justice to an excellent spread, the party were piloted to the church by Mr. J. E. Miller to have a pull on the famous peal, and two touches of Stedman Triples, three leads of Kent and of Oxford Treble Bob, and a plain course each of Double Norwich and Bristol were rung. After taking leave of the Rector, who had to return to Bushey to take a service, the party drove to North Mimms, where the church is pleasantly situated in a park embowered in trees. Here was found a grand little peal of six, upon which touches of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles and Kent Treble Bob Minor were tapped off, and a touch of Oxford, with Mr. A. Lawrence, who is instructing the local band, was lost in the last few leads. A charming, though rather rough road through the park, brought them to South Mimms, where tea at the Greyhound was very welcome. After tea the Secretary trotted the party off to the church, where they rang Stedman Doubles, Kent and Plain Bob Minor, the long draught and the huge ropes being rather too much for the nerves of some of the band, who preferred listening to ringing. Leaving at 7.45, a pleasant drive through undulating country brought the excursionists to Aldenham, where they spent a social hour with some of the local men at Host Jones', and reached Bushey soon after 9.30 p.m., after a most enjoyable day. The best thanks of the party are due to the various incumbents for the use of their bells, and to the steeplekeepers for having them ready.

IN THE LUNE VALLEY.

The first annual outing of the St. Mary's, Penwortham, Society, which was formed a year ago on the occasion of the bi-centenary celebrations of the erection of the bells, was a very enjoyable affair. Accompanied by the Vicar (the Rev. O. Burton), who is president of the society, a visit was paid to the Lune Valley. Driving from Lancaster, the first call was at Cloughton to inspect the ancient bell which the

church there possesses. Its date was unknown until 1853, but the inscription in Lombardic characters, then deciphered, appear to fix its casting at about 1296 A.D. It is considered to be the oldest dated bell in England in perfect condition. The visitors next proceeded to Hornby, where, by permission of the Vicar, touches of College Single and Bob Minor were rung, Mr. Norris, a native of Penwortham, taking a rope with the ringers from his birthplace. After dinner, the party went on to Melling and Lower Bentham, at each of which places, by the kindness of the Vicar, they were able to ring. At Lower Bentham they found a weight of metal which demanded their best efforts, but despite this, and the length of rope, the ringing was good. An interesting feature at this church is a spare bell about 15 cwt., hung in the church porch, and used for occasional purposes.

The final call was Burton-in-Lonsdale, the Rev. Reginald Stowell, who is a member of the Lancashire Association, having extended a hearty welcome, but owing to a prior engagement he was unable to be present personally. A 720 Bob Minor was brought round, and after tea further ringing was indulged in until time for the homeward journey, Preston being reached about 10.30, after a most enjoyable day in every respect. The members of the society desire to place on record their hearty thanks to the Vicars of the respective churches visited, for permission to use the bells, and also to the local ringers for their hearty welcome. Should they ever find themselves able to visit Penwortham, the ringers there will endeavour to give them a welcome equally as hearty and fraternal.

INTERESTING CEREMONY AT BURNHAM.

PRESENTATION AND UNVEILING.

Last Saturday's Surprise practice at this tower was considerably varied by two pleasing little ceremonies carried out in a quiet and prompt manner, under the secretaryship of Mr. J. J. Parker. At 7 p.m., a peal tablet was unveiled by the Vicar (the Rev. F. F. Penraddock, M.A.) with appropriate word and deed—a white ensign having previously obscured the record affixed to the belfry wall perpetuating peal No. 1965 for the Oxford Diocesan Guild—a 5056 Superlative rung last December being the first Surprise on the bells when most of the band earned their stars. Gathered in the belfry were a dozen well-known ringing faces from neighbouring towers in Bucks and Berks—Messrs. Welling, Garraway, Buckland, Mayne, Blackmore, Cox, Henley, and W. H. Fussell, also the Rev. H. J. S. Davis (Curate, late of Chalfont), and several past and present churchwardens, Messrs. H. A. Carter, W. H. Williams and G. Edney.

The second item of the evening, consisted of the presentation of an eight-day marble striking clock to Mr. George Martin, of Maidenhead, one of the most deserving members of the East Berks and South Bucks branch of the Guild, and a truly qualified instructor. This duty was also kindly undertaken by the Vicar, a list of the subscribers, with an address, forming part of the gift, being handed over with the clock, which bears a neat gilt plate in front, inscribed as follows: "Presented to Mr. George Martin, as a mark of respect, from a few ringing friends, Burnham, Bucks, 21st June, 1913."

In returning thanks, Mr. Martin was quite unable to give expression to all he wished to say to those who had very kindly thought so well of his endeavour to help on advanced change ringing in the branch. He was completely taken by surprise, and stood watching with unconcern the unpacking of a brown paper parcel, till the Vicar crossed the belfry floor and gently placed the timepiece in Mr. Martin's astonished hands.

A course of Cambridge Surprise then followed, six of the team being members of the Superlative band, and then came a few complimentary speeches, during which Mr. Parker proposed a vote of thanks to the Vicar and churchwardens for not only their presence with the ringers that evening, but also for the generous permission to practice at Burnham readily given during the past two years through the steeplekeeper, Mr. G. Alder.

These gentlemen having responded Mr. Churchwarden Williams took a spell on the 6th bell, when it was ascertained he began his ringing at Llandaff Cathedral, and many years since helped to restore Bedwas bells, a ring of six at his father's church. After a friendly good-night all round, the visitors were left to their practice, and several touches of Cambridge were attempted, one failing in the last lead, but one coming home in good style, and the belfry closed at 9 o'clock.

Facing the church gates stands "The Five Bells," an ancient house of refreshment, with its projecting sign well adorned with painted bells, their number coinciding with those of the church at one time, but it requires rehanging and augmentation to be up-to-date. To this house the company retired until 10 p.m., the reasonable hour of closing. Mine Host, with the surname of Frost, suffering from the heat of midsummer, was able to satisfy his guests with good supplies of Marlow ale, generally known locally as "donkey beer," and some wholesome bread, cheese, lettuce and spring onions. Here we voted "George" to the chair, arranged future practices for Farnham Royal, July 5th, and Beaconsfield on the 12th, and ancient the history of the new peal board, learnt that it was originally an old table, one of its legs forming a cornice to the top of the panel. At parting time, all the ringers were found to have a two-wheeled steed in readiness, and were soon winging their aerial flight homewards like a bevy of aeronauts well satisfied with a good finale to the longest day of the year.

W. H. F.

NEWS FROM NEW ZEALAND.

By this week's mail, we have received the report of a quarter-peal rung at St. Matthew's, Auckland, New Zealand, on Sunday, May 4th, in honour of the visit of H.M.S. New Zealand to Auckland. It was rung for morning service, in 50 mins., by: J. Heather 1, N. Smallwood 2, S. C. Hamblin 3, O. Throssell 4, J. Davies 5, E. J. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8. In the evening a touch of 672 Grandsire Triples was rung, by: J. Heather 1, N. Smallwood 2, O. Throssell 3, E. J. Hamblin 4, J. Davies 5, S. C. Hamblin 6, A. J. White (conductor) 7, P. W. Barringer 8.

At Christchurch, which has been the chief centre of ringing in the Southern island, the Exercise, according to latest accounts, is not so flourishing as one could desire, although, we hear, the prospects are bright. At the Cathedral there is a peal of ten, and another ring of five at St. Paul's, Papanni, a suburb of Christchurch. The bells at the Cathedral are a very melodious ring, tenor 32 cwt. The back eight, together with the tower and spire 219ft. high, were the gift of the Rhodes family, in memory of their father, and on the tenor is the inscription:—

We've crossed the seas to this fair chime

To do God all the honour,

From clime to clime,

We'll ring our chime

And tell of Rhodes the donor.

The two trebles were the gift of Mr. Miles, and on one is inscribed:—

We two little trebles to complete the chime

Were nearly left out too late,

When Miles to the rescue, but just in time,

Added us on to the eight.

The bells are by Taylor, and are hung in a very substantial oak frame. There have been three peals rung on them, one of Grandsire Doubles in 1900, one of Bob Triples in January, 1903, and one of Grandsire Triples in November, 1903. After these peals, several of the band left for other places, and there has never been a really good company there since, but at present things are somewhat more promising. Mr. J. S. Wilde, formerly of Hyde, Cheshire, although not residing in Christchurch, has visited the city, and several attempts for peals have been made with him, but, unfortunately, without success. Mr. Wilde has given great help to the ringers living in Christchurch, being ever ready to place his extensive knowledge at their disposal.

The Cathedral, however, is right in the centre of the business part of the city, and this would make it impossible to ring many peals there, although at holiday times attempts are possible.

Our correspondent, Mr. T. W. Biddle, of 107, Antigua Street, Christchurch, remarks in his letter that it is strange that so few ringers from the old country make for Christchurch, yet it is the largest manufacturing town in that country, and there is always a demand for skilled artisans in the building trade, cabinet makers, painters, etc. If any ringer desires information about the country, he will be glad to tell them what he can, based on the prospects six months ahead, but, he adds, "they must understand that they have to chance their luck, which is naturally the case when one makes a change."

Mr. Biddle has been up to Auckland, where he had plenty of ringing in the shape of short touches. Two attempts for quarter-peals of Grandsire Triples were lost, but nevertheless they had some excellent striking. Stedman Doubles and Bob Minor were also accomplished, whilst about a dozen courses of Grandsire Caters (the first in Auckland) were rung on handbells, by: E. Hamblin 1—2, O. Throssell 3—4, J. Heather 5—6, T. Biddle 7—8, D. A. White 9—10.

DEATH OF AN OLD COLLEGE YOUTH.

We record, with regret, the death, after several months' illness, of Mr. W. J. Sorrell, of Herne Bay. Mr. Sorrell was a talented ringer, and had 52 peals to his credit, which, with one exception, were rung during the years 1892-97. He was at this time residing in London, but on going to Herne Bay later, his opportunities for peal ringing were very few. He was, however, a regular Sunday ringer at St. Martin's, Herne, where there is a fine-toned ring of six. After these bells were rehung by Messrs. Mears and Stainbank in 1905, he was instrumental in getting the local company to take up change ringing. He will be greatly missed by the band, as well as by all those who knew him, and deep sympathy is felt for his widow and children in their loss.

The funeral took place on Saturday week, and in the evening a few of his ringing friends from the neighbouring villages met at Herne Church, and a quarter-peal of Bob Minor was rung with the bells half-muffled, by: C. Holman (Herne Bay) 1, S. White (Wickhambreaux, conductor) 2, F. Jones (Chislet) 3, H. Smith (Wickhambreaux) 4, E. Hartop (Herne) 5, E. Slingsby (Sturry) 6. Messrs. J. Bubb and W. Curtis, of the local band, also took part in a touch.

Mr. Sorrell was a member of the Ancient Society of College Youths, and it is worthy of note that he took part in the first peal of Duffield Major rung in London, at St. Stephen's, Westminster, on January 18th, 1896. A list of his peals is as follows: Grandsire Triples, 5; Caters, 3; Stedman Triples, 7; Caters, 4; Bob Major, 4 (conducted 1); Kent Treble Bob Major, 7 (conducted 2); Royal, 5; Oxford Treble Bob Major, 2; Royal, 2; Double Norwich Major, 5; Superlative Surprise Major, 5; Cambridge Surprise Major, 2; Duffield Major, 1.

HALIFAX ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING AND CONTEST.

The annual meeting and eight-bell contest of the Halifax and District Association was held at Ripponden on Saturday last, the bells and schools kindly being placed at the disposal of the members by the Vicar (the Rev. E. W. Easton, M.A.). Three companies of ringers entered for the contest, each set ringing a test piece of 608 changes Kent Treble Bob, preceded by three leads for practice. The judges for the occasion were Messrs. Broadley and Cundall, of Bradford, and Mr. Webster, of Ripponden. The draw for order of ringing took place at 3.15 p.m., and the contest was then proceeded with. During the afternoon about 70 members and friends did full justice to an excellent tea, kindly provided by the local branch.

At the conclusion of the ringing, the annual meeting was held in the Schoolroom, the President (Mr. J. Cotterell) being in the chair, supported by the Vicar and the society's officers.—Eleven new members were admitted, on the proposition of Mr. Rylands, seconded by Mr. A. Carter.—The Treasurer, Mr. Ambler, then presented the balance sheet, which had been previously audited, and this showed an increase in funds on the year's working of £1 13s. 4d., the balance in the society's favour being £19 10s. 10d.—The accounts were adopted, on the motion of Mr. Smith, of Halifax, seconded by Mr. Rylands.

It was decided that informal meetings for practice be held every four months, of which due notice will be given to each tower. These meetings are to be held at the place of the last contest.—The Vicar of Ripponden kindly granted the use of his bells for the first meeting of this kind.

There being no nominations of officers, the officers who did duty last year were re-elected.—A hearty vote of thanks was tendered to the Vicar and churchwardens for the use of the bells and schools.

The judges' decision was then announced as follows by Mr. Broadley: Halifax, 373 faults; Bughouse, 306 faults; Earlsheaton, 210 faults. Earlsheaton were, therefore, declared the winners.—The Vicar replied to the vote of thanks, and presented the cup to Mr. Hardy, the conductor of the winning team.

A vote of thanks to the local branch and the ladies for so kindly entertaining the visitors, was carried, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Carter, a member of the local branch.—A vote of thanks to the judges and a similar compliment to the Chairman was carried, and duly acknowledged.

THE WORCESTERSHIRE ASSOCIATION.

Ombersley, a village on the main road from Worcester to Kidderminster, was the venue of the quarterly meeting of the Western Branch of the Worcestershire Association on Saturday last. Members arrived about 3 o'clock, some by motor bus, most by cycle, and a few more fortunate ones by motor-car. Ringing commenced with two courses of Kent Treble Bob, and at the service at 4 o'clock, which was attended by about 40 members, the Association form of service was used, and the Rev. J. Webster (Vicar), gave a very practical address.

The local ringers kindly provided a tea, which was served under very pleasant conditions on the Vicarage lawn.—The business meeting followed, the Vicar presiding over an attendance of 50, representing nearly every tower of the branch.—Ombersley was chosen for the next quarterly peal, and Mr. L. Longney as conductor.—The next meeting was arranged for Powick, on October 11th. Two honorary and 18 performing members were elected, including the bands of Shrawley and Welland.—After the usual votes of thanks, the tower was again visited, and the bells kept going in various methods, bringing to a close a very pleasant and instructive meeting.

THE ESSEX ASSOCIATION.

At a ringing meeting, held at Bentley, Brentwood, the members were kindly entertained to tea on the Parsonage lawn by the Rev. W. Ripley. Afterwards, a little business was done. Seven new members at Bentley, four at Ingatestone, one at Fryerning, one at Shenfield, and one non-resident life member, were elected. At the three first towers there are five bells, and at Shenfield six.—Mr. Edwards, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to the Rev. W. Ripley for his kind invitation and hospitality, and to the ladies who served the tea, urged the members to remember they did not only go to ring the bells to call others to church, but to attend as regular as possible themselves.—The Rev. W. Ripley, in replying, assured those present that it gave him much pleasure to meet the Association on that their first visit to Bentley, and he would be pleased to see them there again whenever they chose to come.—The Vicar then piloted the visitors through the beautiful little church, pointing out some very interesting and most magnificent marble work.—During the evening, six-scores of Grandsire, Stedman and Bob Doubles were rung on the bells, all the new members taking part, and one sharing in the conducting. A course of Grandsire Caters, by: Messrs. Lincoln 1—2, Kirton 3—4, Edwards 5—6, Cooper 7—8, F. W. Edwards 9, and A. Rainbird 10, and a touch of Grandsire Triples by Messrs. Kirton, Edwards, Cooper and Lincoln, were rung on the handbells.

Shenfield was visited earlier in the afternoon, Bob Minor and Grandsire being rung.—The towers represented during the day were: Boreham, Chelmsford, Fryerning, Ingatestone, Shenfield, Whittle, and the local company.

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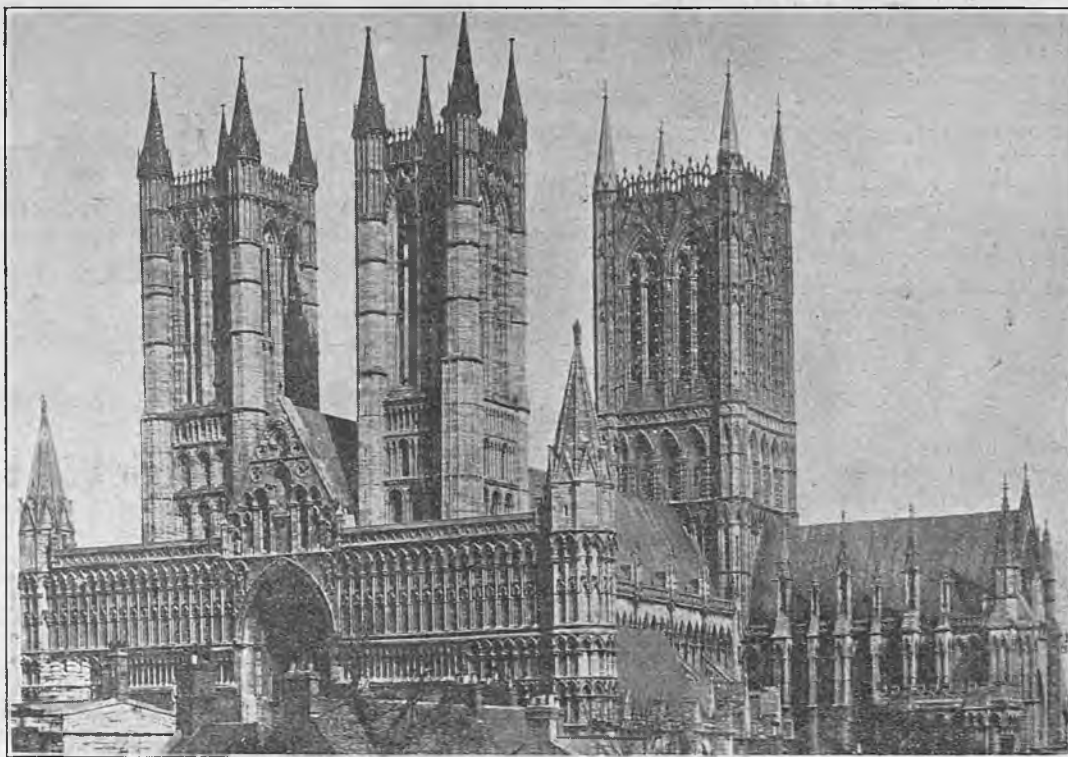
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BELLS OF ENGLISH CATHEDRALS.— LINCOLN.

By J. R. JERRAM.

It would occupy too much space to enter into the early history of bells formerly in this Cathedral; but, to put it briefly, two bells were given by Robert de Chesney, fourth Bishop of Lincoln, about the middle of the twelfth century, and were hung in one of the western towers. Two more were placed in the central tower between 1307 and 1311. Others were added at various times, till in the eighteenth century we find a peal of six in this tower. These were commonly known as the "Lady bells," and were inscribed as follows:—



LINCOLN CATHEDRAL.

Treble.

JESVS BE OVR SPEED. 1633.

Second.

SOLI DEO GLORIA IN EXCELSIS. DANIEL
HEDDERLY FOVNDER. 1737.

("Glory in the highest to God only.")

Third.

CVM VOCE SONORA THOMAM CAMPANA
LAVDET. 1593. O

("Let this bell praise Thomas with loud voice.")

Fourth.

SVM ROSA PVL SATA MVNDI KATERINA
VOCATA. 1593. O

("I being struck am called Katherine rose of the world.")

Fifth.

IN MVL TIS ANNIS RESONET CAMPANA
IOHANNIS. 1593. O

("May the bell of John resound for many years.")

Tenor.

SVM ROSA PVL SATA MVNDI MARIA
VOCATA. 1593. O

("I being struck am called Mary rose of the world.")

The four last bells bore the medallion of Robert Quernbe and Henry Oldfield—a shield in the centre with a bell thereon and round the border "+ MADE BI ROBERT QVERNBE ET HENRI OVL FELD." At that time the old Great Tom hung in the north-west tower. This bell measured 75½ inches diameter and weighed 88 cwt. 1 qr. 10½ lbs., and was inscribed: SPIRITVS SANCTVS A PATRE ET FILIO PROCEDENS SVAVITER SONANS AD SALVTEM ANNO DOMINI 1610, DECEMBRIS 3 REGNI IACOBI ANGLIE 8º ET SCOTIE 44º, LAVRENTIVS STANTON DECANVS,

ROGERVS PARKER PRECENTOR ET MAGISTER
FABRICIE, GEORGIVS ELAND CANCELLARIVS
ET MAGISTER FABRICIE, RICARDVS CLAYTON
ARCHIDIACONVS LINCOLN.

("The Holy Spirit proceeding from the Father and the Son sweetly sounding to salvation. In the year of our Lord 1610, December 3rd. In the 8th year of the reign of James, King of England, and 44th of Scotland. Laurence Stanton, Dean; Roger Parker, Precentor and Master of the Fabric; George Eland, Chancellor and Master of the Fabric; Richard Clayton, Archdeacon of Lincoln.")

This bell was cracked in 1827. Several authorities were consulted as to the cause of the disaster, and were asked to suggest a remedy. In 1831 Mr. Thos. Bishop, of Birmingham, cut off eight pieces of metal weighing together 3 cwt. 1 qr. 23½ lbs., with the idea of improving the tone. After this Mr. Poole, of Lincoln, cut off five pieces more, weighing 6 cwt. 3½ lbs., with the same idea. All these pieces were deposited in the closet on the staircase which leads out of the upper north transept. But all this was, of

course, to no purpose: so, after consulting Briant, of Hertford, Dobson, of Downham, and others, the Dean and Chapter accepted the estimate of Thomas Mears, of the Whitechapel Foundry, for casting a new Great Tom and two quarter bells from the metal of the old bell and the six Lady bells, then hanging in the central tower; all of which were shipped off to London on June 23rd, 1834.

The new Great Tom (measuring 82½ inches in diameter, and weighing 5 tons 8 cwt.) was cast on November 15th, 1834, and was brought to Lincoln by road, arriving there on Monday, April 30th, 1835, amid great rejoicings; and was hung in the central tower. The inscription on the new bell is as follows:—

SPIRITUS SANCTUS A PATRE ET FILIO PRO-
CEDENS SUAVITER SONANS AD SALUTEM.
ANNO DOMINI 1835. MARTII 25 REGNI
GULIELMI QUARTI BRITANNIARUM 50 [Below].

GEORGIUS GORDON, D.D. DECANUS, RICAR-
DUS PRETYMAN, M.A. PRECENTOR, GEORGIUS
THOMAS PRETYMAN, B.C.L. CANCELLARIUS,
THOMAS MANNERS SUTTON, M.A. SUBDECANUS
ET MAGISTER FABRICIÆ. THOMAS MEARS,
LONDINI, FECIT.

(The same as above, but "In the year of our Lord 1835, March 25th, In the fifth year of the reign of William the Fourth, King of Great Britain. George Gordon, D.D., Dean; Richard Pretyman, M.A., Precentor; George Thomas Pretyman, B.C.L. Chancellor; Thomas Manners Sutton, M.A., Sub-Dean and Master of the Fabric. Thomas Mears, founder, London.")

The two quarter bells were each inscribed THOMAS MEARS, FOUNDER, LONDON. 1835. In 1880 these were replaced by four bells arranged for the Cambridge quarters, inscribed as follows:—

First.

NOX NOCTI INDICAT SCIENTIAM. MARY
SEELY ME FECIT FIERI. ANNO DOMINI
MDCCCLXXX.

("Night unto night sheweth knowledge. Mary Seely caused me to be made, A.D. 1880.")

Second.

DIES DIEI ERUCTAT VERBUM. NATHANIEL
CLAYTON ME FECIT FIERI. ANNO DOMINI
MDCCCLXXX.

("Day unto day uttereth speech. Nathaniel Clayton caused me to be made. A.D. 1880.")

Third.

ME PROPRIO SUMPTU DENUO CONFLARI
FECIT NATHANIEL CLAYTON, A.S. MDCCCLXXX^o.
VENIT HORA ET NUNC EST QUANDO MORTUI
AUDIENT VOCEM FILII DEI.

("Nathaniel Clayton caused me to be recast at his own cost, in the year of Grace 1880. The hour cometh and now is when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God.")

Fourth.

ME VOCE FRACTA MALE CONCINENTEM PRO-
PRIO SUMPTU LIQUIFIERI ET DENUO CONFLARI
VOLUIT AELFRÆDUS SHUTTLEWORTH, A.S.
MDCCCLXXX^o. VIGILATE ET ORATE NESBITIS
ENIM QUANDO TEMPUS SIT.

("Alfred Shuttleworth willed that I, sounding badly with broken voice, should be melted up and recast, in the year of Grace 1880. Watch and pray, for ye know not when the time is.")

The largest of the four new quarter bells weighs 27 cwt. 2 qrs. 7 lbs. Before concluding the account of Great Tom I may say that the old bell was cast by Robert Newcombe and Henry Oldfield in a temporary foundry erected for the purpose in the Minster yard, and replaced a still older bell, which was somewhat lighter. A full account of all the correspondence between the Dean and Chapter and Briant, Dobson and others; as well as the proposals of

these founders relative to the old Great Tom, will be found in the late Mr. T. North's "Church Bells of Lincolnshire."

At this time there was a peal of eight, with a tenor 16½ cwt., in the south-west tower, the treble of which, being cracked, was recast by Mears in 1834. Previous to this the bells had not been rung for forty years. These bells were inscribed:—

Treble.

THOMAS MEARS OF LONDON, FOUNDER, 1834.
TREBLE OF 8. LINCOLN CATHEDRAL, HUGH
STEEPLE, 1834. GEO. GORDON, D.D. DEAN, RI.
PRETYMAN, A. M. PRECENTOR, GEO. THO.
PRETYMAN, B.C.L. CANCELLOR, T. MANNERS
SUTTON, A.M. SUBDEAN.

Second.

R. WILLIS DEAN & IO. MANDEVILE CHAN-
CELLOR & IO. INETT CHANTOR & 1702. IO.
KNIGHTON SVBDEAN.

Third, Fourth and Fifth.

The same as on the second. The fourth was recast in 1895 and inscribed J. TAYLOR & CO. FOUNDERS LOUGHBOROUGH, E. C. WICKHAM, DEAN, H. R. BRAMLEY, PRECENTOR, E. T. LEEKE, CHAN-
CELLOR, J. CLEMENTS, SUBDEAN, W. F. J.
KAYE, ARCHDEACON. RECAST. 1895.

Sixth.

HENRY PENN FVSORE. 1717.

Seventh.

+ Sum Rosa Pulsata Mundi Maria Vocata. 1601.

Tenor.

+ GOD SAVE THE CHVRCH OVR OVEENE AND
REALME AND SEND VS PEACE IN CHRIST AMEN
& 1593. O U * [medallion of Robert Quernbe and
Henry Oldfield as on Lady bells—also shield charged with
letter R, a cross and bell, mark of Nottingham foundry,
also a Tudor rose].

In 1912 these bells were taken down and sent to the Loughborough foundry to be recast into a heavier peal. The new peal has a tenor weighing 23 cwt. 3 qrs. 13 lbs., diameter 51½ in., and are inscribed as follows:—

Treble.

TE DEVM LAVDAMVS. ALEXANDER. 1913. O.

Second.

ALLELVIA, ALLELVIA, ALLELVIA. WORDS-
WORTH. 1913. O.

Third.

HOSANNA IN ALTISSIMIS. SANDERSON. 1913. O.

Fourth.

BENEDICTVS QVI VENIT IN NOMINE DOMINI.
BVRGHERSH. 1913. O.

Fifth.

VIGILATE ET ORATE. SVTTON. 1913. O.

Sixth.

GRATIAS AGAMVS DOMINO DEO NOSTRO.
GROSTESTE. 1913. O.

Seventh.

SVRSVM CORDA. HVGH. 1913. O.

Tenor.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO. REMIGIVS. 1913. O.

The new bells were opened on Whitsun Eve, May 10th, 1913. Each bell bears Taylor's medallion, an "Agnus Dei," and "TAYLOR, LOUGHBORO'" enclosed by a wreath.

The old seventh and tenor were retained to be used as service bells.



YORK MINSTER.

**MESSRS. JOHN WARNER & SONS, Ltd., of the
Spitalfields Foundry, London, have been entrusted
with the following rings of 12 bells:**

YORK MINSTER (Tenor $50\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH, SHOREDITCH (Tenor $28\frac{1}{2}$ cwt.)

CHELMSFORD PRO CATHEDRAL (Tenor 32 cwt.)

ODD CHANGES.

The principal festival of the Church during July is St. James' Day, on the 25th.

The peal of Kent Treble Bob Major rung at Pentre and recorded last week, was the first of Major in the method ever rung in South Wales. Royal has been rung, but it is not a little remarkable that, with all the peal ringing that is done nowadays, no peal of Kent Major had ever before been rung in the southern half of the Principality.

In connection with the appeal for funds for the restoration of Talland Church, a sum of £25 has been promised by the Duchy of Cornwall. This brings the total to £135 out of the £350 required. Contributions should be sent to Captain C. F. Jerram, Royal Marine Barracks, Plymouth.

Those who were disappointed at the meeting of the Central Northants Association at Isham in January by getting no ringing owing to a sudden case of illness near the tower, will be pleased to learn that a meeting will take place there on Saturday week. It has been privately arranged, but will be none the less welcome for that. Particulars will be found in our notices columns.

The peal of eight (tenor 21½ cwt. in E flat) at Dalton-in-Furness were dedicated by the Bishop of Carlisle on Friday. The bells, which are the product of Messrs. Warner and Sons' foundry, at Spitalfields, have been tuned on Canon Simpson's five-tone principle, and are hung, with all the most modern fittings, in a steel frame, in which provision has been made for two more bells.

The dedication of the bells of St. Leonard's, Shoreditch, will take place on July 22nd by the Bishop of London. The bells will be either at the entrance to, or in the church, and will not be hung in the tower until after the ceremony, thus following the example of Surfleet in reviving the old custom of blessing the bells before they go up into the steeple. The four trebles have been recast and the whole peal of twelve tuned upon the Simpson principle. The work, as is, of course, well known, is in the hands of Messrs. Warner and Sons, of the Spitalfields Foundry.

ARCHDEACONRY OF STAFFORD SOCIETY.

A successful quarterly meeting was held at Stafford, on Saturday last, when more than forty members assembled from various towers; all the more satisfactory as the county town is situated somewhat out of the way from the populous district of the Black Country, where church towers (containing rings of bells) are more thickly studded. Beautiful weather prevailed, which tended in a great measure to make the gathering a happy one.

Ringing began soon after three o'clock, and continued during the afternoon, when some of the local band were able to take part in Grandsire Triples and Caters, and Stedman Triples—their first attempt, after having recently undergone a course of instruction. The Rev. L. Lambert (Rector) and Dr. Mitchell (churchwarden) visited the belfry, and gave the ringers a hearty welcome.

At the committee meeting, the Rector in the chair, the usual routine business was got through, including the election of one honorary and nine performing members.—A short service was held in church, when the Rector gave an interesting address, taking for his text: "The calling of assemblies," Isaiah i, 13.

After tea a summary of the business transacted in committee was given by the clerical secretary, followed by the usual votes of thanks. The visitors were then invited to a friendly game of bowls on the Rectory lawn, where the amateurs' efforts caused some amusement to the onlookers.—A return to the tower for more ringing ended a pleasant half-day's outing.

It is hoped by the authorities to be able to turn their attention, ere long, to the much-needed rehanging of the bells at Stafford.

SUSSEX AND KENT COMBINED.

MEETING OF THE TWO ASSOCIATIONS AT RYE.

The joint meeting of the Sussex Association (Eastern Division), the Kent Association (Ashford District), and the Romney Marsh and District Guild, held at Rye, Sussex, on Saturday, was extremely successful, and brought together a large assembly, proving that combined meetings of neighbouring associations, in places on the borders, not only show the good feeling existing between the members of the societies, but that much can be done thereby to uplift the tone of the ringing. Twenty towers were represented, the company numbering nearly sixty, coming from Aldington, Appledore, Ashford, Battle, Benenden, Biddenden, Brabourne, Christ Church, Eastbourne, Christ Church, Blacklands, Hastings, Hawkhurst, Hythe, Iden, Mersham, New Romney, Pevensey, Rolvenden, Rye, Salehurst, Stone-in-Oxney, and Tenterden.

The ringing consisted of Grandsire and Stedman Triples, Bob and Kent Treble Bob Major, many touches being brought round. A course of Double Norwich was expected to have been attempted, but as several were obliged to leave by early train, it was impossible to practice that method. A party from Tenterden, Rolvenden and Benenden made use of the Iden tower in the afternoon, and rang several 120's of Grandsire and Stedman Doubles, arriving at Rye in time for service.

The Vicar (the Rev. A. P. Howes) officiated, and the organist (Mr. W. Sprigg Walker) kindly presided at the organ. The hymns, "We love the place, O God," and "Praise my soul, the King of Heaven," were sung, and special lessons were read.

THE VICAR'S WELCOME.

In his address, the Vicar said he was glad to welcome so many of them that afternoon to that noble church with its beautiful peal of bells. He reminded them that bell ringers were an order of ministers, but they were not ordained for the office they held. They were appointed by the incumbent, and they regarded themselves as ministers of lower degree than the clergy, who were specially ordained for the work of the ministry. As time had gone on, bell ringers realised their position in the organisation of the church, hence they could look with thankfulness on the bell ringing community. It was always a pleasure to meet bell ringers, and the work they did was highly appreciated. They did not come under the eye of the congregation in the execution of their work, but the sound of the bells went far and wide, conveying a message of invitation to worship, and now that the art of change ringing had become universal, he considered they wanted encouragement. He spoke of the only two allusions made to bells in the Bible, and in conclusion reminded his hearers that they should practice reverence in performing their duties as bell ringers.

BUSINESS MEETING.

After the service, tea was partaken of in the Monastery, by kind invitation of the Vicar, who presided. At the business meeting, several new members were admitted into the Sussex Association, and it was decided that the quarterly peal of the Eastern Division should be Stedman Triples at Rye, under the conductorship of Mr. Keith Hart, of Brighton.

The Romney Marsh Guild resolved to meet at Aldington on the third Saturday in July, and the Rector (the Rev. Nunn) has consented to entertain the company to tea.

Mr. G. H. Howse moved a hearty vote of thanks to the Vicar for the use of the bells, for his address at the service, and for his generous hospitality.—Mr. C. Tribe seconded, and mentioned that the Rev. Canon Helmore, general secretary of the Kent Association, had intended to be present, but was prevented attending at the last moment.

In response to the vote of thanks, which was carried with applause, the Vicar said that ringers were a very united set of men. There was a brotherly feeling existing among his own ringers, and he believed that was in general existence among the bell ringing community. It gave him great pleasure to entertain them that day.

After the meeting, a photograph of the party was taken on the Monastery lawn, and we hope to publish one shortly, probably next week.

Ringing was continued until nine o'clock and everyone concluded that the meeting was a huge success.—The best thanks of the members is due to Mr. G. Billenness for the excellent arrangements made by him for the pleasure and comfort of those attending the meeting.

LADY RINGER'S WEDDING.

An interesting wedding was solemnised at Bradfield Parish Church on Tuesday of last week between Miss Edith Vaughan and Licut. Charley, R.N.

After the ceremony, touches of Minor and Doubles were rung by the local band (of which three are women), assisted by the Rev. C. W. O. Jenkyn, Master of the Oxford Diocesan Guild, and Mr. A. E. Reeves, the secretary.

In the evening the bells were kept going merrily, with further touches of Minor, and the most hearty good wishes were expressed for the future happiness of the bride, who is a general favourite, and who is one of the original band of the Bradfield women ringers.

ANOTHER PEAL OF EIGHT FOR SUSSEX. MEMORIAL BELLS AT MAYFIELD.

To commemorate the fifteen years' faithful service of the Rev. John Henry Reginald Kirby as Vicar of the parish, two treble bells have been added to the ring of six at St. Dunstan's Parish Church, Mayfield, and Sussex thus possesses another octave, with a tenor over a ton. It is curious that, while in the county there are nearly a hundred peals of six and upwards, there are but ten where the tenor scales 20 cwt., and the heaviest that can be found is 26 cwt. Mayfield's tenor is 21½ cwt., and the augmentation is a valuable acquisition to the peals of eight. The project came about through the desire of the parishioners to place on record their deep appreciation of the labours of their late Vicar, who, with his wife, had endeared himself to all sections of the community, and as Mr. Kirby had expressed the hope that no personal testimonial should be presented to him, it was decided to commemorate his services in a lasting form. The first proposal was to erect new and more ornate entrance gates, but funds came in so readily, from Nonconformists as well as Churchmen, that the larger scheme of augmenting the bells was taken in hand, and the cost, £160, has been completely met. The dedication of the new bells was performed by the Archdeacon of Hastings, who preached an appropriate sermon from the text, "There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification" (1 Cor. xiv, 10).

A peal of Grandsire Triples was afterwards attempted, but unfortunately came to grief, the ringers being: A. R. Miles (Mayfield) 1, G. H. Howse (Eastbourne) 2, H. R. Butcher (Rotherfield) 3, H. W. Smith (Rotherfield) 4, C. Causley (Buxted) 5, E. Gower (Eastbourne) 6, A. J. Turner (Lewes) 7, J. Bagley (Mayfield) 8. The bells and their weights are as follow:—

Treble.—"Glory to God in the Highest"—Taylor, Loughborough, 1913 (weight 6 cwt.—Eb).

2.—"On earth, peace, goodwill toward men."—Taylor, Loughborough, 1913 (6½.—D.).

3.—"The gift of John Baker, Esq., 1724. I. W. Fecit." (7½.—C.).

4.—"John Waylett made me, 1724. R.F., J.M., C.W." (9.—Bb).

5.—"J. G., 1602" (11.—Ab).

6.—"Brianus Eldredge, me fecit. W.W., R.W., 1629" (12½.—G.).

7.—"Cast by John Warner and Sons, London, 1893. Mr. John Sands, John Merchant, Churchwardens. Peter Baker, D.D., Vicar. R. Phelps made me, 1712. Recast 1898. J. H. R. Kirby, Vicar. E. Coppard, J. B. Powell, Churchwardens" (16.—F).

8.—"Gloria in excelsis Deo.—Brianus Eldredge, me fecit. R.W. 1630" (21½.—Eb).

OLD DEVON BELLS RESTORED.

The fine old peal of bells of Burrington Parish Church, Devon, which date as far back as 1788, have been re-opened after rehanging, the ceremony being performed by the Lord Bishop of Crediton. In conjunction with the event, was held the annual festival of the Chulmleigh Deanery Bell Ringers' Association, and the day was made a red-letter one for the parish, large numbers of people from the surrounding villages joining with the parishioners in the celebrations. The work of rehanging the peal has been carried out at a cost of about £131, by the firm of Messrs. Stokes and Son, of Woodbury, in a manner that has given every satisfaction. Parishioners and friends responded nobly to the appeal made for subscriptions to enable the work to be taken in hand, and up to the time of opening a sum of £157 had been raised. With the balance it is hoped to carry out some very necessary repairs to the historic tower. From an early hour in the morning and onwards at intervals through the day, the bells sounded in merry strain o'er the hills, the ringing being carried out by teams from the various parishes in the Chulmleigh Deanery. Those represented, in addition to the local ringers, were Lapford (2 sets), Atherington, High Bickington, Ashreigney, East and West Worlington, Chulmleigh, and Chawleigh.

An attendance of about 100 sat down to luncheon in the School-room, presided over by the Vicar (the Rev. M. D. Buckingham), who, after the loyal toast had been honoured, proposed "Success to the Deanery Association," which he was pleased to welcome to the parish for its festival. The Vicar referred to the work carried out in connection with the bells, which, he interestingly remarked, were cast, together with those of Atherington and Landkey churches, by Pennington in Atherington Churchyard in the year 1788. Both Atherington and their bells were repaired in the same year, 1884, while there was only one year's difference in the dates of their rehanging, the work at Atherington having been undertaken last year.

The Rev. H. A. Hill, hon. secretary of the Association, responded, and expressed the Association's pleasure at joining in the proceedings that day.

"The health of the Bishop of Crediton" was cordially received, and the toasts of "The Contractors" and "The Chairman" were also honoured.

After the dedication by the Bishop, there was a public tea, which was largely attended.

Peal cards 1s. 1d. per dozen, post free. Order and remittance must accompany the peal when sent us for publication.

NOTICES.

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LIVERPOOL DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual meeting of this Guild will be held at Walton-on-the-Hill, Liverpool, on Saturday, June 28th. Full particulars by circular.—Rev. W. S. Bulpit and W. Bentham, Honorary Secretaries.

MIDDLESEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION AND LONDON DIOCESAN GUILD.—South and West District.—The next meeting will be held at Heston on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea will be provided at 6 o'clock. All ringing friends are welcome.—H. C. Chandler, Honorary Secretary, Heston, Hounslow.

WARWICKSHIRE GUILD.—The annual general meeting will be held at Warwick on Saturday, June 28th. Short service at St. Mary's at 4.45 p.m. Preacher, Rev. Canon Baillie. Committee meeting in Vestry at 4 p.m. Tea at the Globe Hotel, 9d. per head, after service. Business meeting to follow. St. Mary's tower will be open at 3.30 p.m. and St. Nicholas' by arrangement. All subscriptions in arrears should be forwarded at once to the Treasurer.—Rev. C. C. Cox, Hon. Sec., Shotton.

ESSEX ASSOCIATION (South Western Division).—The next meeting will be held at Hornchurch, on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available from 3.30. Tea and business meeting at the Bull Inn at 5.30. All ringers and friends invited.—H. Rumens, Hon. District Secretary, 32, Verulam Avenue, Walthamstow.

THE BEDFORDSHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Luton District.—A meeting will be held at Dunstable on Saturday, June 28th, 1913. Bells available from 3.30 p.m.—A. King, Honorary Secretary, 6, Tavistock Crescent, Luton.

THE SUSSEX COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Western Division.—The next quarterly meeting will be held at Lyminster on Saturday, June 28th. Bells available at 4 p.m. Tea at the Parish Room 5.30, by kind invitation of the Vicar. Business to follow.—H. Evans, Divisional Secretary, Northbrook, Goring, Worthing.

A peal board commemorating the "John" peal of Stedman Cinques is to be unveiled at St. Giles' Church, Cripplegate, on Saturday, June 28th, at 4 p.m. Ringers, and particularly members of the Waterloo Society, are invited to be present. The bells will be available until 6 p.m. Handbells, etc., afterwards at The Crown, Crown Court, Fleet Street.

THE ANCIENT SOCIETY OF COLLEGE YOUTHS.—Established 1637.—A district meeting will be held at Croydon on Saturday, July 5th. Ringing from 4 to 5 o'clock at St. John's, and from 6 to 8 o'clock at St. Peter's. By the kind invitation of Messrs. Johnston, tea will be provided at 5.30 p.m. in St. Peter's Hall for all who send their names to me by July 1st. A social meeting will be held at 8 o'clock at the Greyhound Hotel.—William T. Cockerill, Honorary Secretary, 32, Edgeley Road, Clapham, S.W.

THE LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Rochdale Branch.—The next monthly meeting of the above branch will be held at Moorside Church, Oldham, on Saturday, July 5th, 1913. Bells ready at 3 p.m. Business meeting at 6.30 p.m. Business important. A good attendance is requested.—J. H. Bastow, Branch Secretary.

BATH AND WELLS DIOCESAN ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting will be held at Taunton on July 5th, 1913. Dinner in St. Mary's School, Church Square, at 1.30. Business meeting to follow. Service in St. Mary's Church at 6 p.m. The following bells are available: St. Mary's (10) after 12 noon, St. James' (8), Wilton (6) all day.—E. E. Burgess, Secretary, 62, Greenway Avenue, Taunton.

SHEFFIELD DISTRICT AND OLD EAST DERBYSHIRE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY.—The next meeting of this society will be held at North Wingfield on Saturday, July 5th, and not, as arranged at the annual meeting, at Eckington on June 28th (the Eckington bells being uncompleted). Church of St. Laurence, 8 bells, tenor 16 cwt., available 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. A free tea will be provided, and members who intend being present are particularly requested to inform Mr. J. P. Tarlton, Hephthorn Lane, North Wingfield, of their intention, not later than June 30th. — J. E. L. Cockey, Honorary Secretary, 11, Havelock Street, Sheffield.

ISHAM, NORTHANTS. — A special ringing meeting will be held here on Saturday, July 5th. Bells available at 3.30 p.m., and a short service at 4.45. Tea in the Rectory Grounds at 5 o'clock. Those wishing to have tea provided for them are requested to inform Mr. W. T. Wilson, Isham, of their intention to be present.

LINCOLN DIOCESAN GUILD (Southern Branch).—The next meeting will be held at Edenham on Saturday, July 5th, bells (6) available all day, service in the church at 4 p.m. Tea will be provided at the Five Bells Inn at 4.45 p.m., business meeting following. It is hoped that ringers and friends will turn up in large numbers, and so make this meeting a very successful one. — S. Proctor, Secretary, 72, Bridge End Road, Grantham.

THE LONDON COUNTY ASSOCIATION (late St. James' Society).—The quarterly meeting of the association will be held on Monday, July 7th, at the church of St. Giles-in-the-Fields, Bloomsbury, W.C. Tower open from 8 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.

THE KENT COUNTY ASSOCIATION.—Canterbury District.—A meeting will be held at Ash-next-Sandwich, on Saturday, July 12th. Bells available from 3 p.m. All ringers and friends heartily welcome.—E. Trendell, Hon. Secretary, Worksop.

NORTH NOTTS ASSOCIATION. — Summer quarterly meeting at Harworth, near Bawtry (6 bells), Saturday, July 12th. Tea at 5 p.m. Tickhill (8 bells), by the kind permission of the Rev. H. E. Booty, will also be at the disposal of ringers during the day. Ladies and gentlemen of kindred associations will be heartily welcomed. A good attendance is desired. — H. Haigh, Honorary Secretary, Worksop.

LANCASHIRE ASSOCIATION.—Preston Branch.—Bicentenary of bells at Goosnargh on July 12th. All members of the Preston Branch are invited by the Vicar of Goosnargh to attend on the above date. Service at 3.45. Preacher, Rev. H. J. Elsee, President of the Association. Tea will be provided afterwards. The bells will be available before service from two o'clock, and after tea till 9 p.m. Members who intend being present must let me know by July 7th. — E. R. Martin, Branch Secretary, Walton-le-dale.

OXFORD DIOCESAN GUILD.—The annual festival will be held at Wokingham, on Saturday, July 19th. Service in the Parish Church at 11.30. Preacher: the Rev. A. H. F. Boughey (President of the Cambridge University Guild of Change Ringers). Business meeting in the Church House at 12.20. Dinner in the Drill Hall at 1.30. Dinner tickets at 2s. 3d. each (ale or minerals included) will be forwarded to those members only who send the money, with the order, to me *on or before Saturday, July 12th*. One Shilling will be refunded to each member present at the dinner, but members failing to send for their tickets must pay 2s. 3d. at the door and have no refund.—Albert E. Reeves, Guild Secretary, 5, Fatherson Road, Reading.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.—Mr. W. Latter, Honorary Secretary of the Tonbridge District of the Kent Association, has removed to 11, Dudley Road, Tunbridge Wells.

FOR SALE.

HANDBELLS.—Fine set of 44 for sale, with music specially arranged, with six stands, stick and tin trunk.—Charles Barber, Littleton, Liversedge, Yorks.

HOLIDAY APARTMENTS.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES ASSOCIATION.

MEETING AT OAKHAM.

The first quarterly meeting of the year was held at Oakham, on Saturday last, and a very enjoyable time was spent by those who attended, the weather being all that could be desired, and the bells being a good peal of eight in first-rate ringing order. The one drawback to the belfry is the fact that no daylight can enter the ringing chamber, nor is there any ventilation other than by the door. Tea was partaken of in the Church Room, and afterwards the general meeting was held, the vice-president (Mr. J. W. Taylor) taking the chair. Amongst others present were: The Rev. C. J. Sturton (Orston), Messrs. C. J. Phillips (churchwarden), W. C. Wakley (hon. treasurer), W. E. White (hon. secretary), J. J. Jackson, R. W. Baker, etc. The Vicar of Oakham (Rev. J. H. Charles) gave the company a hearty welcome, and was sorry that owing to a prior engagement he could not stay for the meeting.—One honorary and twelve ringing members were unanimously elected.—The Chairman briefly reviewed the peals rung since the annual meeting (25 on tower and five on handbells), and drew attention to the peal of St. Clement's Triples rung at Darley Dale, which was the first in the method by the Association. He also gave a short account of the recent meeting of the Central Council at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

Thanks were accorded to the Oakham ringers for making the arrangements, and to the clergy and churchwardens for the use of the bells and churchroom.—Replying, on behalf of the clergy and churchwardens, Mr. C. J. Phillips said they were pleased to welcome the Association to Oakham, and to do all they could to make the meeting a success. With respect to the lighting and ventilating of the ringing room, he would bring the question before the Church Council, and he hoped they would be able to do something to remedy the defects in the near future.

An adjournment was then made to the tower, where the company, having been reinforced by Mr. J. H. Shepherd, the bells were inspected, and touches rung in various methods until about 8.30.

MISCELLANEOUS PERFORMANCES.

ULVERSTON.—On April 27th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor (18 hobs and two singles). Also 120 Bob Minor: T. R. Jackson 1, J. Huddleston 2, T. Watson 3, T. Stuart 4, T. King (conductor) 5, J. Burrows 6. T. King hails from London, and the rest from Dalton-in-Furness.

BOLTON, BRADFORD, YORKS.—At St. James' Church, on April 27th, 1008 Stedman Triples, in 38 mins.: A. Ainge 1, S. B. Norfolk 2, F. Palfaman 3, A. Gill 4, J. Palfaman 5, F. Hopwood 6, B. E. Howe (conductor) 7, S. Palfaman 8. Rung as a birthday compliment to S. Palfaman and J. Nichols.

LEEDS, YORKSHIRE.—At the Parish Church, recently, for evening service, 518 Stedman Cinques.—On April 20th, for morning service, 789 Stedman Cinques, and for evening service, 921 Stedman Cinques: W. Woodhead 1, A. Naylor 2, H. Tomlinson 3, J. Hutchinson 4, H. Lockwood 5, J. Teale 6, J. Matthews 7, G. Mehale 8, G. Tingle 9, F. Barker 10, W. Ash (conductor) 11, H. Smith 12.

FARNHAM ROYAL, BUCKS.—On May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Oxford Bob Triples: J. Snuwings 1, J. J. Parker 2, W. H. Fussell 3, G. Basden 4, J. Elderfield 5, H. Barton 6, J. Bavington 7, W. Clarke 8.

BOLTON, LANCASHIRE.—At All Soul's Church, on May 4th, for afternoon service, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 43 mins.: F. Markland 1, A. Holden 2, J. Nuttall 3, T. Knowels 4, P. Nuttall 5, G. Pincott 6, W. Pennington (conductor) 7, J. E. Markland 8.

UPPER CLAPTON.—On May 4th, for evening service, a date touch of Grandsire Triples, in 62 mins.: C. F. White 1, H. J. Sudell 2, H. J. King 3, C. Gray 4, H. J. Cantor 5, W. J. Kemp (conductor) 6, S. H. R. Cooper 7, S. S. Dunwell 8.

COLCHESTER.—At St. Peter's Church, in commemoration of St. George's Day, a quarter-peal of Kent Treble Bob Major (1280 changes): Messrs. G. W. Dixon 1, H. T. Pye 2, F. L. Bumpstead 3, G. Burch 4, H. Evers 5, S. Hull 6, W. Chalk 7, W. J. Schofield (conductor) 8. Also 1088 in the same method, with R. W. Stannard 7, the rest as before; 504 and 672 Grandsire Triples, conducted by R. W. Stannard; 224 and 560 Bob Major, conducted by W. Chalk; and 576 Oxford Treble Bob, W. Kemp also taking part.

CLENT, WORCESTERSHIRE.—On Sunday, May 4th, for evening service, a 720 of Bob Minor, by: W. Shilvock 1, G. Popnell 2, C. Boughton 3, F. Breakwell 4, C. Sheriff 5, J. Barber (conductor) 6.

SELSTON, NOTTS.—On May 4th, at the Parish Church, for evening service, 720 Bob Minor: J. Dobbs 1, W. J. Sevier (conductor) 2, T. Wharmley 3, C. Cottam 4, A. Elliott 5, W. Wharmley 6.

BOLSOVER.—On April 29th, 720 Kent Treble Bob Minor: R. Coupe 1, F. W. Bemrose (first 720) 2, G. W. Bemrose 3, C. Mason 4, T. Riley 5, J. Flint (conductor) 6.—On May 4th, for evening service, 720 Bob Major: T. Riley 1, A. V. Moore 2, J. Moss 3, F. W. Bemrose 4, C. Mason 5, J. Flint 6, R. Coupe 7, G. W. Bemrose (conductor) 8.

WESTON FAVELL.—Central Northants Association.—On May 5th, at St. Peter's Church, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Doubles (1260 changes), each six-score called differently: W. Law 1, C. Haines 2, W. T. Law 3, A. Richardson 4, T. Law (conductor) 5. Rung as a birthday compliment to the ringer of the 3rd, it being his first quarter-peal.

WALKDEN, LANCASHIRE.—On April 30th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples, in 45 mins.: A. Wallwork (Pendlebury) 1, J. Worthington 2, A. Potter 3, J. Welsby 4, S. Oakes 5, Jas. Denner 6, John Potter (conductor) 7, A. Burton 8. Rung, with the bells deeply muffled, for the funeral of Mrs. Barlow, who has been connected with the church for over 60 years.—On May 4th, for evening service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples in 45 mins.: J. Potter (conductor) 1, T. Barlow 2, A. Potter 3, T. Worsley 4, J. Welsley 5, M. Berry 6, Jos. Ridyard 7, A. Burton 8. Rung for the Sunday School Anniversary.

BATH.—At St. Saviour's Church, for evening service, on Ascension Day, and as a birthday compliment to the conductor, 1260 of Grandsire Triples, in 42 mins.: "Joey" Bell 1, John Taylor 2, Charles Goodenough 3, James Fussell 4, Fredk. C. Rich 5, Charles Densley 6, Chas. W. Bell (conductor) 7, H. Merrett 8.

DARGATE.—On Sunday, April 20th, a quarter-peal of Grandsire Triples: Roy Trendell 1, E. Trendell 2, Cyril Hadlow 3, E. E. Foreman 4, F. Elsey 5, A. Bones (conductor) 6, H. Gilbert 7, P. Price 8.

WISBECH.—At the Parish Church, for morning service, on April 20th, 720 Bob Minor, tenor covering: T. Banham 1, H. Piggins 2, T. Haines 3, H. Banham 4, G. Piggins 5, R. Narborough (conductor) 6, H. Cheesewright 8. First 720 on tower bells.

HILLINGDON, WEST.—On Sunday evening, April 20th, at St. Andrew's Church, 1260 Oxford Bob Triples: K. G. Hawkins 1, P. E. Jones 2, H. Waite 3, G. H. Gutteridge 4, H. Gosden 5, J. J. Pratt (conductor) 6, R. Carter 7, W. Foster 8.

TONBRIDGE.—On Sunday, April 20th, for Divine service, a quarter-peal of Stedman Triples (1260 changes), in 47 mins.: C. Cooke 1, G. H. Stonestreet 2, Joe Milner 3, A. Laurence 4, A. E. Headey 5, W. Steed 6, S. J. Perkins, junr. (conductor) 7, S. Corke 8. This was arranged for Mr. Perkins, of Tunbridge Wells, who was sailing for Boston, U.S.A.

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